

## Medical benefit drug prior authorization changes for FEP members with Blue Cross commercial plans starting Feb. 1

For dates of service on or after Feb. 1, 2026, prior authorization requirements for medical benefit drugs are changing for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Federal Employee Program® non-Medicare members. See the document [Medical benefit drug prior authorization requirements for FEP members](#) to see what's changing.

### For members who begin therapies before Feb. 1

The current review process for authorizations will continue through Jan. 31, 2026.

### For members who begin therapies on or after Feb. 1

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 ([availability.com](https://availability.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.

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

### List of requirements

For a full list of requirements related to drugs covered under the medical benefit, see the [Utilization management medical drug list for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Federal Employee Program® non-Medicare members](#). We'll update this list prior to the effective date.

You can access these lists and other information about requesting prior authorization on the [Medical Benefit Drugs](#) page on **authorizations.bcbsm.com**.

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

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