

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 HealthcareSM Medicare markets.



Step Therapy drug class	Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
Antiemetic - Serotonin Receptor Antagonists (Injectable) for Oncology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aloxi • Granisetron • Ondansetron 	Sustol
Antiemetic - Substance P/Neurokinin-1 Receptor Antagonists (Injectable) for Oncology	Emend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akynzeo • Cinvanti
Bevacizumab (Oncology)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mvasi • Zirabev 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alymsys • Avastin • Vegzelma
Botulinum Toxins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Botox • Daxxify • Dysport • Xeomin 	Myobloc
Colony Stimulating Factors Short-Acting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nivestym • Zarxio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Granix • Neupogen • Releuko
Colony Stimulating Factors Long-Acting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neulasta/Neulasta Onpro • Nyvepria • Udenyca 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulphila • Fylnetra • Rolvedon • Stimufend • Ziextenzo
Immune Globulins IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flebogamma DIF • Gammagard Liquid • Gammagard S/D • Gammaked • Gammaplex • Gamunex-C • Octagam • Privigen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alyglo • Asceniv • Bivigam • Panzyga
Immune Globulins SC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cutaquig • Gammagard Liquid • Gammaked • Gamunex-C • Hizentra • Xembify 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuvitru • HyQvia
Immunomodulators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avsola • Inflectra • Renflexis 	Remicade, infliximab (authorized generic)
Intravenous Iron	Venofer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feraheme • Injectafer • Monoferric
Ophthalmic Disorders Intravitreal Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) Inhibitors	Avastin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beovu • Byooviz • Cimerli • Eylea • Eylea HD • Lucentis • Vabysmo

*Preferred medications may require prior authorization.

Step Therapy drug class	Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
Paclitaxel Medications	Paclitaxel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abraxane • Paclitaxel protein-bound
Rituximab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riabni • Ruxience • Truxima 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rituxan Hycela • Rituxan IV
Somatostatin Analogs Long-Acting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somatuline Depot (J1930) • Lanreotide (J1930) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lanreotide (J1932) • Sandostatin LAR
Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) [Lupus]	Benlysta IV	Saphnelo
Testosterone Injectable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depo-Testosterone (testosterone cypionate) • Delatestryl (testosterone enanthate) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aveed • Testopel • Xyosted
Trastuzumab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kanjinti • Ogivri • Trazimera 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herceptin • Hylecta • Herceptin IV • Herzuma • Ontruzant
Viscosupplements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monovisc • Orthovisc • Synvisc • Synvisc One 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durolane • Euflexxa • Gel-One • Gelsyn-3 • GenVisc 850 • Hyalgan • Hymovis • Sodium Hyaluronate 1% • Supartz FX • Synojoynt • Triluron • TriVisc • Visco-3

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

Step Therapy drug class	Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide Inhibitors**	Preferred Part D medications (reference Part D Drug List and Part D UM requirements)	Vyepti
Proprotein Convertase Subtilisin/Kexin Type 9 (PSCK9) Inhibitors**	Preferred Part D medications (reference Part D Drug List and Part D UM requirements)	Leqvio

*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">• Aloxi• Granisetron• Ondansetron	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">• Akynzeo• Cinvanti

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">• Mvasi• Zirabev	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alymsys• Avastin• Vegzelma

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">• Botox• Daxxify• Dysport• Xeomin	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">• Nivestym• Zarxio	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Granix• Neupogen• Releuko

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.

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">• Neulasta/Neulasta Onpro• Nyvepria• Udenyca	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fulphila• Fylnetra• Rolvedon• Stimufend• Ziextenzo

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.

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.

Immune Globulins IV

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flebogamma DIF• Gammagard Liquid• Gammagard S/D• Gammaked• Gammaplex• Gamunex-C• Octagam• Privigen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alyglo• Asceniv• Bivigam• Panzyga

Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS J15. Additional MAC regions are listed below.

Alyglo, may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- A product with minimal content of coagulation factor XIa is needed based on a comorbidity of the patient, per prescriber, **or**

- Alyglo is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
 - > Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP), or
 - > Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)-Infected Infants and Children to Prevent Recurrent Infections, or
 - > Guillain Barre Syndrome, or
 - > Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Acute Severe Exacerbation or Relapses, or
 - > Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases (Pemphigus Vulgaris, Pemphigus Foliaceus, Bullous Pemphigoid, Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid [Cicatrical Pemphigoid], and Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita), or
 - > Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) or Polyradiculoneuropathy, or
 - > Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN), or
 - > Dermatomyositis or Polymyositis, or
 - > Myasthenia Gravis, or
 - > Lambert-Eaton Myasthenic Syndrome (LEMS), or
 - > Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia, or
 - > Stiff-Person Syndrome (Moersch-Woltman Syndrome), or
- History of use of two preferred medications, **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Asceniv, may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- Patient requires an immune globulin with elevated levels of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) antibodies, per prescriber (such as a patient requiring elevated levels of RSV antibodies for repeated RSV infections despite adequate immune globulin dosing in a compliant patient), or
- Asceniv is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
 - > Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP), or
 - > Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)-Infected Infants and Children to Prevent Recurrent Infections, or
 - > Guillain Barre Syndrome, or
 - > Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Acute Severe Exacerbation or Relapses, or
 - > Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases (Pemphigus Vulgaris, Pemphigus Foliaceus, Bullous Pemphigoid, Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid [Cicatrical Pemphigoid], and Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita), or
 - > Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) or Polyradiculoneuropathy, or
 - > Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN), or
 - > Dermatomyositis or Polymyositis, or
 - > Myasthenia Gravis, or
 - > Lambert-Eaton Myasthenic Syndrome (LEMS), or
 - > Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia, or
 - > Stiff-Person Syndrome (Moersch-Woltman Syndrome), or
- History of use of two preferred medications, **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Bivigam or Panzyga, may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- Bivigam or Panzyga is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
 - > Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP), or
 - > Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)-Infected Infants and Children to Prevent Recurrent Infections, or
 - > Guillain Barre Syndrome, or
 - > Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Acute Severe Exacerbation or Relapses, or
 - > Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases (Pemphigus Vulgaris, Pemphigus Foliaceus, Bullous Pemphigoid, Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid [Cicatrical Pemphigoid], and Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita), or
 - > Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) or Polyradiculoneuropathy, or
 - > Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN), or
 - > Dermatomyositis or Polymyositis, or
 - > Myasthenia Gravis, or
 - > Lambert-Eaton Myasthenic Syndrome (LEMS), or
 - > Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia, or
 - > Stiff-Person Syndrome (Moersch-Woltman Syndrome), or
- History of use of two preferred medications, **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: FCSO JN, Novitas JH, Novitas JL. Additional MAC regions are listed below.

Alyglo, may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- A product with minimal content of coagulation factor XIa is needed based on a comorbidity of the patient, per prescriber, **or**
- Alyglo is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
 - > Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases (Pemphigus Vulgaris, Pemphigus Foliaceus, Bullous Pemphigoid, Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid [Cicatrical Pemphigoid], and Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita), or
 - > Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia, or
 - > Lambert-Eaton Myasthenic Syndrome (LEMS), or
 - > Neuromyelitis Optica (Devia Syndrome), or
 - > Treatment of Autoimmune Encephalitis, or
 - > Dermatomyositis or Polymyositis, or
 - > Inclusion Body Myositis, or
 - > Immune-Mediated Necrotizing Myopathy, or
 - > Overlap Syndrome with Myositis (Including Anti-Synthetase Syndrome), or
 - > Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, or
 - > Thyroid Eye Disease (Grave's Disease), or
- History of use of two preferred medications, **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Asceniv, may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- Patient requires an immune globulin with elevated levels of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) antibodies, per prescriber (such as a patient requiring elevated levels of RSV antibodies for repeated RSV infections despite adequate immune globulin dosing in a compliant patient), **or**
- Asceniv is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
 - > Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases (Pemphigus Vulgaris, Pemphigus Foliaceus, Bullous Pemphigoid, Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid [Cicatrical Pemphigoid], and Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita), or
 - > Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia, or
 - > Lambert-Eaton Myasthenic Syndrome (LEMS), or
 - > Neuromyelitis Optica (Devia Syndrome), or
 - > Treatment of Autoimmune Encephalitis, or
 - > Dermatomyositis or Polymyositis, or
 - > Inclusion Body Myositis, or
 - > Immune-Mediated Necrotizing Myopathy, or
 - > Overlap Syndrome with Myositis (Including Anti-Synthetase Syndrome), or
 - > Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, or
 - > Thyroid Eye Disease (Grave's Disease), or
- History of use of two preferred medications, **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Bivigam or Panzyga, may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- Bivigam or Panzyga is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
 - > Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases (Pemphigus Vulgaris, Pemphigus Foliaceus, Bullous Pemphigoid, Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid [Cicatrical Pemphigoid], and Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita), or
 - > Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia, or
 - > Lambert-Eaton Myasthenic Syndrome (LEMS), or
 - > Neuromyelitis Optica (Devia Syndrome), or
 - > Treatment of Autoimmune Encephalitis, or
 - > Dermatomyositis or Polymyositis, or
 - > Inclusion Body Myositis, or
 - > Immune-Mediated Necrotizing Myopathy, or
 - > Overlap Syndrome with Myositis (Including Anti-Synthetase Syndrome), or
 - > Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, or

- › Thyroid Eye Disease (Grave's Disease), or
- History of use of two preferred medications, **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 are listed below.

Alyglo, may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- A product with minimal content of coagulation factor XIa is needed based on a comorbidity of the patient, per prescriber, **or**
- Alyglo is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
 - › Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases (Pemphigus Vulgaris, Pemphigus Foliaceus, Bullous Pemphigoid, Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid [Cicatrical Pemphigoid], and Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita), or
 - › Stiff-Person Syndrome (Moersch-Woltman Syndrome), or
 - › Autoimmune Retinopathy, or
 - › Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, or
- History of use of two preferred medications, **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Asceniv, may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- Patient requires an immune globulin with elevated levels of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) antibodies, per prescriber (such as a patient requiring elevated levels of RSV antibodies for repeated RSV infections despite adequate immune globulin dosing in a compliant patient), **or**
- Asceniv is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
 - › Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases (Pemphigus Vulgaris, Pemphigus Foliaceus, Bullous Pemphigoid, Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid [Cicatrical Pemphigoid], and Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita), or
 - › Stiff-Person Syndrome (Moersch-Woltman Syndrome), or
 - › Autoimmune Retinopathy, or
 - › Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, or
- History of use of two preferred medications, **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Bivigam or Panzyga, may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- Bivigam or Panzyga is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
 - › Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases (Pemphigus Vulgaris, Pemphigus Foliaceus, Bullous Pemphigoid, Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid [Cicatrical Pemphigoid], and Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita), or
 - › Stiff-Person Syndrome (Moersch-Woltman Syndrome), or
 - › Autoimmune Retinopathy, or
 - › Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, or
- History of use of two preferred medications, **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: Noridian JE, Noridian JF. Additional MAC regions are listed below.

Alyglo, may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- A product with minimal content of coagulation factor XIa is needed based on a comorbidity of the patient, per prescriber, **or**
- Alyglo is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
 - › Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases (Pemphigus Vulgaris, Pemphigus Foliaceus, Bullous Pemphigoid, Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid [Cicatrical Pemphigoid], and Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita), or
 - › Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP), or
 - › Dermatomyositis or Polymyositis, or
 - › Guillain Barre Syndrome, or
 - › Myasthenia Gravis, or
 - › Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) or Polyradiculoneuropathy, or

- > Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Acute Severe Exacerbation or Relapses, or
- > Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN), or
- History of use of two preferred medications, **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Asceniv, may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- Patient requires an immune globulin with elevated levels of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) antibodies, per prescriber (such as a patient requiring elevated levels of RSV antibodies for repeated RSV infections despite adequate immune globulin dosing in a compliant patient), **or**
- Asceniv is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
 - > Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases (Pemphigus Vulgaris, Pemphigus Foliaceus, Bullous Pemphigoid, Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid [Cicatrical Pemphigoid], and Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita), or
 - > Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP), or
 - > Dermatomyositis or Polymyositis, or
 - > Guillain Barre Syndrome, or
 - > Myasthenia Gravis, or
 - > Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) or Polyradiculoneuropathy, or
 - > Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Acute Severe Exacerbation or Relapses, or
 - > Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN), or
- History of use of two preferred medications, **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Bivigam or Panzyga, may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- Bivigam or Panzyga is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
 - > Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases (Pemphigus Vulgaris, Pemphigus Foliaceus, Bullous Pemphigoid, Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid [Cicatrical Pemphigoid], and Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita), or
 - > Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP), or
 - > Dermatomyositis or Polymyositis, or
 - > Guillain Barre Syndrome, or
 - > Myasthenia Gravis, or
 - > Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) or Polyradiculoneuropathy, or
 - > Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Acute Severe Exacerbation or Relapses, or
 - > Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN), or
- History of use of two preferred medications, **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 are listed below.

Alyglo, may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- A product with minimal content of coagulation factor XIa is needed based on a comorbidity of the patient, per prescriber, **or**
- Alyglo is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
 - > Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases (Pemphigus Vulgaris, Pemphigus Foliaceus, Bullous Pemphigoid, Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid [Cicatrical Pemphigoid], and Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita), **or**
 - > Myasthenia Gravis, or
- History of use of two preferred medications, **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Asceniv, may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- Patient requires an immune globulin with elevated levels of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) antibodies, per prescriber (such as a patient requiring elevated levels of RSV antibodies for repeated RSV infections despite adequate immune globulin dosing in a compliant patient), **or**
- Asceniv is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
 - > Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases (Pemphigus Vulgaris, Pemphigus Foliaceus, Bullous Pemphigoid, Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid [Cicatrical Pemphigoid], and Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita), or

- > Myasthenia Gravis, or
- History of use of two preferred medications, **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Bivigam or Panzyga, may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- Bivigam or Panzyga is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
 - > Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases (Pemphigus Vulgaris, Pemphigus Foliaceus, Bullous Pemphigoid, Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid [Cicatricial Pemphigoid], and Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita), or
 - > Myasthenia Gravis, or
- History of use of two preferred medications, **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.

Alyglo, may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- A product with minimal content of coagulation factor Xia is needed based on a comorbidity of the patient, per prescriber, **or**
- Alyglo is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
 - > Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases (Pemphigus Vulgaris, Pemphigus Foliaceus, Bullous Pemphigoid, Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid [Cicatricial Pemphigoid], and Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita), or
 - > Severe Vasculitic Syndromes, Systemic (Polyarteritis nodosa), Churg-Strauss Vasculitis, and Livedoid Vasculitis (Atrophie Blanche), or
 - > Pyoderma Gangrenosum, or
 - > Immune-Mediated Neutropenia, or
 - > Stevens-Johnson Syndrome and/or Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis, or
 - > Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, or
 - > Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia, or
 - > Thrombocytopenia, Feto-neonatal Alloimmune, or
 - > Myasthenia Gravis, or
 - > Dermatomyositis or Polymyositis, or
 - > Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP), or
 - > Stiff-Person Syndrome (Moersch-Woltman Syndrome), or
- History of use of two preferred medications, **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Asceniv, may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- Patient requires an immune globulin with elevated levels of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) antibodies, per prescriber (such as a patient requiring elevated levels of RSV antibodies for repeated RSV infections despite adequate immune globulin dosing in a compliant patient), or
- Asceniv is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
 - > Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases (Pemphigus Vulgaris, Pemphigus Foliaceus, Bullous Pemphigoid, Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid [Cicatricial Pemphigoid], and Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita), or
 - > Severe Vasculitic Syndromes, Systemic (Polyarteritis nodosa), Churg-Strauss Vasculitis, and Livedoid Vasculitis (Atrophie Blanche), or
 - > Pyoderma Gangrenosum, or
 - > Immune-Mediated Neutropenia, or
 - > Stevens-Johnson Syndrome and/or Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis, or
 - > Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, or
 - > Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia, or
 - > Thrombocytopenia, Feto-neonatal Alloimmune, or
 - > Myasthenia Gravis, or
 - > Dermatomyositis or Polymyositis, or
 - > Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP), or
 - > Stiff-Person Syndrome (Moersch-Woltman Syndrome), or

- History of use of two preferred medications, or
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Bivigam or Panzyga, may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- Bivigam or Panzyga is being prescribed to treat one of the following conditions:
 - > Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Diseases (Pemphigus Vulgaris, Pemphigus Foliaceus, Bullous Pemphigoid, Mucous Membrane Pemphigoid [Cicatricial Pemphigoid], and Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita), or
 - > Severe Vasculitic Syndromes, Systemic (Polyarteritis nodosa), Churg-Strauss Vasculitis, and Livedoid Vasculitis (Atrophie Blanche), or
 - > Pyoderma Gangrenosum, or
 - > Immune-Mediated Neutropenia, or
 - > Stevens-Johnson Syndrome and/or Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis, or
 - > Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, or
 - > Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia, or
 - > Thrombocytopenia, Feto-neonatal Alloimmune, or
 - > Myasthenia Gravis, or
 - > Dermatomyositis or Polymyositis, or
 - > Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP), or
 - > Stiff-Person Syndrome (Moersch-Woltman Syndrome), or
- History of use of two preferred medications, **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Immune Globulins ^{SC}

Preferred* medications		Non-preferred medications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cutaquig • Gammagard Liquid • Gammaked 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gamunex-C • Hizentra • Xembify 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuvitru • HyQvia

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.

Cuvitru may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- Patient with hyperprolinemia, the patient has tried Xembify, **or**
- Patient with a hypersensitivity to polysorbate 80, **or**
- History of use of two preferred medications, **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

HyQvia may be covered when the criteria listed below are satisfied:

- Patient is being treated for chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, the patient has tried Hizentra, **or**
- History of use of two preferred medications, **or**
- Continuation of prior therapy or use within the past 365 days.

Immunomodulators

Preferred* medications	Non-preferred medications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avsola • Inflectra • Renflexis 	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
 - > Microscopic Colitis, Refractory, **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 JI5, 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">• Feraheme• Injectafer• Monoferric

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">• Beovu• Byooviz• Cimerli• Eyle <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eylea HD• Lucentis• Vabysmo

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">• Abraxane• Paclitaxel protein-bound

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.

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">• Riabni• Ruxience• Truxima	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rituxan Hycela• Rituxan IV

Non-preferred medication Step Therapy criteria

Applicable MAC regions: CGS J15. 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 (J1930) Lanreotide (J1930)	• Lanreotide (J1932) • Sandostatin LAR

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 (J1932) 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 J15, 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">• Depo-Testosterone (testosterone cypionate)• Delatestryl (testosterone enanthate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aveed• Testopel• Xyosted

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.

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">• Kanjinti• Ogivri• Trazimera	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Herceptin Hylecta• Herceptin IV• Herzuma• Ontruzant

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

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.

Applicable codes

Antiemetic - Serotonin Receptor Antagonists (injectable) for oncology

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
J1626	Injection, granisetron hydrochloride, 100 mcg
J2405	Injection, ondansetron hydrochloride, per 1 mg
J2469	Injection, palonosetron HCl, 25 mcg
Non-preferred	
J1627	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

HCPCS code	Description
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	
Q5101	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
Q5111	Injection, pegfilgrastim-cbqv (Udenyca), biosimilar, 0.5 mg
Q5122	Injection, pegfilgrastim-apgf (Nyvepria), biosimilar, 0.5 mg
Non-preferred	

HCPCS code	Description
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 (Fylnetra), biosimilar, 0.5 mg

Immune Globulins IV

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
J1572	Injection, Immune globulin (Flebogamma), 500 mg
J1569	Injection, Immune globulin (Gammagard liquid), 500 mg
J1566	Injection, Immune globulin (powder), 500 mg
J1561	Injection, Immune globulin (Gamunex-C/Gammaked), 500 mg
J1557	Injection, Immune globulin (Gammaplex), 500 mg
J1568	Injection, Immune globulin (Octagam), 500 mg
J1459	Injection, immune globulin (Privigen), 500 mg
Non-preferred	
J1599	Injection, Immune globulin, (liquid), 500 mg
J1554	Injection, Immune globulin (Asceniv), 500 mg
J1556	Injection, Immune globulin (Bivigam), 500 mg
J1576	Injection, Immune globulin (Panzyga), 500 mg

Immune Globulins SC

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
J1551	Injection, Immune globulin (Cutaquig), 100 mg
J1569	Injection, Immune globulin (Gammagard liquid), 500 mg
J1561	Injection, Immune globulin (Gamunex-C/Gammaked), 500 mg
J1559	Injection, Immune globulin (Hizentra), 100 mg
J1558	Injection, immune globulin (Xembify), 100 mg

HCPCS code	Description
Non-preferred	
J1555	Injection, Immune globulin (Cuvitru), 100 mg
J1575	Injection, Immune globulin (Hyqvia), 100 mg

Immunomodulators

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
Q5103	Injection, infliximab-dyyb, biosimilar, (Inflectra), 10 mg
Q5104	Injection, infliximab-abda, biosimilar, (Renflexis), 10 mg
Q5121	Injection, infliximab-axxq, biosimilar, (Avsola), 10 mg
Non-preferred	
J1745	Injection, infliximab, excludes biosimilar, 10 mg

Intravenous Iron

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

Ophthalmic Disorders Intravitreal Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) Inhibitors

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
C9257	Injection, bevacizumab (Avastin), 0.25 mg
J7999	Compounded drug, not otherwise classified
J9035	Injection, bevacizumab (Avastin), 10 mg
Non-preferred	
J0178	Injection, aflibercept, 1 mg
J0179	Injection, brolocizumab-dbl, 1 mg

HCPCS code	Description
J0177	Injection, aflibercept hd, 1mg
J2777	Injection, faricimab-svoa, 0.1 mg
J2778	Injection, ranibizumab, 0.1 mg
Q5124	Injection, ranibizumab-nuna, biosimilar, (Byooviz), 0.1 mg
Q5128	Injection, ranibizumab-eqrn (Cimerli), biosimilar, 0.1 mg

Paclitaxel Medications

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

Rituximab

HCPCS code	Description
Preferred	
Q5115	Injection, rituximab-abbs, biosimilar, (Truxima), 10 mg
Q5119	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, (ciplā), 1 mg

HCPCS code	Description
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 Injactable

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	
J7324	Hyaluronan or derivative, Orthovisc, for intra-articular injection, per dose
J7325	Hyaluronan or derivative, Synvisc or Synvisc-One, for intra-articular injection, 1 mg
J7327	Hyaluronan or derivative, Monovisc, for intra-articular injection, per dose
Non-preferred	
J7318	Hyaluronan or derivative, Durolane, for intra-articular injection, 1 mg
J7320	Hyaluronan or derivative, GenVisc 850, for intra-articular injection, 1 mg
J7321	Hyaluronan or derivative, Hyalgan, Supartz or Visco-3, for intra-articular injection, per dose
J7322	Hyaluronan or derivative, Hymovis, for intra-articular injection, 1 mg
J7323	Hyaluronan or derivative, Euflexxa, for intra-articular injection, per dose
J7326	Hyaluronan or derivative, Gel-One, for intra-articular injection, per dose
J7328	Hyaluronan or derivative, Gel-Syn, for intra-articular injection, 0.1 mg
J7329	Hyaluronan or derivative, TriVisc, for intra-articular injection, 1 mg
J7331	Hyaluronan or derivative, Synojoynt, for intra-articular injection, 1 mg
J7332	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	
N/A	Preferred Part D medication (reference Part D Drug List and Part D UM requirements)
Non-preferred	
J3032	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

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Bevacizumab (Oncology)

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Viscosupplements

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Date	Summary of changes
10/1/2024	<p data-bbox="272 247 516 279">Coverage criteria</p> <ul data-bbox="272 296 1255 625" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="272 296 1255 352">• Immunomodulators<ul data-bbox="293 323 1255 352" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="293 323 1255 352">> NGS MAC region added Microscopic Colitis, Refractory as a potential covered indication<li data-bbox="272 365 776 422">• Immune Globulins IV<ul data-bbox="293 394 776 422" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="293 394 776 422">> New step therapy class and criteria added<li data-bbox="272 434 776 491">• Immune Globulins SC<ul data-bbox="293 464 776 491" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="293 464 776 491">> New step therapy class and criteria added<li data-bbox="272 504 1157 560">• Somatostatin Analogs Long acting<ul data-bbox="293 531 1157 560" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="293 531 1157 560">> Added HCPC codes to specify Lanreotide preferred and non-preferred agents<li data-bbox="272 573 963 630">• Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)** Lupus<ul data-bbox="293 600 963 630" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="293 600 963 630">> Removal of the step therapy class for the part D benefit only <p data-bbox="272 642 508 674">Applicable codes</p> <ul data-bbox="272 690 542 1365" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="272 690 542 1031">• Immune Globulins IV<ul data-bbox="293 720 542 1031" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="293 720 542 747">> JI572 Preferred<li data-bbox="293 747 542 774">> JI569 Preferred<li data-bbox="293 774 542 802">> JI566 Preferred<li data-bbox="293 802 542 829">> JI56I Preferred<li data-bbox="293 829 542 856">> JI557 Preferred<li data-bbox="293 856 542 884">> JI568 Preferred<li data-bbox="293 884 542 911">> JI459 Preferred<li data-bbox="293 911 542 938">> JI599 Non-Preferred<li data-bbox="293 938 542 966">> JI554 Non-Preferred<li data-bbox="293 966 542 993">> JI556 Non-Preferred<li data-bbox="293 993 542 1020">> JI576 Non-Preferred<li data-bbox="272 1043 542 1270">• Immune Globulins SC<ul data-bbox="293 1073 542 1270" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="293 1073 542 1100">> JI55I Preferred<li data-bbox="293 1100 542 1127">> JI569 Preferred<li data-bbox="293 1127 542 1155">> JI56I Preferred<li data-bbox="293 1155 542 1182">> JI559 Preferred<li data-bbox="293 1182 542 1209">> JI558 Preferred<li data-bbox="293 1209 542 1236">> JI555 Non-Preferred<li data-bbox="293 1236 542 1264">> JI575 Non-Preferred<li data-bbox="272 1283 683 1365">• Somatostatin Analogs Long acting<ul data-bbox="293 1312 683 1365" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="293 1312 683 1339">> JI930 Preferred<li data-bbox="293 1339 683 1365">> JI932 Non-Preferred



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