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## This month's reminders

We regularly review and adjust our clinical, payment and coding policies. Review our policies and claim edits on our provider portal on Availity®.\* Just go to **Payer Space > Resources > Expanded Claim Edits**.

Or you may visit [Aetna.com](#) to see them.



### Hospital-owned practices reimbursement

This update applies to commercial members only.

#### Effective June 1, 2025

For hospital-owned practices, we'll no longer reimburse facilities for their facility/practice expense when this is already being paid to the physician.

Note to Maine and Vermont providers: For commercial plans, your effective date for routine changes described in this article will be the statutory date of January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1, whichever date follows the effective date(s) referred to in this article. Changes required by state or federal law, or pursuant to revisions of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes published by the American Medical Association, may be effective outside the statutory dates outlined above.

Note to Washington providers: For commercial plans, your effective date for changes described in this article will be communicated following regulatory review.



### Changes to our National Precertification List (NPL)

These changes apply to our commercial and Medicare members.

#### Reminder: Effective February 1, 2025

We'll no longer require precertification for the following:

- Thawing of cryopreserved embryo(s) (89352)

We'll require precertification for the following:

- Tecentriq Hybreza™ (atezolizumab and hyaluronidase-tqjs, J3490, J3590, C9399, J9999). Precertification also includes site of care.
- Ocrevus Zunovo™ (ocrelizumab and hyaluronidase, J3490, J3590, C9399). Precertification also includes site of care.
- Boruzu (bortezomib, J3490, J3590, C9399)
- Tremfya® (guselkumab, J3490, J3590, C9399)

For Medicare plans only, we'll require precertification for the following:

- Knee arthroscopy (29875, 29876, 29877, 29879)
- Lupron depot® (leuprolide acetate, J1950)

#### Reminder: Effective February 26, 2025

We'll require precertification (including for site of care) for the following:

- Aucatzyl® (obecabtagene autoleucel, obe-cel, J3490, J3590, C9399)
- Kebilidi (eladocagene exuparvovec-tneq, J3490, J3590, C9399).

### Emergency services and precertification

Emergency services don't require precertification unless one of the following apply:

- Procedures requiring precertification don't occur on the same day as the emergency room visit
- Emergency visits resulting in an inpatient hospital admission require reporting within two business days of the admission.

### Submitting precertification requests

Submit precertification requests at least two weeks in advance and include the actual date of service in the request. To save time, request authorization online through our provider portal on Availity®. Doing so is fast, secure and simple.

You can also use your practice's Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system if it's set up for electronic precertification requests. Use our "Search by CPT® code" function on our [NPL](#) page to find out if the code requires precertification.\*

If you need precertification for a specialty drug for a commercial or Medicare member, submit your request through Novologix®, also available on Availity\*\*.

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### CPAP adherence

This update applies to both commercial and Medicare members.

Reminder: Beginning April 1, 2025, we'll no longer reimburse the CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure) device or the supplies unless adherence to positive airway pressure therapy is documented using adherence codes G8851, G8854 and G8855 on the claim.

Note to Washington State providers: For commercial plans, your effective date for changes described in this article will be communicated to you following regulatory review.

## You can always find this information on our provider portal on Availity.\*

You can also use our Code Edit Lookup tools on Availity®. Just go to **Payer Space > Applications > Code Edit Lookup Tools**. Keep your Aetna provider ID number handy to access them.

[Availity portal](#)

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