

Benefits that require preauthorization



Services that require preauthorization include but are not limited to:

- all nonemergency hospital admissions (excluding maternity)
- all same day surgery/short-procedure-unit admissions
- blepharoplasty/ptosis
- breast: reconstruction, reduction, augmentation, mammoplasty, mastopexy, insertion, and removal of breast implants
- canthopexy/canthoplasty
- cataract surgery
- cervicoplasty
- chemical peels
- cochlear implant surgery
- day rehabilitation programs
- dental services as a result of accidental injury
- dermabrasion
- durable medical equipment – purchase items (including repairs and replacements) over \$500, and *all* rentals (except oxygen, diabetic supplies, and unit dose medication for nebulizer)
- excision of excessive skin and/or subcutaneous tissue
- genetically and bio-engineered skin substitutes for wound care
- hair transplant
- hyperbaric oxygen
- infusion therapy provided in a home setting or outpatient facility
- injectable dermal fillers
- inpatient alcohol and inpatient/outpatient substance abuse treatment
- inpatient psychiatric care
- keloid removal
- labiaplasty
- lipectomy/liposuction or any other fat removal procedure
- nonemergency ambulance services
- obesity surgery

In most cases members are not responsible for payment of covered services if the network provider does not obtain preauthorization.

For more information regarding preauthorization requirements, please visit www.ibxpress.com, or call 1-800-ASK-BLUE (1-800-275-2583).

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- orthognathic surgery procedures including but not limited to: bone graft, genioplasty, osteoplasty, mentoplasty, osteotomies
- other facility services: skilled nursing, home health, and hospice
- otoplasty
- outpatient therapies: speech, infusion therapy, lymphedema
- pain management procedures (including epidural injections, transforaminal epidural injections, paravertebral facet joint injections)
- PET scans, MRI, MRA, CT/CTA scans, and nuclear cardiology
- prosthetics and orthotics – purchase items (including repairs and replacements) over \$500 (excluding ostomy supplies)
- rhinoplasty
- rhytidectomy
- scar revision
- services that are potentially cosmetic, experimental, or investigative
- sex reassignment surgery
- skin closures including skin grafts, skin flaps, and tissue grafts
- surgery for varicose veins including perforators and sclerotherapy
- surgical treatment of gynecomastia



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Specialty drugs requiring precertification

When administered in an outpatient facility or in a professional provider's office, all of the following brands and their generic equivalents require precertification. This list is subject to change.

Infusion therapy drugs

Antineoplastic agents

- Abraxane®
- Alimta®
- Arzerra™
- Avastin® (except for ophthalmological conditions)
- Eloxatin®
- Erbitux®
- Folutyn®
- Halaven™
- Herceptin®
- Herceptin® DM1*
- Istdodax®
- Jevtana®
- rituximab
- Temodar®
- Yervoy™

Bisphosphonate agents

- Aredia®
- Boniva®

Cardiovascular agents

- Flolan®
- Remodulin®

Coagulation modifiers (C1 esterase inhibitors)

- Berinert®
- Cinryze®

Enzyme replacement agents

- Aldurazyme®
- Ceredase®
- Cerezyme®
- Elaprase®
- Fabrazyme®
- Lumizyme®
- Myozyme®
- Replagal®*
- Uplyso®*
- VPRIV®

Hemophilia factors

Immunological agents

- Actemra®
- Benlysta®
- Orencia®
- Remicade®
- Tysabri®

Intravenous immune globulin (IVIG)

Miscellaneous therapeutic agents

- Ampligen®*
- Nulojix®
- Provenge®
- Soliris®

Respiratory enzymes (Alpha-1 antitrypsin)

- Aralast NP
- Glassia™
- Prolastin® C
- Zemaira®

Medical injectable drugs

Antineoplastic agents

- Omapro™*

Botulinum toxin agents

- Botox®

Endocrine/metabolic agents

- Makena™

Hematological agents

- Kalbitor®
- Mozobil™

Hyaluronate acid products

- Euflexxa™**
- Hyalgan®
- Orthovisc®
- Supartz®
- Synvisc®**
- Synvisc-One™**

Immunological agents

- Prolia®
- Stelara™
- Xgeva™

Intraocular agents

- Lucentis®
- Macugen®

Respiratory agents

- Synagis®
- Xolair®

**Choosing one of these preferred brands does not affect the member's cost-sharing for the drug.



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