

Save time when requesting prior authorization for medical benefit drugs for Blue Cross and BCN commercial members

If Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan or Blue Care Network approved a prior authorization request for a medical benefit drug but the healthcare provider administers an interchangeable drug, you don't need to submit a prior authorization request for the interchangeable drug. Because the drug codes are interchangeable in our claims system, the claim will process when your approved authorization includes an interchangeable drug code.

To determine which drugs are interchangeable, see the [Blue Cross and BCN utilization management medical drug list for Blue Cross commercial and BCN commercial](#) and look in the *Preferred product information* column. Among other things, this column indicates drugs that are interchangeable and, therefore, don't require an updated authorization when switching between drugs. Here's an example:

Procedure code	Brand name	Generic name	Submit PA requests through		Quantity limits See Blue Cross and BCN Quantity Limits for Medical Drugs (bcbsm.com) document for additional details		Preferred product information
			Medical and Pharmacy Drug PA	OncoHealth	PPO	HMO	
J1569	Gammagard/Gammagard Liquid ERC	immune globulin	PPO-SOC HMO-SOC		✓	✓	Interchangeable PA: IVIG Interchangeable
J1566	Gammagard S/D	immune globulin	PPO-SOC HMO-SOC		✓	✓	Interchangeable PA: IVIG Interchangeable

We're sharing this information to help streamline prior authorization and billing processes and save time for your office staff.

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