

New and updated requirements for some medical benefit drugs for Blue Cross commercial URMBT members starting Aug. 20

For dates of service on or after Aug. 20, 2025, there will be new requirements and changed requirements for some medical benefit drugs for Blue Cross commercial UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust members.

These requirements will apply only when these drugs are administered in an outpatient setting.

Note: The requirements don't apply to the UAW Retiree Health Care Trust (group number 70605) or the UAW International Union (group number 71714).

New requirements for Rytelo, Piasky and Tecelra

The drugs listed below will have requirements for Blue Cross commercial UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust members. Submit requests as indicated below when these drugs will be billed as a medical benefit.

Drug	New requirement(s)		Submit requests through
	Prior authorization	Site of care	
Rytelo™ (imetelstat), HCPCS code J0870	✓		Carelon Medical Benefits Management provider portal
Piasky™ (crovalimab-akkz), HCPCS code J1307	✓	✓	Medical and Pharmacy Drug PA Portal
Tecelra® (afamitresgene autoleucel), HCPCS code Q2057	✓		

Changes to requirements for Reblozyl

Prior authorizations for Reblozyl® (luspatercept-aamt), HCPCS J0896, will be managed by Carelon. Currently, providers submit prior authorization requests for these drugs through the Medical and Pharmacy Drug PA Portal.

How to submit authorization requests

To submit requests, log in to our provider portal (availability.com*), click on *Payer Spaces* and then click on the BCBSM and BCN logo. Click the appropriate tile in the Applications tab:

- *Carelon ProviderPortal*
- *Medical/Pharm Drug Benefit Prior Auth (Commercial)*

Note: If you need to request access to our provider portal, see the [Register for web tools](#) webpage on **bcbsm.com**.

More about requirements for medical benefit drugs

For additional information on requirements related to drugs covered under the medical benefit for URMBT members with Blue Cross non-Medicare plans, see:

- [Medical oncology prior authorization list for UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust PPO non-Medicare members](#)
- [Medical Drug Management with Blue Cross for UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust PPO non-Medicare Members](#)

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

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

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