Provider alert



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Clarification: Xgeva® continues to require prior authorization through NovoLogix® for most commercial members

Xgeva (denosumab), HCPCS code J0897, continues to require prior authorization for most Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network group and individual commercial members. Providers should submit prior authorization requests for these members through the NovoLogix online tool.

Note: On Dec. 6, 2022, we published a <u>provider alert</u> stating that Xgeva would no longer require prior authorization through Carelon Medical Benefits Management (formerly known as AIM Specialty Health®). That change applied only to Medicare Plus BlueSM and BCN AdvantageSM members, starting Jan. 1, 2023.

How to submit prior authorization requests

Submit prior authorization requests through NovoLogix. It offers real-time status checks and immediate approvals for certain medications.

To access NovoLogix, log in to our provider portal (<u>availity.com</u>*), click *Payer Spaces* in the menu bar and then click the BCBSM and BCN logo. You'll find links to the NovoLogix tools on the Applications tab.

Note: If you need to request access to our provider portal, see the <u>Register for webtools</u> webpage on **bcbsm.com**.

Some Blue Cross commercial groups not subject to this requirement

For Blue Cross commercial groups, this prior authorization requirement applies only to groups that participate in the standard commercial Medical Drug Prior Authorization Program for drugs administered under the medical benefit. To determine whether a group participates in the prior authorization program, see the Specialty Pharmacy Prior Authorization Master Opt-in/out Group list.

Note: Blue Cross and Blue Shield Federal Employee Program® members and UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust (non-Medicare) members don't participate in the standard prior authorization program.

List of requirements

For a full list of requirements related to drugs covered under the medical benefit, see the <u>Blue Cross and BCN utilization management medical drug list for Blue Cross commercial and BCN commercial members</u>.

You can access this list and other information about requesting prior authorization on the following pages of the **ereferrals.bcbsm.com** website:

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- Blue Cross Medical Benefit Drugs
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Authorization isn't a guarantee of payment. Health care practitioners need to verify eligibility and benefits for members.

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