

## Step therapy requirement to be added for VPRIV and Elelyso for Medicare Advantage members starting June 1

For dates of service on or after June 1, 2024, providers will have to show that Medicare Plus Blue and BCN Advantage members tried and failed Cerezyme<sup>®</sup> (imiglucerase) when requesting prior authorization for the following drugs:

- VPRIV<sup>®</sup> (velaglucerase alfa), HCPCS code J3385
- Elelyso<sup>®</sup> (taliglucerase alfa), HCPCS code J3060

Cerezyme is Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network's preferred enzyme replacement therapy for Gaucher disease.

These drugs are a part of members' medical benefits, not their pharmacy benefits.

Submit prior authorization requests for VPRIV and Elelyso through the NovoLogix<sup>®</sup> online tool.

As a reminder, Cerezyme doesn't require prior authorization for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2024.

### When prior authorization is required

VPRIV and Elelyso require prior authorization when they are administered by a health care provider in sites of care such as outpatient facilities or physician offices and are 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 using the UB04 claim form for a hospital outpatient type of bill 013x

### Submit prior authorization requests through NovoLogix

To access NovoLogix, log in to our provider portal ([availability.com](https://availability.com)\*), 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, follow the instructions on the [Register for web tools](#) webpage at [bcbsm.com/providers](https://bcbsm.com/providers).

### 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 and BCN Advantage members](#).

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

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