

Generic pemetrexed to require prior authorization for most members starting Jan. 1

For dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2025, pemetrexed (generic), HCPCS J9292, will require prior authorization through the Oncology Value Management program administered by OncoHealth.

This drug is part of members' medical benefits, not their pharmacy benefits.

This prior authorization requirement applies when this drug is administered in outpatient settings for:

- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan commercial and Blue Care Network commercial members —
 - All fully insured members (group and individual), with the exception of MESSA members
 - Members who have coverage through [self-funded groups that participate in the Oncology Value Management program](#). This includes Blue Cross commercial UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust plans; however, prior authorizations for those members are managed by Carelon Medical Benefits Management.

Note: This requirement doesn't apply to Blue Cross commercial members who have coverage through the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Federal Employee Program[®].

- Medicare Plus Blue and BCN Advantage members

How to submit prior authorization requests

Submit prior authorization requests to OncoHealth on or after Jan. 1, 2025, using one of the following methods:

- Through the OncoHealth OneUM[™] portal, which you can access by logging in to our provider portal (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 *OncoHealth Provider Portal* tile.
- By calling OncoHealth at 1-888-916-2616

More about prior authorization requirements

Prior authorization isn't a guarantee of payment. As always, health care practitioners need to verify eligibility and benefits for members.

For additional information on requirements related to drugs covered under the medical benefit, refer to the following drug lists:

- Blue Cross commercial and BCN commercial members: [Medical oncology prior authorization list for Blue Cross commercial fully insured and BCN commercial members](#)
- Blue Cross commercial URMBT members: [Medical oncology prior authorization list for UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust PPO non-Medicare members](#)
- Medicare Plus Blue and BCN Advantage members: [Medical Drug and Step Therapy Prior Authorization List for Medicare Plus Blue and BCN Advantage members](#)

We'll update the pertinent drug lists to reflect the information in this message prior to the effective date.

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