



Medical Coverage Policy and Prior Authorization Update Notice

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The following medical coverage policies are either new policies, policies that have been updated, or policies that have completed their annual review. The second column provides significant information regarding content change that might be of importance to you. The third column provides the effective date of the policy changes and when the updated / new policy will be posted on the [Provider Medical Resource website](#).

BSWHP Medical Policies	Change	Effective Date
081 -- Trigger Point Injection	Updated references, background section, clarified exclusion and limitations section	07/01/2026
206 –Autism Coverage Policy	Updated diagnostic framework to DSM-5-TR, expanded screening criteria and assessment tools, added genetic testing (CMA, fragile X, MECP2) with cross-reference to Policy 037, replaced blanket PKU screening with targeted metabolic testing, broadened EEG indications, added BCBA/BCaBA as qualifying ABA providers, expanded prescribing authority to treating physician, softened neuropsychological testing exclusion with cross-reference to Policy 224, added five experimental/unproven exclusions (TMS, stem cell, CBD, oxytocin, suramin), updated prevalence and epidemiologic data to 2020 ADDM, added federal MHPAEA/parity mandate language, restructured Texas mandate with statutory citations and plan applicability statement, added Category III code annotation for 0362T/0373T, updated bibliography. Comprehensive bibliography modernization scheduled for next review cycle	07/01/2026
217 – Inhaled Nitric Oxide in Preterm Infants	Updated Medical Necessity Requirements, updated exclusions; updated Background Section; Updated References	07/01/2026
224 -- Psychological Testing	Added 96132, 96133, 96121 to covered CPT codes; clarified LOB-dependent coverage for 96138/96139/96146; added MHPAEA federal mandate; added neuropsychological evaluation and APA 2020 guidelines to Background; added repeat testing examples; moved BUROS tables to internal appendix; corrected ICD-10 typo; consolidated additional-hours language; updated internal appendix TMPPM codes; updated references.	07/01/2026
227 –Transoral Fundoplication	Policy updated in line with current guidelines. Coverage expanded from Medicare-only to all lines of business with criteria-based medical necessity determination. Updated Background section. Added medical necessity criteria, exclusion criteria, updated definitions. Updated references.	07/01/2026
239 – Infliximab Products	Retire policy – layering into policy 306/307	07/01/2026

252 – Urine Drug Monitoring in Pain Management and Substance Abuse	No Changes	07/01/2026
257 – Esketamine (Spravato)	Simplified background. Updated HCPCS code.	07/01/2026
306 – Step Therapy – Commercial Plans	Updated infliximab class to include specific drug agents and removed reference to policy #239	07/01/2026
307 – Step Therapy – Medicare Part B	Updated infliximab class to include specific drug agents and removed reference to policy #239	07/01/2026
311 – Lovotibeglogene autotemcel (Lyfgenia)	No Changes	07/01/2026
318 – Drugs and Biologicals Wastage Policy	Replaced defunct Medicare LCA with CMS IOM and CPT manual	07/01/2026
63 – Preventative Care- Affordable Care Act	Updates made to pediatric, adult and women's health preventative care based upon current guidelines and mandates	08/01/2026
084 -- Vertebroplasty Kyphoplasty	Updated background section, updated sacroplasty criteria, updated references	08/01/2026
211-- Orthoptic and Vision Therapy	Updated Prior Authorization Criteria, Background Section and references	08/01/2026
216 – Preterm and Early Term Deliveries	Updated Background Section	08/01/2026
242 – Vitamin Assays	Updated NCD link; updated cpt code from 82306 to 82308,updated references	08/01/2026
303 Teplizumab (Tzield)	Updated age criteria to align with FDA labeling. Simplified background section. Added background for expanded indication. Minor formatting changes.	08/01/2026
304 Valoctocogene roxaparovec (Roctavian)	Simplified background section.	08/01/2026
309 Atidarsagene autotemcel (Lenmeldy)	Clarified one treatment per lifetime authorized. Simplified background section.	08/01/2026
290 Idecabtagene Vicleucel (Abecma)	Removed REMS criteria. Updated criteria #10 to include examples of IMiD, PI, and anti-CD38 monoclonal antibodies. Simplified background section. Updated CPT, HCPCS, and ICD10 codes. Updated references section.	08/01/2026

298 Cilktacabtagene autoleucl (Carvykti)	Removed REMS criteria. Updated criteria #9 immunomodulator examples. Simplified background section. Updated CPT, HCPCS, and ICD10 codes. Updated references section.	08/01/2026
229 -- Peroral Endoscopic Myotomy (POEM) for Esophageal Achalasia	Updated inclusion criteria; updated references	09/01/2026
249 Voretigene neparvovec-rzyl (Luxtorna)	Minor formatting changes	09/01/2026
253 Onasemnogene Abeparvovec (Zolgensma)	Minor formatting changes	09/01/2026
291 – Lisocabtagene maraleucl (Breyanzi)	Removed REMS criteria. Added indication specific criteria for MZL, Histologic (Richter) Transformation to DLBCL, and Pediatric PMBCL. Updated CPT codes. Added ICD-10 code for MZL. Updated background section. Updated references section. Minor formatting updates	09/01/2026
301 Lecanemab (Leqembi)	Updated renewal authorization MRI criteria to align with prescribing information	09/01/2026
312 Etanacogene dezaparvovec-drlb (Hemgenix)	Minor formatting changes	09/01/2026
315 Obecabtagene autoleucl (Aucatzyl)	Updated HCPCS Codes	09/01/2026
045 Immune Globulin Therapy	Code list revised	09/01/2026

Notice:

New to market medical specialty drugs may require prior authorization. This includes new medical drugs with a drug specific Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code as well as drugs with a miscellaneous HCPCS code. Please note inclusion of a drug in this update document does not guarantee benefit coverage. You should verify benefits prior to requesting authorization. Payment for authorized services is contingent upon verification of eligibility for benefits, the benefits available in the member's plan, the applicable contractual limitations, restrictions and exclusions.

Prior Authorization List Changes Effective 7/1/2026

Service Code	Description	PA Change	Line of Business
64567	Percutaneous electrical nerve field stimulation, cranial nerves, without implantation	Add Replaces 67007	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
93998	Unlisted noninvasive vascular diagnostic study	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
0620U	Oncology (hepatocellular carcinoma), DNA methylation analysis of more than 5,000 sites, whole blood, algorithm reported as positive or negative risk	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
0630U	Oncology (breast), mRNA, gene expression profiling by microarray of 80 genes (80 content and 465 housekeeping), utilizing formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissue (FFPE), algorithm reported as an index that is	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
81524	Oncology (central nervous system tumor), DNA methylation analysis of at least 10,000 methylation sites, utilizing DNA extracted from formalin-fixed tumor tissue, algorithm(s) reported as probability of matching a reference tumor family and class, and MGMT (O-6-methylguanine-DNA methyltransferase) promoter methylation status, if	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
86152	Cell enumeration using immunologic selection and identification in fluid specimen (eg, circulating tumor cells in blood);	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
C9308	Injection, carboplatin (Avyxa), 1 mg	Remove Code Termined	All Plans
C9309	Injection, onasemnogene abeparvovec-brve, per treatment	Remove Code Termined	All Plans

	NOTE: The following additions are for pharmaceuticals that required prior authorization while using miscellaneous codes, which are now assigned unique HCPCS code(s)		
J1289	Injection, narsoplimab-wuug, 1 mg	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
J1577	Injection, immune globulin (qivigy), 100 mg	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
J2361	Injection, depemokimab-ulaa, 1 mg	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
J2789	Riboflavin 5'-phosphate, ophthalmic solution (epioxa hd/epioxa), up to 2 ml	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
J3405	Injection, onasemnogene abeparvovec-brve, per treatment	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
J9062	Injection, amivantamab 5 mg and hyaluronidase-lpuj	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
Q5164	Injection, ustekinumab-hmny (starjemza), biosimilar, 1 mg	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
Q5166	Injection, denosumab-desu (osvyrti/jubereq), biosimilar, 1 mg	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
Q5167	Injection, denosumab-qbde (enoby/xtrenbo), biosimilar, 1 mg	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
Q5169	Injection, pegfilgrastim-unne (armlupeg), biosimilar, 0.5 mg	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
J9053	Injection, belantamab mafodotin-blmf, 0.1 mg	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP

**Prior Authorization List Changes
(30-Day Notice / SECOND NOTICE)
Effective 8/1/2026**

Service Code	Description	PA Change	Line of Business
J0528	Injection, fosfomycin disodium, 20 mg	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
J7176	Injection, human fibrinogen - chmt (fesity), 1 mg	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
J9232	Injection, docetaxel (hospira), not therapeutically equivalent to J9171, 1 mg	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
Q5165	Injection, denosumab-mobz (oziltus), biosimilar, 1 mg	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
Q5168	Injection, ranibizumab-leyk (nufymco), biosimilar, 0.1 mg	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
Q5170	Injection, aflibercept-boav (eydenzelt), biosimilar, 1 mg	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
Q5171	Injection, denosumab-mobz (boncresa), biosimilar, 1 mg	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
	NOTE: The following additions are for pharmaceuticals currently using miscellaneous codes which will be updated to HCPCS code(s) when new code(s) are assigned		
C9399 J9999	Injection, etoposide, IV	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
C9399 J9999	Injection, fluorouracil, IV	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
C9399 J3490	Injection, fosfomycin, IV	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
C9399 J3590	Injection, pegzilarginase-nbln, IV or SC	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP

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C9399 J3590	Injection, tividenufosp alfa-eknm	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP

**Prior Authorization List Changes
(60-Day Notice / FIRST NOTICE)
Effective 9/1/2026**

Service Code	Description	PA Change	Line of Business
C9310	Injection, leucovorin calcium (avyxa), 1 mg	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP
	NOTE: The following additions are for pharmaceuticals currently using miscellaneous codes which will be updated to HCPCS code(s) when new code(s) are assigned		
J3590	Injection, denosumab-adet	Add	All Plans, EXCEPT Medicaid / CHIP

Additional Information for Providers

The rendering provider must be the same on the preauthorization request and on the claim's submission. If there is a change, it is imperative that the utilization review team is notified to amend the preauthorization in a timely manner.

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