

April 28, 2020

## Important Benefit Change

<FIRST NAME> <LAST NAME>  
<ADDRESS 1>  
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<CITY>, <STATE> <ZIP>

Dear <First Name>,

As part of our ongoing efforts to make high-quality and affordable healthcare available to our members, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI) regularly reviews the list of drugs that require prior authorization. Our goal is to make sure that our members continue to have access to effective medications at the lowest possible cost.

As a result, effective **July 1, 2020**, BCBSRI will begin requiring prior authorization for an expanded list of drugs that may be covered under our medical benefit for Medicare Advantage plans. You have been identified as someone using one or more of the drugs listed on the back of this letter, which are part of this program. Please note that most of these drugs are typically ones that you receive in your doctor's office or hospital outpatient clinic, and are different from drugs commonly covered by Medicare Part D that you would pick up at your pharmacy. We have notified your provider about this upcoming change.

Prior authorizations will be handled by our pharmacy benefits manager Prime Therapeutics, LLC, who will begin processing requests for prior authorization on **July 1, 2020**. You, your representative, or your provider may make your request for us to authorize or provide coverage for the medical drug you want by contacting Prime Therapeutics, LLC. To request a review, call 1-800-693-6651 (TTY: 711), fax 855-212-8110, hours are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or visit [www.myprime.com](http://www.myprime.com). Send written letters to Prime Therapeutics, Attn: Part B Benefit Requests 2900 Ames Crossing Rd., Eagan, MN 55121. Requests cannot be received by Prime Therapeutics, LLC prior to July 1, 2020.

### What should you do?

Please talk with your provider about your treatment options and whether your medications are still right for you. Your doctor may be able to prescribe a different medication, so we encourage you to call and ask if they can discuss this with you over the telephone or make an in-person appointment, once the COVID-19-related restrictions are lifted. If you have questions about your health plan, you can call the Medicare Concierge team at **(401) 277-2958** or **1-800-267-0439 (TTY: 711)** or visit **[bcbsri.com](http://bcbsri.com)**. Hours: October 1 – March 31, seven days a week, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. April 1 – September 30, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to noon. You can use our automated answering system outside of these hours.

Thank you for being a valued member of BCBSRI.

Sincerely,



Matt Collins, MD, MBA  
Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer

**MDR Drug Listing** (Effective 7/1/20)

Abraxane	Evenity	Lucentis	Renflexis
Actemra	Eylea	Lumizyme	Rituxan
Adcetris	Fabrazyme	Lutathera	Rituxan Hyceia
Aldurazyme	Fasenra	Luxtema	Simponi
Alimta	Flebogamma	Macugen	Soliris
Aliqopa	Flolan	Mepsevii	Spinraza
Aralast	Fulphila	Mircera	Spravato
Aranesp	Gamastan	Mylotarg	Stelara
Arzerra	Gamifant	Myobloc	Tecentriq
Bavencio	Gammagard	Naglazyme	Treanda
Bendeka	Gammaked	Neulasta	Truxima
Benlysta	Gammaplex	Neupogen	Tysabri
Bivigam	Gamunex-C	Nivestym	Udenyca
Botox	Gazyva	Nplate	Vectibix
Brineura	Glassia	Nucala	Veletri
Carimune	Granix	Ocrevus	Verteporfin
Cerezyme	Herceptin	Octagam	Vimizim
Cimzia	Herceptin Hylecta	Ogivri	Visudyne
Cinqair	Hizentra	Onpattro	Vpriv
Cinryze	Hyqvia	Opdivo	Xeomin
Crysvita	Ilumya	Orencia	Xgeva
Cuvitru	Imfinzi	Parsabiv	Xiaflex
Cyramza	Inflectra	Polivy	Xiextenso
Darzalex	Kadcyla	Poteligeo	Xolair
Dysport	Kanuma	Privigen	Yervoy
Elaprase	Keytruda	Procrit	Yescarta
Elelyso	Krystexxa	Prolastin-C	Zaltrap
Elzonris	Kymriah	Prolia	Zarxio
Empliciti	Kyprolis	Provenge	Zemaira
Entyvio	Lemtrada	Radicava	
Epogen	Leukine	Remicade	
Erbitux	Libtayo	Remodulin	