

Medicare Part B drugs subject to step therapy

In certain drug categories where there are multiple treatment options that have been shown to produce similar clinical results, Independence Blue Cross (IBX) may use a process known as **step therapy**. In step therapy, the health plan identifies certain drugs as preferred products. Members must try a preferred product before IBX will cover treatment with a non-preferred product. The requirements for preferred products are available in our medical policies. The list is subject to change.

Cancer

Preferred products	Non-preferred products
Eligard [®]	Camcevi [®] , Lupron depot [®]
Mvasi [®] , Zirabev [®]	Alymsys [®] , Avastin [®] , Avzivi [®] , Vegzelma [®]
Kanjinti [®] , Ogivri [®] , Ontruzant [®]	Herceptin [®] , Hercessi [®] , Herceptin Hylecta [™] , Herzuma [®] , Trazimera [™]
Riabni [™] , Ruxience [®] , Truxima [®]	Rituxan [®] , Rituxan Hycela [™]

Colony-stimulating factors (long-acting)

Preferred products	Non-preferred products
Fulphila [™] , Neulasta [®]	Fylnetra [™] , Nyvepria [®] , Rolvedon [®] , Stimufend [®] , Udenyca [®] , Udenyca [®] OnBody, Ziextenzo [™]

Colony-stimulating factors (short-acting)

Preferred products	Non-preferred products
Nivestym [®] , Zarxio [®]	Neupogen [®] , Granix [®] , Releuko [®]

Denosumab products

Preferred products	Non-preferred products
Jubbonti [®] , Stoboclo [®] , Osenvelt [®] , Wyost [®]	Aukelso [™] , Bilyos [®] , Bilprevda [®] , Bomynta [®] , Bosaya [™] , Connexence [®] , Enoby [®] Ospomyv [®] , Prolia [®] , Xbryk [®] , Xgeva [®] , Xtrenbo [®]

Ecilizumab products

Preferred products	Non-preferred products
Epysqli [®]	Soliris [®] , Bkembv [®]

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Hyaluronate acid products

Preferred products	Non-preferred products
Monovisc [®] , Orthovisc [®] , Synvisc [®] , Synvisc-One [®]	Durolane [®] , Euflexxa [™] , Gel-One [®] , Gelsyn3 [™] , GenVisc-850 [®] , Hyalgan [®] , Hymovis [®] , Supartz [®] , Synjoynt [™] , Triluron [™] , TriVisc [™] , VISCO-3 [®]

Infliximab products

Preferred products
Avsola [™] Inflectra [®] , Infliximab (unbranded), Ixifi [®] , Remicade [®] , Renflexis [®]

IV Iron

Preferred products (Level 1)	Non-preferred products (Level 2)
All generic IV Iron (Feraheme [®] , Ferrlecit [®] , INFeD [®] , Venofer [®])	Injectafer [®] , Monoferric [®]

Intravenous Immune Globulin (IVIG)

Preferred products	Non-preferred products
Bivigam [®] , Cutaquig [®] , Cuvitru [®] , Flebogamma [®] , Flebogamma DIF [®] , Gamastan S/D [®] , Gammagard Liquid [®] , Gammagard S/D [®] , Gammaked [®] , Gammaplex [®] , Gamunex C [®] , Hizentra [®] , HyQvia [®] , Octagam [®] , Privigen [®] , Xembify [®] , Yimmugo [®]	Alyglo [®] , Asceniv [®] , Panzyga [®]

Myasthenia Gravis agents

Preferred products	Non-preferred products
Vyvgart [®] , Rystiggo [®]	Imaavy [®] , Ultomiris [®] , Epysqli [®] , Soliris [®] , Bkempv [™]

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Ophthalmologic conditions treated with vascular endothelial growth factors

Preferred products (Level 1)	Non-preferred products (Level 2)
Alymsys [®] , Avastin [®] , Avzivi [®] , Mvasi [®] , Vegzelma [®] , Zirabev [®]	Byooviz [™] , Cimerli [®] , Lucentis [®]
Non-preferred products (Level 3)	
Ahzantive [®] , Beovu [®] , Enzeevu [®] , Eylea [®] , Eylea HD [®] , Eyzenvelt [®] , Susvimo [™] , Opuviz [®] , Vabysmo [®] , Yesafli [®]	

Ustekinumab products

Preferred products	Non-preferred products
Yesintek [™]	Imuldosa [™] , Otulfi [®] , Pyzchiva [®] , Selarsdi [™] , Starjezma [®] , Stelara [®] , Steqeyma [®] , Wezlana [™]

Tocilizumab products

Preferred products	Non-preferred products
Tyenne [®]	Actemra [®] , Avtozma [®] , Tofidence [™]

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This is not a complete list of drugs covered by our plan. For complete listing, please call the IBX Help Team at **1-800-ASK-BLUE**, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday - Friday*, or visit **ibx.com/medicare**.

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