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Rebyota and Ryoncil will have additional requirements for most commercial members starting March 31

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network are updating the medical policies for the following medical benefit drugs:

- Rebyota[®] (fecal microbiota, livejslm)
- Ryoncil® (remestemcel-L-rknd)

The requirements in the updated medical policies will apply for most Blue Cross and BCN commercial members for dates of service on or after March 31, 2025.

In keeping with the updated medical policy, the following additional requirements will need to be met for treatment with these drugs to be considered medically necessary:

Drug	Additional requirements
Rebyota	Can't be used in combination with Zinplava™ or Vowst™.
Ryoncil	 The member must have tried and failed, or have a contraindication or intolerance to, Jakafi® (ruxolitinib) when age appropriate per FDA labeling. The provider must attest to providing clinical outcome information within the appropriate provider portal as requested by Blue Cross or BCN.

You can see the full list of requirements in the updated medical policies, which will be available no later than March 31, 2025. To view the policies, go to the <u>Medical Policy Router Search</u> page, enter the name of the drug in the *Policy/Topic Keyword* field and press *Enter*.

Tip: To access the Medical Policy Router Search page, go to **bcbsm.com/providers**, click Resources and then click Search Medical Policies.

Some commercial groups aren't subject to these requirements

For Blue Cross commercial, these requirements apply 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 members with Blue Cross non-Medicare plans don't participate in the standard prior authorization program.

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Additional information

For additional information about drugs covered under the medical benefit, see the following pages of the **ereferrals.bcbsm.com** website:

- Blue Cross Medical Benefit Drugs
- BCN Medical Benefit Drugs

Prior authorization isn't a guarantee of payment. Health care providers need to verify eligibility and benefits for members.

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