

Otufli to have a prior authorization requirement for most members

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network are adding a prior authorization requirement for Otufli™ (ustekinumab-aauz), HCPCS code J3590, as follows when covered under the medical benefit:

Lines of business	For dates of service on or after
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Cross commercial¹ BCN commercial 	Oct. 10, 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicare Plus Blue² BCN Advantage² 	Jan. 6, 2025

¹For Blue Cross commercial, requirements apply to all fully insured members (group and individual) and 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 that 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.

²For Medicare Advantage members, drugs require prior authorization when administered by a health care provider in sites of care such as outpatient facilities or physician offices and are billed electronically through an 837P transaction or on a professional CMS-1500 claim form or when billed electronically through an 837I transaction or using the UB04 claim form for a hospital outpatient type of bill 013x.

How to submit prior authorization requests

Submit prior authorization requests through the NovoLogix[®] online tool. It offers real-time status checks and immediate approvals for certain medications.

To access NovoLogix, log in to our provider portal (availity.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, see the [Register for web tools](#) page on bcbsm.com.

Lists of requirements

For a full list of requirements related to drugs covered under the medical benefit, refer to the following drug lists:

- Blue Cross commercial and BCN commercial: [Blue Cross and BCN utilization management medical drug list for Blue Cross commercial and BCN commercial members](#).
- Medicare Advantage: [Medical Drug and Step Therapy Prior Authorization List for Medicare Plus Blue and BCN Advantage members](#)

You can access these lists and other information on the following pages of the ereferrals.bcbsm.com website:



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