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Medications Added to Prior Authorization and Site of Care Management Lists – Effective September 1, 2022

Effective September 1, 2022, the medications below will be added to the list of drugs subject to prior authorization and site of care management 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.

The [Specialty Drug List](#) includes all medications covered under the medical benefit subject to prior authorization and/or site of care management. This list is updated monthly.

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.

Through prior authorization, site of care criteria is applied for selected medications as an opportunity to help reduce overall healthcare costs without compromising quality of care. The outpatient hospital setting is generally recognized as one of the most expensive options for specialty infusions with costs up to three times higher compared to non-hospital settings.

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
Tezspire	Asthma
Enjaymo	Blood disorders
Leqvio	Lipid disorders
Vyvgart	Myasthenia gravis
Releuko	Neutropenia
Susvimo	Ocular disorders
Xipere	

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Vabysmo	
Besremi Fyarro Kimmtrak Opdualag Pluvicto	Oncology

Site of Care Management Additions

Coverage for these medications at an outpatient hospital setting are approved only if medical necessity criteria are met at the time of prior authorization. Members have the option to receive their infusion at a more cost-effective and convenient alternate site including their home, an ambulatory infusion center or a physician's office.

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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 [Center for Provider Education](#).

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