

Cosentyx IV to have an additional step therapy requirement for most commercial members starting Feb. 12

Before we approve prior authorization requests for Cosentyx[®] IV (secukinumab), HCPCS code J3247, members must try and fail an additional product, Bimzelx[®] (bimekizumab-bkzx). This change applies to dates of service on or after Feb. 12, 2025.

Bimzelx is covered under members' pharmacy benefits.

Notes:

- For dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2025, Bimzelx will have utilization management requirements for certain diagnoses.
- Continue to submit prior authorization requests for Cosentyx IV through the NovoLogix[®] online tool.

This change affects Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan commercial members and Blue Care Network commercial members.

By Feb. 12, we'll update the [Blue Cross and BCN utilization management medical drug list](#) to reflect this additional drug.

Some Blue Cross commercial groups aren't subject to this requirement

For Blue Cross commercial, this step therapy 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.

Additional information

For more information about medical benefit drugs, see the following pages on [ereferrals.bcbsm.com](#):

- [Blue Cross Medical Benefit Drugs](#)
- [BCN Medical Benefit Drugs](#)

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