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#### Provider alert

Blue Cross commercial and BCN commercial Categories: Authorizations/referrals, Pharmacy, Training

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# **Update: Commercial prior authorization requests submitted** through NovoLogix must be submitted through a different application starting April 21

For most commercial members, health care providers will need to submit prior authorization requests for medical benefit drugs that are currently submitted through the NovoLogix® online tool through a different application. We announced this change in a Jan. 3 provider alert.

The name of the new application is **Medical and Pharmacy Drug PA Portal**. You'll be able to access it starting April 21, 2025 to submit both medical and pharmacy drug prior authorization requests for commercial members.\*

#### To access it:

- 1. Log in to our provider portal at availity.com.\*\*
- 2. Click Payer Spaces on the menu bar and then click the BCBSM and BCN logo.
- 3. Click the *Medical/Pharm Drug Benefit Prior Auth (Commercial)* tile in the Applications tab.

#### Notes:

- Submit any retroactive authorization requests through the new tool.
- The NovoLogix online tool will be available until May 1, 2025.
- Starting April 21, The Medication PriorAuth (pharmacy benefit) tile you used to access to submit prior authorization requests for most pharmacy benefit drugs will be renamed to Pharmacy Drug Prior Auth Only (Non-preferred).
- We previously communicated that this change would happen on April 1.

## **Training opportunities**

We'll offer the following training opportunities. On our Provider Training site, search on prior authorization.

**Important:** Before attending a live Q&A session, be sure to watch the recorded demo.

Training opportunity	Date	Name
Demo of the new application	Available by April 17, 2025	Medical and Pharmacy Drug PA Portal Overview
Live Q&A sessions	<ul><li>Tuesday, May 6, from noon to 1 p.m.</li><li>Thursday, May 8, from noon to 1 p.m.</li></ul>	Medical and Pharmacy Drug PA Portal Q&A

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### How to access the Provider Training site

To access the training site, follow these steps:

- Log in to the provider portal at <u>availity.com</u>.\*\*
- 2. Click Payer Spaces on the menu bar and then click the BCBSM and BCN logo.
- 3. Click the *Provider Training Site* tile in the *Applications* tab.
- 4. Select an organization and click Submit.

For issues regarding access to or navigating the site, email <a href="mailto:ProviderTraining@bcbsm.com">ProviderTraining@bcbsm.com</a>.

<u>Subscribe</u> to Provider Alerts Weekly, a weekly email with a list of links to the previous week's provider alerts.

\*Submit prior authorization requests for oncology medical and pharmacy benefit drugs to OncoHealth. For more information, see the document titled <u>Oncology Value Management program through OncoHealth: FAQ for providers.</u>

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