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This month's policy changes and 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.**

Policy changes

Changes to our National Precertification List (NPL)

These updates apply to both our commercial and Medicare members, unless otherwise noted.

Effective May 1, 2026, we'll no longer require precertification for Medicare for the following drugs:

- Fulphila® (pegfilgrastim-jmdb) (Q5108)

Effective May 1, 2026, we'll require precertification for the following drugs:

- ustekinumab-srlf (Q5098)
- ranibizumab-nuna (Q5124)
- Nufymco® (ranibizumab-leyk) (J3490, J3590, C9399)
- Ponlimsi® (denosumab-adet) (J3490, J3590, C9399)
- Avlayah® (tividenofusp alfa-eknm) (J3490, J3590, C9399)

Effective May 1, 2026, we'll require precertification and Site of Care for the following drugs:

- tocilizumab-aazg (Q5135)
- trastuzumab-dttb (Q5112)
- eculizumab-aagh (Q5151)

Effective July 1, 2026, we'll require precertification for the following drugs:

- Kresladi® Gene-based, Cellular, and Other Innovative Therapies (GCIT®) (marnetegragene autotemcel) (J3490, J3590, C9399)

Effective August 1, 2026, we'll require precertification for commercial for the following drugs:

- Venofer® (iron sucrose) (J1756)
- Ferrlecit® (sodium ferric gluconate) (J2916)
- Gazyva® (obinutuzumab) (J9301)
- Vabrinty® (leuprolide acetate) (J9217)

Effective August 1, 2026, we'll require precertification and Site of Service for the following codes:

- venous ligation codes (36482–36483)

Effective January 1, 2027, we'll require precertification for the following drugs:

- Onivyde® (irinotecan liposome) (J9205)

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 precertification 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 [Precertification Lists](#) 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®, which is also available on Availity®.

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.

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.

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