



Step therapy for Medicare Part B prescription drugs

<Applies only to <group> <plan>>

Medicare Part B medications are:

- Drugs that you normally would not take yourself. These include drugs that are infused or taken while you visit your physician, outpatient hospital, or ambulatory center or given at home by a visiting nurse.
- Certain outpatient prescription drugs. Examples include:
 - Clotting factors you give yourself by injection if you have hemophilia
 - Immunosuppressive drugs if Medicare helped pay for your transplanted organ
 - Injectable osteoporosis drugs if you are homebound
 - Certain oral anti-cancer drugs if there is also an injectable form
 - Oral anti-nausea drugs when used as a full replacement to injectable anti-nausea drugs
 - Certain drugs for home dialysis such as erythropoiesis-stimulating agents (such as Epogen, Procrit, Epoetin Alfa, Aranesp, or Darbepoetin Alfa)

These medications are covered under the Part B benefit. Please refer to your *Evidence of Coverage* (EOC), Chapter 4.

Certain Medicare Part B drugs require a step therapy during the prior authorization review. A step therapy requires you to first try certain drugs to treat your medical condition before another drug is covered. For example, if Drug A and Drug B both treat your medical condition, Blue Shield of California may not cover Drug B unless you try Drug A first. If Drug A does not work for you, Blue Shield of California will then cover Drug B.

If you have any questions, please call Customer Service at the number on your ID card.

<Below is the list of medications for your condition that would require step therapy.

Requested drugs		Step therapy
Red blood cell stimulators		
<Mircera>		Requires a trial of 2 of the following: <Retacrit, Procrit, Epogen, or Aranesp>
White blood cell stimulators		
Granix		Requires a trial of Zarxio and Nivestym
Leukine		Requires a trial of Zarxio and Nivestym
Neupogen		Requires a trial of Zarxio and Nivestym
Nypozi		Requires a trial of Zarxio and Nivestym
Releuko		Requires a trial of Zarxio and Nivestym
Flynetra		Requires a trial of Fulphila and Udenyca
Neulasta		Requires a trial of Fulphila and Udenyca
Nyvepria		Requires a trial of Fulphila and Udenyca
Rolvedon		Requires a trial of Fulphila and Udenyca
Ryzneuta		Requires a trial of Fulphila and Udenyca
Stimufend		Requires a trial of Fulphila and Udenyca
Ziextenzo		Requires a trial of Fulphila and Udenyca
Drugs to suppress the immune system (Anti-TNF)		
Remicade		Requires a trial of Avsola and Inflectra
Renflexis		Requires a trial of Avsola and Inflectra
Enzyme replacement (Gaucher disease)		
Elelyso		Requires a trial of Cerezyme and VPRIV
Drugs used for cancer (Anti-VEGF)		
Alymsys		Requires a trial of Mvasi and Zirabev
Avastin		Requires a trial of Mvasi and Zirabev
Jobevne		Requires a trial of Mvasi and Zirabev
Vegzelma		Requires a trial of Mvasi and Zirabev
Drugs used for cancer or to suppress the immune system (monoclonal)		
Riabni		Requires a trial of Ruxience and Truxima
Rituxan		Requires a trial of Ruxience and Truxima
Rituxan Hycela		Requires a trial of Ruxience and Truxima
Drugs used for cancer - (HER2-targeted)		
Herceptin		Requires a trial of Kanjinti and Trazimera
Herceptin Hycleta		Requires a trial of Kanjinti and Trazimera
Hercessi		Requires a trial of Kanjinti and Trazimera
Herzuma		Requires a trial of Kanjinti and Trazimera
Ogivri		Requires a trial of Kanjinti and Trazimera
Ontruzant		Requires a trial of Kanjinti and Trazimera
Drugs to suppress the immune system (Anti-IL inhibitors)		
Imuldosa (ustekinumab-srlf)		Requires a trial of Yesintek
Otulfi (ustekinumab-aaaz)		Requires a trial of Yesintek
Pyzchiva (ustekinumab-ttwe)		Requires a trial of Yesintek
Selarsdi (ustekinumab-aekn)		Requires a trial of Yesintek

Stelara (ustekinumab)	Requires a trial of Yesintek
Steqeyma (ustekinumab-stba)	Requires a trial of Yesintek
Wezlana (ustekinumab-auub)	Requires a trial of Yesintek

Drugs used for bones	
Bomyntra	Requires a trial of Wyost
Osenvelt	Requires a trial of Wyost
Xgeva	Requires a trial of Wyost
Conexence	Requires a trial of Jubbonti
Prolia	Requires a trial of Jubbonti
Stoboclo	Requires a trial of Jubbonti

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