

Medicare Part B  
Step Therapy Program

# Questions about Step Therapy?

Cigna Healthcare has  
the answers.



## What is Step Therapy?

Step Therapy is a required process that applies to certain Part B prescription drugs.

## How does Step Therapy work?

Step Therapy requires customers to first try a preferred medication over non-preferred medications that treat the same condition.

## What if the preferred medication is ineffective?

If the preferred medication is proven ineffective or causes negative side-effects, then a non-preferred medication may be covered.

## What if the preferred drug has been tried in the past?

If the preferred medication was tried in the past 365 days, a non-preferred medication may be covered. If the preferred medication hasn't been tried in the past 365 days, Step Therapy is required.

## How do I find out what drugs require Part B Step Therapy?

The Step Therapy chart applies to all Cigna Healthcare<sup>SM</sup> Medicare markets.



Step Therapy drug class	Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
<b>Antiemetic - Serotonin Receptor Antagonists (Injectable) for Oncology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aloxi</li> <li>• Granisetron</li> <li>• Ondansetron</li> </ul>	Sustol
<b>Antiemetic - Substance P/Neurokinin-1 Receptor Antagonists (Injectable) for Oncology</b>	Emend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Akynzeo</li> <li>• Cinvanti</li> </ul>
<b>Bevacizumab (Oncology)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mvasi</li> <li>• Zirabev</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alymsys</li> <li>• Avastin</li> <li>• Vegzelma</li> </ul>
<b>Botulinum Toxins</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Botox</li> <li>• Daxxify</li> <li>• Dysport</li> <li>• Xeomin</li> </ul>	Myobloc
<b>Colony Stimulating Factors Short-Acting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nivestym</li> <li>• Zarxio</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Granix</li> <li>• Neupogen</li> <li>• Releuko</li> </ul>
<b>Colony Stimulating Factors Long-Acting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neulasta/Neulasta Onpro</li> <li>• Nyvepria</li> <li>• Udenyca</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulphila</li> <li>• Fylnetra</li> <li>• Rolvedon</li> <li>• Stimufend</li> <li>• Ziextenzo</li> </ul>
<b>Immunomodulators</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avsola</li> <li>• Inflectra</li> <li>• Renflexis</li> </ul>	Remicade, infliximab (authorized generic)
<b>Intravenous Iron</b>	Venofer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feraheme</li> <li>• Injectafer</li> <li>• Monoferric</li> </ul>
<b>Ophthalmic Disorders Intravitreal Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) Inhibitors</b>	Avastin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beovu</li> <li>• Byooviz</li> <li>• Cimerli</li> <li>• Eylea</li> <li>• Eylea HD</li> <li>• Lucentis</li> <li>• Vabysmo</li> </ul>
<b>Paclitaxel Medications</b>	Paclitaxel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abraxane</li> <li>• Paclitaxel protein-bound</li> </ul>
<b>Rituximab</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Riabni</li> <li>• Ruxience</li> <li>• Truxima</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rituxan Hycela</li> <li>• Rituxan IV</li> </ul>
<b>Somatostatin Analogs Long-Acting</b>	Somatuline Depot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lanreotide (Cipla)</li> <li>• Sandostatin LAR</li> </ul>
<b>Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) [Lupus]</b>	Benlysta IV	Saphnelo
<b>Testosterone Injectable</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depo-Testosterone (testosterone cypionate)</li> <li>• Delatestryl (testosterone enanthate)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aveed</li> <li>• Testopel</li> <li>• Xyosted</li> </ul>

\*Preferred medications may require prior authorization.

Step Therapy drug class	Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
<b>Trastuzumab</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kanjinti</li> <li>• Ogivri</li> <li>• Trazimera</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Herceptin</li> <li>• Hylecta</li> <li>• Herceptin IV</li> <li>• Herzuma</li> <li>• Ontruzant</li> </ul>
<b>Viscosupplements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monovisc</li> <li>• Orthovisc</li> <li>• Synvisc</li> <li>• Synvisc One</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Durolane</li> <li>• Euflexxa</li> <li>• Gel-One</li> <li>• Gelsyn-3</li> <li>• GenVisc 850</li> <li>• Hyalgan</li> <li>• Hymovis</li> <li>• Sodium Hyaluronate 1%</li> <li>• Supartz FX</li> <li>• Synojoynt</li> <li>• Triluron</li> <li>• TriVisc</li> <li>• Visco-3</li> </ul>

For the following classes, preferred medications may be covered under the Part D (pharmacy) benefit:

Step Therapy drug class	Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
<b>Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide Inhibitors**</b>	Preferred Part D medications (reference Part D Drug List and Part D UM requirements)	Vyepti
<b>Proprotein Convertase Subtilisin/Kexin Type 9 (PSCK9) Inhibitors**</b>	Preferred Part D medications (reference Part D Drug List and Part D UM requirements)	Leqvio
<b>Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE)**</b> [Lupus]	Preferred Part D medications (reference Part D Drug List and Part D UM requirements)	Saphnelo

\*Preferred medications may require prior authorization.

\*\*Applies to MAPD plans only.

## Coverage criteria

### Antiemetic - Serotonin Receptor Antagonists (injectable) for oncology

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aloxi</li> <li>• Granisetron</li> <li>• Ondansetron</li> </ul>	Sustol

### Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS JI5, FCSO JN, NGS J6, NGS JK, Noridian JE, Noridian JF, Novitas JH, Novitas JL, Palmetto JJ, Palmetto JM, WPS J5, WPS J8.

Sustol may be covered for chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting prevention when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use (brand or generic) of one injectable preferred medication **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

## Antiemetic – Substance P/Neurokinin-1 Receptor Antagonists (injectable) for oncology

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
Emend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Akynzeo</li><li>• Cinvanti</li></ul>

### Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS JI5, FCSO JN, NGS J6, NGS JK, Noridian JE, Noridian JF, Novitas JH, Novitas JL, Palmetto JJ, Palmetto JM, WPS J5, WPS J8.

Akynzeo or Cinvanti may be covered for chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting prevention when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of intravenous preferred medication (brand or generic) **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

### Bevacizumab (Oncology)

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mvasi</li><li>• Zirabev</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alymsys</li><li>• Avastin</li><li>• Vegzelma</li></ul>

### Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS JI5, FCSO JN, NGS J6, NGS JK, Noridian JE, Noridian JF, Novitas JH, Novitas JL, Palmetto JJ, Palmetto JM, WPS J5, WPS J8.

Alymsys, Avastin or Vegzelma may be covered for oncology indications when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of one preferred medication **and**
- Cannot continue to use the preferred medication due to a formulation difference in the inactive ingredient(s) which, according to the prescriber, would result in a significant allergy or serious adverse reaction **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

### Botulinum Toxins

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Botox</li><li>• Daxxify</li><li>• Dysport</li><li>• Xeomin</li></ul>	Myobloc

### Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS JI5, NGS J6, NGS JK.

Myobloc may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- Myobloc is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
  - > Chronic Sialorrhea **or**
  - > Urinary Incontinence Associated with a Neurological Condition **or**
  - > Primary Axillary Hyperhidrosis **or**
- History of use of one preferred medication **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

## Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: FCSO JN, Noridian JE, Noridian JF, Novitas JH, Novitas JL.

Myobloc may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of one preferred medication **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

## Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: Palmetto JJ, Palmetto JM.

Myobloc may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- Myobloc is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
  - > Overactive Bladder with Symptoms of Urge Urinary Incontinence, Urgency, and Frequency **or**
  - > Urinary Incontinence Associated with a Neurological Condition **or**
  - > Primary Axillary Hyperhidrosis **or**
- History of use of one preferred medication **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

## Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: WPS J5, WPS J8.

Myobloc may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- Myobloc is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
  - > Palmar Hyperhidrosis **or**
  - > Primary Axillary Hyperhidrosis **or**
- History of use of one preferred medication **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

## Colony Stimulating Factors Short-Acting

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nivestym</li><li>• Zarxio</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Granix</li><li>• Neupogen</li><li>• Releuko</li></ul>

## Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS JI5, FCSO JN, NGS J6, NGS JK, Noridian JE, Noridian JF, Novitas JH, Novitas JL, Palmetto JJ, Palmetto JM, WPS J5, WPS J8.

Granix, Neupogen or Releuko may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of one preferred medication **and**
- Cannot continue to use the preferred medication due to a formulation difference in the inactive ingredient(s) which, according to the prescriber, would result in a significant allergy or serious adverse reaction **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

## Colony Stimulating Factors Long-Acting

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neulasta/Neulasta Onpro</li><li>• Nyvepria</li><li>• Udenyca</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fulphila</li><li>• Fylnetra</li><li>• Rolvedon</li><li>• Stimufend</li><li>• Ziextenzo</li></ul>

## Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS JI5, FCSO JN, NGS J6, NGS JK, Noridian JE, Noridian JF, Novitas JH, Novitas JL, Palmetto JJ, Palmetto JM, WPS J5, WPS J8.

Fulphila, Fylnetra, Stimufend or Ziextenzo may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of one preferred medication **and**
- Cannot continue to use the preferred medication due to a formulation difference in the inactive ingredient(s) which, according to the prescriber, would result in a significant allergy or serious adverse reaction **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Rolvedon may be covered when criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of one pegfilgrastim medication **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

### Immunomodulators

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Avsola</li><li>• Inflectra</li><li>• Renflexis</li></ul>	Remicade, including Infliximab (authorized generic)

## Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: NGS J6, NGS JK. Additional MAC regions listed below.

Remicade, including Infliximab (authorized generic) may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- Infliximab is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
  - > Behcet's Disease
  - > Sarcoidosis **or**
- History of use of one preferred medication **and**
- Cannot continue to use the preferred medication due to a formulation difference in the inactive ingredient(s) which, according to the prescriber, would result in a significant allergy or serious adverse reaction **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

## Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: Palmetto JJ, Palmetto JM. Additional MAC regions listed below.

Remicade, including Infliximab (authorized generic) may be covered when criteria listed below is satisfied:

- Infliximab is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
  - > Crohn's Disease
  - > Plaque Psoriasis
  - > Ulcerative Colitis
  - > Behcet's Disease (Behcet's Syndrome)
  - > Hidradenitis Suppurativa
  - > Sarcoidosis
  - > Spondyloarthritis (SpA), other subtypes **or**
- History of use of one preferred medication **and**
- Cannot continue to use the preferred medication due to a formulation difference in the inactive ingredient(s) which, according to the prescriber, would result in a significant allergy or serious adverse reaction **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

## Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS J15, FCSO JN, Noridian JE, Noridian JF, Novitas JH, Novitas JL, WPS J5, WPS J8.

Remicade, including Infliximab (authorized generic) may be covered when criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of one preferred medication **and**
- Cannot continue to use the preferred medication due to a formulation difference in the inactive ingredient(s) which, according to the prescriber, would result in a significant allergy or serious adverse reaction **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

### Intravenous Iron

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
Venofer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Feraheme</li><li>• Injectafer</li><li>• Monoferric</li></ul>

## Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS J15, FCSO JN, NGS J6, NGS JK, Noridian JE, Noridian JF, Novitas JH, Novitas JL, Palmetto JJ, Palmetto JM, WPS J5, WPS J8.

Feraheme, Injectafer or Monoferric may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- Used for iron deficiency anemia in a patient with chronic kidney disease who is on dialysis **or**
- For other conditions:
  - > History of use of the preferred medication **or**
  - > Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

### Ophthalmic Disorders Intravitreal Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) Inhibitors

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
Avastin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beovu</li><li>• Byooviz</li><li>• Cimerli</li><li>• Eyle</li><li>• Eylea HD</li><li>• Lucentis</li><li>• Vabysmo</li></ul>

## Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS J15, FCSO JN, NGS J6, NGS JK, Noridian JE, Noridian JF, Novitas JH, Novitas JL, Palmetto JJ, Palmetto JM, WPS J5, WPS J8.

Beovu or Vabysmo may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of the preferred ophthalmic medication **and**
- Inadequate efficacy or intolerability was demonstrated **or**
- Safety of using the repackaged ophthalmic Avastin injection is of significant concern, in the prescriber's professional opinion **or**
- The supplier of the repackaged ophthalmic Avastin injection is of significant concern, in the prescriber's professional opinion **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Eylea or Eylea HD may be covered when criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of the preferred ophthalmic medication **and**
- Inadequate efficacy or intolerability was demonstrated **or**
- Has diabetic macular edema and a baseline visual acuity worse than 20/40 according to the prescriber **or**
- Has diabetic macular edema with significant retinal thickening according to the prescriber **or**
- Has diabetic retinopathy (without diabetic macular edema) **or**



- Safety of using the repackaged ophthalmic Avastin injection is of significant concern, in the prescriber's professional opinion **or**
- The supplier of the repackaged ophthalmic Avastin injection is of significant concern, in the prescriber's professional opinion **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Byooviz, Cimerli or Lucentis may be covered when criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of the preferred ophthalmic medication **and**
- Inadequate efficacy or intolerability was demonstrated **or**
- Has diabetic retinopathy (without diabetic macular edema) **or**
- Safety of using the repackaged ophthalmic Avastin injection is of significant concern, in the prescriber's professional opinion **or**
- The supplier of the repackaged ophthalmic Avastin injection is of significant concern, in the prescriber's professional opinion **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

### Paclitaxel Medications

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
Paclitaxel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abraxane</li> <li>• Paclitaxel protein-bound</li> </ul>

### Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS JI5, FCSO JN, NGS J6, NGS JK, Noridian JE, Noridian JF, Novitas JH, Novitas JL, Palmetto JJ, Palmetto JM, WPS J5, WPS J8.

Abraxane or Paclitaxel protein-bound may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- For non-small cell lung cancer:
  - > Hypersensitivity reaction to Paclitaxel intravenous infusion or Docetaxel intravenous infusion **or**
  - > Contraindication to the standard pre-medications **or**
  - > Used as subsequent therapy with advanced or metastatic disease **or**
  - > Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days
- For breast cancer, cervical cancer, endometrial cancer, melanoma, ovarian cancer:
  - > Hypersensitivity reaction to Paclitaxel intravenous infusion or Docetaxel intravenous infusion **or**
  - > Contraindication to the standard pre-medications **or**
  - > Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days

### Rituximab

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Riabni</li> <li>• Ruxience</li> <li>• Truxima</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rituxan Hycela</li> <li>• Rituxan IV</li> </ul>

### Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS JI5. Additional MAC regions listed below.

Rituxan intravenous may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of one preferred medication **and**
- Cannot continue to use the preferred medication due to a formulation difference in the inactive ingredient(s) which, according to the prescriber, would result in a significant allergy or serious adverse reaction **or**



- Continuation of prior therapy within the past 365 days **or**
- Rituxan intravenous is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
  - > Graft Versus Host Disease (GVHD) **or**
  - > Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP) **or**
  - > Multiple Sclerosis **or**
  - > Neuromyelitis Optica (NMO) Spectrum Disorder **or**
  - > Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) [Lupus] **or**
  - > Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (Acquired) **or**
  - > Evans Syndrome **or**
  - > Bullous Pemphigoid **or**
  - > Immunotherapy-Related Encephalitis **or**
  - > Immune-Mediated Myopathy/Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathy **or**
  - > Immunoglobulin G4-Related Disease (IgG4-RD) **or**
  - > Myasthenia Gravis **or**
  - > Minimal Change Disease **or**
  - > Antibody-Mediated Rejection (AMR).

Rituxan Hycela may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of one preferred medication, but according to prescriber cannot continue to use the medication **or**
- Inability to obtain or maintain intravenous access **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

### Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: NGS J6, NGS JK. Additional MAC regions listed below.

Rituxan intravenous may be covered when criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of one preferred medication **and**
- Cannot continue to use the preferred medication due to a formulation difference in the inactive ingredient(s) which, according to the prescriber, would result in a significant allergy or serious adverse reaction **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy within the past 365 days **or**
- Rituxan intravenous is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
  - > Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP) **or**
  - > Multiple Sclerosis **or**
  - > Antibody-Mediated Rejection (AMR) **or**
  - > Immune-Mediated Myopathy/Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathy **or**
  - > Hemophilia (Acquired) **or**
  - > Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (Acquired) **or**
  - > Immunoglobulin G4-Related Disease (IgG4-RD) **or**
  - > Minimal Change Disease **or**
  - > Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) **or**
  - > Sjogren's Syndrome and Systemic Sclerosis.

Rituxan Hycela may be covered when criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of one preferred medication, but according to prescriber cannot continue to use the medication **or**
- Inability to obtain or maintain intravenous access **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

### Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: Palmetto JJ, Palmetto JM. Additional MAC regions listed below.

Rituxan intravenous may be covered when criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of one preferred medication **and**
- Cannot continue to use the preferred medication due to a formulation difference in the inactive ingredient(s) which, according to the prescriber, would result in a significant allergy or serious adverse reaction **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy within the past 365 days **or**
- Rituxan intravenous is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:

- > Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) **or**
- > Graft Versus Host Disease (GVHD) **or**
- > Multiple Sclerosis **or**
- > Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia **or**
- > Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN) **or**
- > Polymyositis **or**
- > Prior to Autologous Stem Cell Rescue for Progressive or Relapsed Disease.

Rituxan Hycela may be covered when criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of one preferred medication, but according to prescriber cannot continue to use the medication **or**
- Inability to obtain or maintain intravenous access **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

### Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: FCSO JN, Noridian JE, Noridian JF, Novitas JH, Novitas JL, WPS J5, WPS J8.

Rituxan intravenous may be covered when criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of one preferred medication **and**
- Cannot continue to use the preferred medication due to a formulation difference in the inactive ingredient(s) which, according to the prescriber, would result in a significant allergy or serious adverse reaction **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Rituxan Hycela may be covered when criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of one preferred medication, but according to prescriber cannot continue to use the medication **or**
- Inability to obtain or maintain intravenous access **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

### Somatostatin Analogs Long-Acting

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
Somatuline Depot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lanreotide (Cipla)</li> <li>• Sandostatin LAR</li> </ul>

### Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS J15, FCSO JN, NGS J6, NGS JK, Noridian JE, Noridian JF, Novitas JH, Novitas JL, Palmetto JJ, Palmetto JM, WPS J5, WPS J8.

Lanreotide may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

For Acromegaly:

- History of use of the preferred medication **and**
- Cannot continue to use the preferred medication due to a formulation difference in the inactive ingredient(s) which, according to the prescriber, would result in a significant allergy or serious adverse reaction **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

For Neuroendocrine Tumor(s) [NETs] of the Gastrointestinal Tract, Lung, Thymus (Carcinoid Tumors), and Pancreas (including glucagonomas, gastrinomas, vasoactive intestinal peptides-secreting tumors [VIPomas], insulinomas):

- History of use of the preferred medication **and**
- Cannot continue to use the preferred medication due to a formulation difference in the inactive ingredient(s) which, according to the prescriber, would result in a significant allergy or serious adverse reaction **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Sandostatin LAR may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

For Acromegaly:

- History of use of the preferred medication **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

For Neuroendocrine Tumor(s) [NETs] of the Gastrointestinal Tract, Lung, Thymus (Carcinoid Tumors), and Pancreas (including glucagonomas, gastrinomas, vasoactive intestinal peptides-secreting tumors [VIPomas], insulinomas):

- History of use of the preferred medication **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

For Pheochromocytoma and Paraganglioma:

- History of use of the preferred medication **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

### Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) Lupus

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
Benlysta IV	Saphnelo

### Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS JI5, FCSO JN, NGS J6, NGS JK, Noridian JE, Noridian JF, Novitas JH, Novitas JL, Palmetto JJ, Palmetto JM, WPS J5, WPS J8.

Saphnelo may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of Benlysta use **or**
- History of depression or suicidality, according to prescriber **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

### Testosterone Injectable

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depo-Testosterone (testosterone cypionate)</li> <li>• Delatestryl (testosterone enanthate)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aveed</li> <li>• Testopel</li> <li>• Xyosted</li> </ul>

### Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS JI5, FCSO JN, NGS J6, NGS JK, Noridian JE, Noridian JF, Novitas JH, Novitas JL, Palmetto JJ, Palmetto JM, WPS J5, WPS J8.

Aveed, Testopel or Xyosted may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of one preferred medication **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

### Trastuzumab

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kanjinti</li> <li>• Ogivri</li> <li>• Trazimera</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Herceptin Hylecta</li> <li>• Herceptin IV</li> <li>• Herzuma</li> <li>• Ontruzant</li> </ul>

## Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS J15, FCSO JN, NGS J6, NGS JK, Noridian JE, Noridian JF, Novitas JH, Novitas JL, Palmetto JJ, Palmetto JM, WPS J5, WPS J8.

Herceptin intravenous, Herzuma or Ontruzant may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of one preferred medication **and**
- Cannot continue to use the preferred medication due to a formulation difference in the inactive ingredient(s) which, according to the prescriber, would result in a significant allergy or serious adverse reaction **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Herceptin Hylecta may be covered when criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of one preferred medication, but according to prescriber cannot continue to use the medication **or**
- Inability to obtain or maintain intravenous access **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

## Viscosupplements

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monovisc</li><li>• Orthovisc</li><li>• Synvisc</li><li>• Synvisc One</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Durolane</li><li>• Euflexxa</li><li>• Gel-One</li><li>• Gelsyn-3</li><li>• GenVisc 850</li><li>• Hyalgan</li><li>• Hymovis</li><li>• Sodium Hyaluronate 1%</li><li>• Supartz FX</li><li>• Synjoynt</li><li>• Triluron</li><li>• TriVisc</li><li>• Visco-3</li></ul>

## Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS J15, FCSO JN, NGS J6, NGS JK, Noridian JE, Noridian JF, Novitas JH, Novitas JL. Does not apply to all other MAC regions not listed.

Durolane, Euflexxa, Gel-One, Gelsyn-3, GenVisc 850, Hyalgan, Hymovis, Sodium Hyaluronate 1%, Supartz FX, Synjoynt, Triluron, TriVisc or Visco-3 may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of two different preferred medication therapy courses **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

**For the following classes, preferred medications may be covered under the Part D (pharmacy) benefit:**

### Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide Inhibitors\*\*

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
Preferred Part D medication (reference Part D Drug List and Part D UM requirements)	Vyepti

## Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS J15, FCSO JN, NGS J6, NGS JK, Noridian JE, Noridian JF, Novitas JH, Novitas JL, Palmetto JJ, Palmetto JM, WPS J5, WPS J8.

Vyepti may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of one preferred Part D subcutaneous calcitonin gene-related peptide inhibitor for migraine prophylaxis **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

## Proprotein Convertase Subtilisin/Kexin Type 9 (PCSK9) Inhibitors\*\*

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
Preferred Part D medication (reference Part D Drug List and Part D UM requirements)	Leqvio

### Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS JI5, FCSO JN, NGS J6, NGS JK, Noridian JE, Noridian JF, Novitas JH, Novitas JL, Palmetto JJ, Palmetto JM, WPS J5, WPS J8.

Leqvio may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of use of one preferred Part D proprotein convertase subtilisin kexin type 9 (PCSK9) inhibitor **and**
- Inadequate efficacy or significant intolerance, according to prescriber **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

## Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE)\*\* Lupus

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
Preferred Part D medication (reference Part D Drug List and Part D UM requirements)	Saphnelo

### Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS JI5, FCSO JN, NGS J6, NGS JK, Noridian JE, Noridian JF, Novitas JH, Novitas JL, Palmetto JJ, Palmetto JM, WPS J5, WPS J8.

Saphnelo may be covered when the criteria listed below is satisfied:

- History of Benlysta use **or**
- History of depression or suicidality, according to prescriber **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

## Applicable codes

### Antiemetic - Serotonin Receptor Antagonists (injectable) for oncology

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
<b>J1626</b>	Injection, granisetron hydrochloride, 100 mcg
<b>J2405</b>	Injection, ondansetron hydrochloride, per 1 mg
<b>J2469</b>	Injection, palonosetron HCl, 25 mcg
Non-preferred	
<b>J1627</b>	Injection, granisetron, extended-release, 0.1 mg

## Antiemetic - Substance P/Neurokinin-1 Receptor Antagonists (injectable) for oncology

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
J1453	Injection, fosaprepitant, 1 mg
Non-preferred	
J0185	Injection, aprepitant, 1 mg
J1454	Injection, fosnetupitant 235 mg and palonosetron 0.25 mg

## Bevacizumab (oncology)

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
Q5107	Injection, bevacizumab-awwb, biosimilar, (Mvasi), 10 mg
Q5118	Injection, bevacizumab-bvzr, biosimilar, (Zirabev), 10 mg
Non-preferred	
J9035	Injection, bevacizumab, 10 mg
Q5126	Injection, bevacizumab-maly, biosimilar, (Alymsys), 10 mg
Q5129	Injection, bevacizumab-adcd (Vegzelma), biosimilar, 10 mg

## Botulinum Toxins

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
J0585	Injection, onabotulinumtoxinA, 1 unit
J0589	Injection, daxibotulinumtoxinA-lanm, 1 unit
J0586	Injection, abobotulinumtoxinA, 5 units
J0588	Injection, incobotulinumtoxinA, 1 unit
Non-preferred	
J0587	Injection, rimabotulinumtoxinB, 100 units

## Colony Stimulating Factors Short-Acting

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
Q510I	Injection, filgrastim-sndz, biosimilar, (Zarxio) 1 mcg
Q5110	Injection, filgrastim-aafi, biosimilar, (Nivestym), 1 mcg
Non-preferred	
J1442	Injection, filgrastim (G-CSF), (Neupogen) excludes biosimilars, 1 mcg
J1447	Injection, tbo-filgrastim, (Granix) 1 mcg
Q5125	Injection, filgrastim-ayow, biosimilar, (Releuko), 1 mcg

## Colony Stimulating Factors Long-acting

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
J2506	Injection, pegfilgrastim, excludes biosimilar, 0.5 mg
Q511I	Injection, pegfilgrastim-cbqv (Udenyca), biosimilar, 0.5 mg
Q5122	Injection, pegfilgrastim-apgf (Nyvepria), biosimilar, 0.5 mg
Non-preferred	
J1449	Injection, eflapegrastim-xnst, 0.1 mg
Q5108	Injection, pegfilgrastim-jmdb (Fulphila), biosimilar, 0.5 mg
Q5120	Injection, pegfilgrastim-bmez, (Ziextenzo), biosimilar, 0.5 mg
Q5127	Injection, pegfilgrastim-fpgk (Stimufend), biosimilar, 0.5 mg
Q5130	Injection, pegfilgrastim-pbbk (Flyneta), biosimilar, 0.5 mg

## Immunomodulators

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
Q5103	Injection, infliximab-dyyb, biosimilar, (Inflectra), 10 mg
Q5104	Injection, infliximab-abda, biosimilar, (Renflexis), 10 mg
Q512I	Injection, infliximab-axxq, biosimilar, (Avsola), 10 mg
Non-preferred	
J1745	Injection, infliximab, excludes biosimilar, 10 mg



## Intravenous Iron

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
<b>J1756</b>	Injection, iron sucrose, 1 mg
Non-preferred	
<b>J1437</b>	Injection, ferric derisomaltose, 10 mg
<b>J1439</b>	Injection, ferric carboxymaltose, 1 mg
<b>Q0138</b>	Injection, ferumoxytol, for treatment of iron deficiency anemia, 1 mg

## Ophthalmic Disorders Intravitreal Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) Inhibitors

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
<b>C9257</b>	Injection, bevacizumab (Avastin), 0.25 mg
<b>J7999</b>	Compounded drug, not otherwise classified
<b>J9035</b>	Injection, bevacizumab (Avastin), 10 mg
Non-preferred	
<b>J0178</b>	Injection, aflibercept, 1 mg
<b>J0179</b>	Injection, brolocizumab-dbl, 1 mg
<b>J0177</b>	Injection, aflibercept hd, 1 mg
<b>J2777</b>	Injection, faricimab-svoa, 0.1 mg
<b>J2778</b>	Injection, ranibizumab, 0.1 mg
<b>Q5124</b>	Injection, ranibizumab-nuna, biosimilar, (Byooviz), 0.1 mg
<b>Q5128</b>	Injection, ranibizumab-eqrn (Cimerli), biosimilar, 0.1 mg

## Paclitaxel Medications

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
<b>J9267</b>	Injection, paclitaxel, 1 mg
Non-preferred	
<b>J9259</b>	Injection, paclitaxel protein-bound particles (American Regent) not therapeutically equivalent to J9264, 1 mg
<b>J9264</b>	Injection, paclitaxel protein-bound particles, 1 mg

## Rituximab

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
Q51I5	Injection, rituximab-abbs, biosimilar, (Truxima), 10 mg
Q51I9	Injection, rituximab-pvvr, biosimilar, (Ruxience), 10 mg
Q5123	Injection, rituximab-arrx, biosimilar, (Riabni), 10 mg
Non-preferred	
J9311	Injection, rituximab 10 mg and hyaluronidase
J9312	Injection, rituximab, 10 mg

## Somatostatin Analogs Long-Acting

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
J1930	Injection, lanreotide, 1 mg
Non-preferred	
J1932	Injection, lanreotide, (ciplra), 1 mg
J2353	Injection, octreotide depot, 1 mg

## Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) Lupus

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
J0490	Injection, belimumab, 10 mg
Non-preferred	
J0491	Injection, anifrolumab-fnia, 1 mg

## Testosterone Injectable

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
J1071	Injection, testosterone cypionate, 1 mg
J3121	Injection, testosterone enanthate, 1 mg
Non-preferred	
J3145	Injection, testosterone undecanoate, 1 mg
J3490	Unclassified drugs, Testopel
J3490	Unclassified drugs, Xyosted

## Trastuzumab

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
Q5114	Injection, Trastuzumab-dkst, biosimilar, (Ogivri), 10 mg
Q5116	Injection, trastuzumab-qyyp, biosimilar, (Trazimera), 10 mg
Q5117	Injection, trastuzumab-anns, biosimilar, (Kanjinti), 10 mg
Non-preferred	
J9355	Injection, trastuzumab, excludes biosimilar, 10 mg
J9356	Injection, trastuzumab, 10 mg and hyaluronidase-oysk
Q5112	Injection, trastuzumab-dttb, biosimilar, (Ontruzant), 10 mg
Q5113	Injection, trastuzumab-pkrb, biosimilar, (Herzuma), 10 mg

## Viscosupplements

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
<b>J7324</b>	Hyaluronan or derivative, Orthovisc, for intra-articular injection, per dose
<b>J7325</b>	Hyaluronan or derivative, Synvisc or Synvisc-One, for intra-articular injection, 1 mg
<b>J7327</b>	Hyaluronan or derivative, Monovisc, for intra-articular injection, per dose
Non-preferred	
<b>J7318</b>	Hyaluronan or derivative, Durolane, for intra-articular injection, 1 mg
<b>J7320</b>	Hyaluronan or derivative, GenVisc 850, for intra-articular injection, 1 mg
<b>J7321</b>	Hyaluronan or derivative, Hyalgan, Supartz or Visco-3, for intra-articular injection, per dose
<b>J7322</b>	Hyaluronan or derivative, Hymovis, for intra-articular injection, 1 mg
<b>J7323</b>	Hyaluronan or derivative, Euflexxa, for intra-articular injection, per dose
<b>J7326</b>	Hyaluronan or derivative, Gel-One, for intra-articular injection, per dose
<b>J7328</b>	Hyaluronan or derivative, Gel-Syn, for intra-articular injection, 0.1 mg
<b>J7329</b>	Hyaluronan or derivative, TriVisc, for intra-articular injection, 1 mg
<b>J7331</b>	Hyaluronan or derivative, Synjoynt, for intra-articular injection, 1 mg
<b>J7332</b>	Hyaluronan or derivative, Triluron, for intra-articular injection, 1 mg

For the following classes, preferred medications may be covered under the Part D (pharmacy) benefit:

### Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide Inhibitors\*\*

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
<b>N/A</b>	Preferred Part D medication (reference Part D Drug List and Part D UM requirements)
Non-preferred	
<b>J3032</b>	Injection, eptinezumab-jjmr, 1 mg

## Proprotein Convertase Subtilisin/Kexin Type 9 (PCSK9) Inhibitors\*\*

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
N/A	Preferred Part D medication (reference Part D Drug List and Part D UM requirements)
Non-preferred	
J1306	Injection, inclisiran, 1 mg

## Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE)\*\* Lupus

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
N/A	Preferred Part D medication (reference Part D Drug List and Part D UM requirements)
Non-preferred	
J049I	Injection, anifrolumab-fnia, 1 mg

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3. Lucentis<sup>®</sup> intravitreal injection [prescribing information]. South San Francisco, CA: Genentech; October 2020.
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# Revision history

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