

Update: We are changing how we manage Entyvio for most PPO, HMO commercial members, starting Jan. 1

We added information to remind providers about exception processes to continue using medical benefits. The original [provider alert](#) was posted on Sept. 26, 2025.

Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network changing how they manage Entyvio® (vedolizumab), effective Jan. 1, 2026.

Effective Jan. 1, Blue Cross and BCN will be transitioning members to self-administered Entyvio SC (subcutaneous), payable under their pharmacy benefits. Entyvio SC can be safely and conveniently self-administered in the home and doesn't require administration by a health care professional.

Entyvio SC will no longer be covered through medical benefits. Members who continue to receive Entyvio SC, administered by health care providers (billed under medical benefits) starting Jan. 1, may be responsible for the full cost.

How this will affect members

- Members who have an active authorization for Entyvio IV (intravenous) through medical benefits can continue with their therapy through Dec. 31, 2025. If members want to continue receiving Entyvio IV under their medical benefits, they can reach out to their providers to obtain approvals for exceptions.
- To avoid interruption in therapy, a new authorization for Entyvio SC will be proactively approved under pharmacy benefits from Jan. 1, 2026, to Dec. 31, 2026.
- Proactive authorizations for Entyvio SC under pharmacy benefits will be issued only for members who have their pharmacy benefits through Blue Cross or BCN.
- Members who don't have prescription coverage through Blue Cross or BCN and are currently filling their prescriptions through their medical benefits, will need new prescriptions with prior authorizations through their pharmacy providers.
- New members who want to start treatment with Entyvio will be subject to the new utilization management requirements, which are detailed in the [Changes to medical necessity criteria for prior authorizations for medical benefit drugs](#) document.

Filling prescriptions

We'll only pay for Entyvio SC when filled through Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy, an independent company that provides specialty pharmacy services to Blue Cross and BCN.

If members are currently filling Entyvio SC through Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy:

- Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy will obtain a new prescription for Entyvio SC from their health care providers, if needed.
- Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy will be able to fill the prescription with Entyvio SC starting Jan. 1.

If members are currently filling their prescriptions through pharmacies other than Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy:

- Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy will send affected members a welcome letter. The letter will include the pharmacy phone number.
- A representative from Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy will call the member to set up a profile.
- Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy will obtain a new prescription for Entyvio SC from the member's health care provider.

Prescribers can send a new prescription for Entyvio SC by the following method:

Pharmacy	Methods
Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fax: 1-866-515-1356 • E-prescribing name: Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy – MICHIGAN • Phone number: 1-866-515-1355

This change doesn't apply to Medicare Advantage members.

To determine whether a group participates in the prior authorization program, see the [Specialty Pharmacy Prior Authorization Master Opt-in/out Group list](#).

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 (availity.com),* click *Payer Spaces* in the menu bar and then click the BCBSM and BCN logo. Click the *Medical and Pharmacy Benefit Drug Prior Auth* tile in the *Applications* tab.

You can also submit pharmacy benefit drugs prior authorization requests using CoverMyMeds®

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