

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### Medicare Advantage Part B Step Therapy Program Expansion to Include Vyvgart and Ultomiris

As stewards of healthcare expenditures for our subscribers, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus (Blue Cross) is charged with ensuring they receive the highest quality, evidence-based care. This is accomplished through development of medical policies and management of the policies to include the prior authorization (PA) process. The primary purpose of the PA process is to ensure that evidence-based care is provided to our subscribers, driving quality, safety, and affordability.

**Effective October 2, 2023**, Blue Cross Medical Policy II-247 for the Medicare Advantage Part B Step Therapy Program will be expanded to **add** a step therapy requirement to try Vyvgart (efgartigimod alfa) and Ultomiris (ravulizumab) prior to Soliris (eculizumab) when deemed medically necessary to treat generalized myasthenia gravis, per policy guidelines. With the policy update, the Medicare Advantage (PPO) Part B Step Therapy Program Drug List will be updated, accordingly.

The following medical policy change will be effective October 2, 2023:

Policy #	Policy Title/ Service	Preferred Products	Non-Preferred Products	Prior Authorization Requirement*	Line(s) of Business
II-247	Medicare Advantage Part B Step Therapy	Ultomiris*, Vyvgart*	Soliris*, for treatment of generalized myasthenia gravis	Continued • Soliris: PA required using policy L33394 and II-247. • Vyvgart: PA required using policy L33394 • Ultomiris: PA required using policy II-229.	Medicare Advantage

\*Prior authorization (PA) requirements for Ultomiris, Vyvgart, and Soliris will remain in effect for Medicare Advantage subscribers. All existing PA approvals will be honored.

#### Products Impacted

The information in this bulletin applies **only** to subscribers who have coverage through Medicare Advantage lines of business.

#### Reminder Regarding Medical Policy Updates & Changes

Medical Policy changes are communicated in the Upcoming Medical Policy Notifications section of the Blue Cross Medical and Behavioral Health Policy website. The Upcoming Policies section lists new, revised, or inactivated policies approved by the Blue Cross Medical and Behavioral Health Policy Committee and are effective at minimum 45 days from the date they were posted. To access the website:

- Go to [providers.bluecrossmn.com](http://providers.bluecrossmn.com)
- Under Medical Management, select "Upcoming medical policies."

#### Questions?

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