

## Generic pemetrexed to require prior authorization for Medicare Advantage members, starting Jan. 1

For dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2023, the following drug will require prior authorization through AIM Specialty Health<sup>®</sup>:

- Generic pemetrexed, HCPCS code J9314

As a reminder, we previously communicated the following requirements for brand name drugs:

- Alimta<sup>®</sup> (pemetrexed), HCPCS code J9305, requires prior authorization through AIM.
- Pemfexy<sup>®</sup> (pemetrexed), HCPCS code J9304, will require prior authorization through AIM for dates of service on or after Feb. 9, 2023.

These requirements apply to Medicare Plus Blue and BCN Advantage members. These medications are part of members' medical benefits, not their pharmacy benefits.

### When prior authorization is required

These drugs require prior authorization when they're administered by a health care provider in an outpatient facility or a physician's office and billed in one of the following ways:

- Electronically through an 837P transaction or on a professional CMS-1500 claim form
- Electronically through an 837I transaction or by using the UB04 claim form for a hospital outpatient type of bill 013x

### How to submit authorization requests

Submit prior authorization requests to AIM using one of the following methods:

- Through the AIM ProviderPortal, which you can access by doing one of the following:
  - Logging in to our provider portal ([availability.com](https://availability.com)\*), clicking *Payer Spaces* and then clicking the BCBSM and BCN logo. This takes you to the Blue Cross and BCN payer space where you'll click the *AIM Provider Portal* tile.
  - Logging in directly to the AIM ProviderPortal at [providerportal.com](https://providerportal.com)\*.
- By calling the AIM Contact Center at 1-844-377-1278



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Medicare Plus Blue<sup>SM</sup> and BCN Advantage<sup>SM</sup>

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### List of requirements

For a list of requirements related to drugs covered under the medical benefit, see the [Medical Drug and Step Therapy Prior Authorization List for Medicare Plus Blue PPO and BCN Advantage members](#).

We'll update the list to reflect this change prior to the effective date.

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