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# Newsletter articles about drugs covered under the medical benefit

For Blue Cross commercial

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## ***The Record, November 2020***

- [Clarification: AllianceRx Walgreens Prime specialty pharmacy program](#)
- [Reminder: Oncology management program to include Blue Cross commercial members, starting Dec. 1](#)
- [Prior authorization lists for medical specialty drugs will change in November for some members](#)
- [Quarterly update: Requirements changed for some commercial medical benefit drugs](#)
- [Starting Dec. 1, some drugs covered under medical benefit will require authorization for Blue Cross and Blue Shield FEP non-Medicare members](#)
- [Blue Cross and BCN further extend authorization end dates on select medical and pharmacy benefit drugs for Medicare Advantage members](#)

## ***The Record, September 2020***

- [Medical specialty drug prior authorization lists changing for Medicare Plus Blue, BCN Commercial and BCN Advantage](#)
- [AllianceRx Walgreens Prime specialty pharmacy program starts Jan. 1 for most Blue Cross commercial members](#)

## ***The Record, August 2020***

- [Effective Oct. 1, Nivestym and Zarxio are preferred filgrastim products](#)

## ***The Record, July 2020***

- [Starting July 1, 2020, Praluent and Repatha will no longer be designated as specialty drugs](#)
- [Quarterly update: Requirements changed for some commercial medical benefit drugs](#)

## ***The Record, June 2020***

- [Updated: We've added site-of-care requirements for Lemtrada and Tysabri for commercial members](#)

## ***The Record, May 2020***

- [Quarterly update: Requirements changed for some commercial medical benefit drugs](#)
- [We've added site-of-care requirements for Adakveo, Givlaari for Blue Cross' PPO members](#)
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- [We're adding site-of-care requirements for Lemtrada and Tysabri for commercial members, starting May 1](#)
- [Update: Requirements changed for some commercial medical benefit drugs](#)
- [Two medical drugs going on commercial site-of-care program, starting April 1](#)

## ***The Record, May 2020***

- [Quarterly update: Requirements changed for some commercial medical benefit drugs](#)
- [We've added site-of-care requirements for Adakveo, Givlaari for Blue Cross' PPO members](#)
- [We'll pay inpatient facility claims for Zulresso for Blue Cross members, starting July 1](#)

## ***The Record, December 2019***

- [Certain infusion drugs won't be covered in outpatient hospitals, starting in January](#)
- [Commercial PPO members will need authorization for Eylea and Lucentis](#)
- [J0642 replaces J3490 and J3590 when billing levoleucovorin \(khapsory\)](#)

## ***The Record, November 2019***

- [Blue Cross and BCN to cover select hyaluronic acid products, starting Jan.1](#)

## ***The Record, October 2019***

- [We'll cover hemophilia drugs under the pharmacy benefit for most commercial members, starting Jan.1](#)

## ***The Record, September 2019***

- [Quarterly update: Requirements changed for some commercial medical benefit drugs](#)
- [Inflectra to be preferred infliximab product for adult commercial PPO members, beginning Nov. 1](#)
- [We're adding medical benefit specialty drugs to prior authorization and site of care programs for PPO members, starting Oct. 1](#)

## ***The Record, August 2019***

- [Immune, subcutaneous globulin dosing strategy changing](#)



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- [Medical drug prior authorization program expanding](#)