Medications Added to FEP PPO Prior Authorization List—Effective March 1, 2024

Effective March 1, 2024—specifically for FEP PPO—the medications below will be added to the list of drugs subject to prior authorization in order to better manage rising specialty drug costs. These medications are covered under the medical benefit and are administered in the outpatient hospital, home or office settings.

Why the change?

CareFirst is continually working with healthcare delivery partners to optimize utilization management strategies to increase efficiencies and control costs while ensuring members receive affordable, quality care. Prior authorization helps balance access with appropriate and safe utilization of these high-cost medications.

Prior authorization additions

Prior authorization approvals may be subject to dosing limits in accordance with FDA-approved labeling, accepted compendia and/or evidence-based practice guidelines. Failure to obtain prior authorization for these medications may result in the denial of the claim payment.

Drug name	Drug Class
Givlaari	AHP (Acute Hepatic Porphyria)
Amvuttra	Amyloidosis
Onpattro	
Tegsedi	
Simponi Aria	Autoimmune
Skyrizi	
Stelara IV	
Stelara SQ	
Alymsys	Bevacizumab
Avastin	
Mvasi	
Vegzelma	
Zirabev	
Soliris	Complement Inhibitors
Ultomiris	
Vyvgart	Antimyasthenic Agents

Drug	Category
Vyvgart Hytrulo	
Procrit	Erythropoietin
Retacrit	
Neupogen	Filgrastim
Granix	
Nivestym	
Releuko	
Zarxio	
Avsola	Infliximab
Inflectra	
Infliximab	
Ixifi	
Remicade	
Renflexis	
Ocrevus	Multiple_Sclerosis
Eylea	Ocular VEGF
Beovu	
Vabysmo	
Byooviz	
Cimerli	
Lucentis	
Rolvedon	Pegfilgrastim
Fulphila	
Fylnetra	
Neulasta	
Neulasta/Onpro	
Nyvepria	
Stimufend	
Udenyca	
Ziextenzo	
Oxlumo	Primary Hyperoxaluria Type 1
Riabni	Rituximab
Rituxan	
Rituxan Hycela	
Ruxience	
Herceptin	Trastuzumab
Herceptin Hylecta	
Kanjinti	
Ogivri	
Ontruzant	
Truxima	

How to Request Prior Authorization

Providers may submit a prior authorization online by logging in to the Provider Portal at

www.carefirst.com/providerlogin and navigating to the Pre-Auth / Notifications tab. Training resources for entering prior authorizations are available on our Learning and Engagement Center.

As a reminder, the following specialties/scenarios are out-of-scope and do not require prior authorization for medications covered under the medical benefit:

- Ambulatory Surgery Centers
- Birthing Centers
- Dialysis
- Emergency Room
- Home Health Agencies
- Hospice
- Lithotripsy
- Inpatient Hospital Stay
- Mental Health Facilities & Halfway Houses
- Outpatient Department during Surgery
- Patients in Observation
- Skilled Nursing Facilities

FEP PPO Medical Preferred Drug Strategy Update: March 1, 2024

Effective March 1, 2024, the preferencing strategy for select medications covered under the medical benefit will be updated. When medically appropriate, the preferred medications listed in the chart below will need to be tried first before a non-preferred medication can be covered.

Drug Class	Non-Preferred Product(s)	Preferred Product(s)
Autoimmune Infused Infliximab	Inflectra Renflexis Ixifi	Remicade Avsola Infliximab
Bevacizumab (oncology)	Vegzelma Alymsys Zirabev	Avastin Mvasi
Hematologic, Neutropenia Colony Stimulating Factors – Short Acting	Neupogen Granix Releuko	Nivestym Zarxio

Drug Class	Non-Preferred Product(s)	Preferred Product(s)
Hematologic, Neutropenia Colony Stimulating Factors – Long Acting	Fulphila Fylnetra Nyvepria Stimufend Ziextenzo	Neulasta syringe/Neulasta Onpro Udenyca
Retinal Disorders Agents	Lucentis	Byooviz Cimerli
Rituximab	Ruxience Truxima	Rituxan Rituxan Hycela Riabni
Trastuzumab	Herceptin Herceptin Hylecta Trazimera Herzuma	Kanjinti Ogivri Ontruzant

Why the change?

CareFirst's Medical Preferred Drug Strategy supports utilization of preferred medications which are equally safe and clinically effective as non-preferred medications and leverages lower drug costs associated with biosimilar therapies to manage cost.

What this means for impacted patients

- If a patient is taking a non-preferred medication, they can continue to take that medication until the current prior authorization expires.
- If a patient needs to continue medication therapy with the non-preferred medication, their doctor can submit a new prior authorization upon the expiration date of the current prior authorization.
- The new prior authorization may result in an approval for an alternative, preferred medication, which is as clinically effective and safe as the non-preferred medication.
- If their doctor believes the non-preferred medication must be continued, their doctor can submit information within the new prior authorization request to obtain a medical necessity exception.

How to request prior authorization

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