

Policy Title:	General Prior Authorization form for medically administered medications		
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Purpose: To support safe, effective and appropriate use of medically administered medications that do not have drug specific criteria.

Scope: Medicaid, Exchange, Integrity

Policy Statement:

For all medically administered medications (without drug specific criteria) under the Medical Benefit when used within the following guidelines. Use outside of these guidelines may result in non-payment unless approved under an exception process.

Procedure:

Initial Criteria Coverage:

- The medically administered medication is being used for an FDA approved indication.
- The medically administered medication is being dosed according to FDA guidelines.
- The medically administered medication is being requested with the correct HCPCS code and units.
- Patient must follow established clinical practice guidelines for treatment of their medical condition.
- If requesting a reference product when a biosimilar product is available, the patient must have failure, intolerance or contraindication to the biosimilar product unless such therapies do not exist (*Integrity* members ONLY: do NOT have to have a failure to the biosimilar product).

Continuation of therapy:

- Patient meets all initial criteria.
- Patient is tolerating treatment.
- Patient has disease stabilization or improvement in disease (as defined by established clinical practice guidelines).
- Coverage durations:
 - Initial coverage criteria = 6 months
 - Continuation of therapy = 6 months

Investigational Use: All therapies are considered investigational when used at a dose or for a condition other than those that are recognized as medically accepted indications as defined in any one of the following standard reference compendia: American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information (AHFS-DI), Thomson Micromedex DrugDex, Clinical Pharmacology, Wolters Kluwer Lexi-Drugs, or Peer-reviewed published medical literature indicating that sufficient evidence exists to support use. Neighborhood does not provide coverage for drugs when used for investigational purposes.