

Part B Step Therapy Updates for Medicare Advantage

Florida Blue Medicare has made a change to Part B step therapy programs. Effective January 1, 2024, BlueMedicareSM added one category to the Part B step therapy program and is including additional drugs to the program affecting patients enrolled in Medicare Advantage. The drugs added to existing categories below are listed in blue font.

Drug Alternatives

Step therapy is required, and the definition of medical necessity must be met, for certain higher-cost non-preferred medications. We encourage you to consider prescribing one of the following preferred alternatives (prior authorization may apply) instead of the non-preferred drugs:

New Category for Part B Step Therapy Program

Cardiovascular/Cholesterol Lowering Agents

Preferred Products/HCPSC Code(s)		Non-Preferred Product/HCPSC Code(s)	
Repatha*	J3590	Leqvio	J1306
Praluent*	C9399		

*Covered under Part D benefit (pre-authorization may apply)

Updates to Existing Categories for Part B Step Therapy Program

Complement Inhibitors

Preferred Product(s)/HCPSC Code(s)		Indication	Non-Preferred Product(s)/HCPSC Code(s)	
Ultomiris	J1303	Myasthenia gravis (gMG)	Soliris	J1300
Vyvgart Vyvgart Hytrulo Rystiggo	J9332 C9399, J3590 C9399, J3590			

Ophthalmic Agents

Preferred Product(s)/HCPSC Code(s)		Non-Preferred Product(s)/HCPSC Code(s)	
Bevacizumab	J3490 C9257	Beovu Byooviz Cimerli Eylea Eylea HD Lucentis Macugen Susvimo Vabysmo Visudyne	J0179 Q5124 Q5128 J0178 C9399, J3590 J2778 J2503 J2779 J2777 J3396

Viscosupplements

Preferred Product(s)/HCPCS Code(s)		Non-Preferred Product(s)/HCPCS Code(s)	
Synvisc/Synvisc One	J7325	Durolane	J7318
Orthovisc	J7324	Euflexxa	J7323
		Gel-One	J7326
		Gelsyn-3	J7328
		Genvisc-850	J7320
		Hyalgan	J7321
		Hymovis	J7222
		Monovisc	J7327
		Supartz	J7321
		Supartz FX	J7321
		Triluron	J7332
		Trivisc	J7329
		Visco-3	J7321

Note: Step therapy may only be applied to new prescriptions or administrations of Part B drugs for enrollees who are not actively receiving the affected medication.

The most recent list of medications that require Step therapy is available online at MCG.bcbsfl.com. (Enter "Medicare" in the "Search MCG's" box below the Florida Blue logo.)