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Provider alert

Blue Cross commercial, Medicare Plus BlueSM BCN commercial and BCN AdvantageSM Categories: Authorizations/referrals, Pharmacy Date posted: June 5, 2025

Gamifant to require prior authorization for most members starting Sept. 3

For dates of service on or after Sept. 3, 2025, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network are adding a prior authorization requirement for the following drug covered under the medical benefit:

Brand name	Generic name	HCPCS code	Lines of business
Gamifant®	emapalumab-lzsg	J9210	 Blue Cross commercial¹ BCN commercial Medicare Plus Blue² BCN Advantage

¹For Blue Cross commercial, requirements apply to all fully insured members (group and individual) and 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 <u>Specialty Pharmacy Prior Authorization Master Opt-in/out Group list</u>. Note that 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.

²For Medicare Advantage members, drugs require prior authorization when administered by a health care provider in sites of care such as outpatient facilities or physician offices and are (a) billed electronically through an 837P transaction or on a professional CMS-1500 claim form or (b) billed electronically through an 837I transaction or using the UB04 claim form for a hospital outpatient type of bill 013x.

How to submit prior authorization requests

Submit prior authorization requests through the Medical and Pharmacy Drug PA Portal. It offers real-time status checks and immediate approvals for certain medications.

To access the Medical and Pharmacy Drug PA Portal, log in to our provider portal (<u>availity.com</u>*), click *Payer Spaces* in the menu bar and then click the BCBSM and BCN logo. Click the appropriate tile in the Applications tab. For commercial members, the tile is called *Medical/Pharm Drug Benefit Prior Auth (Commercial)*.

Note: If you need to request access to our provider portal, see the <u>Register for Web Tools</u> webpage on **bcbsm.com**.

List of requirements

For a full list of requirements related to drugs covered under the medical benefit, see the <u>Blue</u> <u>Cross and BCN utilization management medical drug list for Blue Cross commercial and BCN</u> <u>commercial members</u>. We'll update this list prior to the effective date.

You can access this list and other information about requesting prior authorization on the following pages of the **ereferrals.bcbsm.com** website:



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- Blue Cross Medical Benefit Drugs
- BCN Medical Benefit Drugs

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

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