



Medicaid Update: Prior Authorization Vendor Change for Select Medical Drug Codes

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Effective July 1, 2020, in accordance with Illinois Department of Health and Family Services (HFS) requirements, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) made changes to the utilization management and claims process for a select group of medical drug service codes when these drugs are requested for our **Blue Cross Community Health PlansSM (BCCHPSM) members**.

The list of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT[®]) codes affected by this change is included below. * Previously, for these codes, prior authorization and claim submission through our pharmacy benefit management vendor, Prime Therapeutics, was required. **There are no changes to the list of codes requiring prior authorization, but the utilization management vendor has changed.**

- **Effective immediately**, prior authorization requests and claims for BCCHP members **should no longer be submitted to Prime** for the specified codes.
- For these codes, **prior authorization through eviCore healthcare (eviCore) is required** for BCCHP members.
- Upon completion of the prior authorization process, **BCCHP member claims for these codes must be submitted to BCBSIL.**

CPT Code	Description	Prior Authorization Vendor (for BCCHP Members)
90281	HUMAN IG IM	<p>Effective July 1, 2020, prior authorization through eviCore is required for these CPT codes prior to rendering services for BCCHP members.</p> <p>You may submit prior authorization requests online via the eviCore Web Portal, or by calling eviCore at 855-252-1117.</p>
90283	HUMAN IG IV	
90284	HUMAN IG SC	
90378	RSV MAB IM 50MG	
C9257	Injection, bevacizumab, 0.25 mg	
J0585	Injection, onabotulinumtoxina, 1 unit	
J0586	Injection, abobotulinumtoxina, 5 units	
J0587	Injection, rimabotulinumtoxinb, 100 units	
J0588	Injection, incobotulinumtoxin a, 1 unit	
J0800	Injection, corticotropin, up to 40 units	
J0888	Injection, epoetin beta, 1 microgram, (for non ESRD use)	
J1602	Injection, golimumab, 1 mg, for intravenous use	
J1745	Injection infliximab, 10 mg	
J2357	Injection, omalizumab, 5 mg	
J2502	Injection, pasireotide long acting, 1 mg	

**This list is not exhaustive. The presence of codes on this list does not necessarily indicate coverage under the member benefits contract. Consult the member benefit booklet or contact a customer service representative to determine coverage for a specific medical service or supply.*

Support and More Information

The [2020 Medicaid Benefit Preauthorization Procedure Code List](#) on our Provider website has been updated to reflect the vendor change referenced above. Please note that updates to some systems are still in progress. For example, when you submit eligibility and benefits requests to BCBSIL (online or by calling our automated phone system), you may continue to be instructed to contact Prime for prior authorization. To assist with the transition, if you contact Prime, they will redirect applicable prior authorization requests to eviCore. If you already have a prior authorization in place with Prime, you don't need to submit another request through eviCore. Extensions to existing requests and new requests should be submitted to eviCore.

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Please note that the fact that a service or treatment has been preauthorized for benefits is not a guarantee of payment. Benefits will be determined once a claim is received and will be based upon, among other things, the member's eligibility and the terms of the member's certificate of coverage applicable on the date services were rendered. If you have any questions, call the number on the member's ID card.

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