



**PROVIDENCE**

Medicare Advantage Plans

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### 2022 STEP THERAPY CRITERIA FOR PART B DRUGS

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This list pertains to the following Providence Medicare Advantage Plans:

BRIDGE 1 + Rx (HMO-POS), BRIDGE 2 + Rx (HMO-POS), CHOICE + Rx 001 (HMO-POS), CHOICE + Rx 002 (HMO-POS), COMPASS + Rx (HMO-POS), COTTONWOOD + Rx (HMO-POS), DUAL PLUS (HMO D-SNP), ENRICH + Rx (HMO), EXTRA PART B ONLY + Rx (HMO), EXTRA + Rx 001 (HMO), EXTRA + Rx 002 (HMO), FOCUS MEDICAL (HMO), HARBOR + Rx (HMO), LATITUDE +Rx (HMO-POS), PINE + Rx (HMO), PRIME + Rx (HMO), SELECT MEDICAL (HMO-POS), SUMMIT + Rx (HMO-POS), TIMBER + Rx (HMO), ALIGN GROUP PLANS + RX (HMO), DISCOVER GROUP PLAN + RX (HMO-POS), EXPLORE GROUP PLAN + RX (HMO-POS)

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## Medicare Part B Step Therapy

- Some medically administered Part B medications, like injectable drugs or biologics, may have special requirements or coverage limits, such as step therapy.
- Step therapy requires a trial of a preferred drug to treat a medical condition before covering a non-preferred drug.
- The step therapy requirement does not apply to members who have already received treatment with the non-preferred drug within the past 365 days.
- Both preferred and non-preferred drugs may still be subject to prior authorization or quantity limits.
- The step therapy criteria outlined in this document may also involve a combination of Part B and Part D drugs. For example, we may not cover a Part B drug unless you try a Part D drug first. Or, we may not cover a Part D drug unless you try a Part B drug first. This is dependent on the therapy described to treat your medical condition. This document contains the Step Therapy protocols for Medicare Part B drugs that are associated with your plan.

## How Step Therapy Works

In the list below, you'll see drugs labeled as either Step 1 (Preferred drug), Step 2 (Non-Preferred drug) or Step 3 (Non-Preferred drug). Step 2 and Step 3 drugs require step therapy. For example: Before you can get a Step 3 drug, you have to first try a Step 1 and a Step 2 drug.

**Step 1** drugs usually require prior authorization. That means before you can take this drug, your doctor has to send us information that explains why you need it. If a Step 1 drug doesn't require prior authorization, we tell you in the list below.

**Step 2** drugs always require prior authorization. Your doctor also needs to let us know one of the following:

- Why the Step 1 drug didn't work for you or why you can't take the Step 1 drug
- Why the Step 2 drug is best for your needs
- Details from your doctor to show that you've taken the Step 2 drug in the past 365 days

**Step 3** drugs always require prior authorization. Your doctor also needs to let us know one of the following:

- Why the Step 1 and Step 2 drugs didn't work for you or why you can't take them.
- Why the Step 3 drug is best for your needs
- Details from your doctor to show that you've taken the Step 1 and/or the Step 2 drug in the past 365 days

The drugs within this list may change at any time. You will receive notice when necessary.

## 2022 Medicare Part B Step Therapy Drug List

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HCPCS CODE	Non-Preferred Drug	Generic name	Prerequisite Drugs	Effective Date
<b>Allergy And Asthma Agents</b>				
J2357	XOLAIR*	Omalizumab	<p><b>For Asthma - Step 1:</b> combination of medium/high-dose inhaled corticosteroids <b>AND Step 2:</b> a long-acting inhaled beta2-agonist</p> <p><b>For Idiopathic urticaria- Step 1:</b> second-generation non-sedating H1 antihistamine <b>AND Step 2: ONE</b> from the following classes: leukotiene receptor antagonists, first generation H1 antihistamine or histamine H2-receptor antagonist</p> <p><b>For nasal polyyps - Step 1:</b> oral systemic corticosteroids OR intranasal corticosteroids</p>	1/1/2022
J2356	TEZSPIRE	Tezepelumab-ekko	<p><b>For Severe Asthma: Step 1:</b> high-dose inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) plus and inhaled long-acting beta-2 agonist (LABA)</p> <p><b>For Eosinophilic asthma or steroid-dependent asthma: Step 1:</b> Dupixent* (dupilumab)</p>	7/1/2022
<b>Anti-Infective Agents</b>				
J3490	PREVYMIS*	Letermovir	<p><b>Step 1: One of the following -</b> GVHD requiring greater than or equal to 1mg/kg/day use of prednisone (or equivalent), or lymphocyte depleting therapy (antithymocyte globulin [ATG], antithymocyte globulin equine [ATGAM], alemtuzumab, fludarabine)</p> <p><b>Step 2:</b> rationale for not using the oral formulation</p>	1/1/2022
<b>Endocrine Agents</b>				
J2502	SIGNIFOR LAR*	Pasireotide pamoate	<b>For Acromegaly - Step 1:</b> Short-acting octreotide OR lanreotide subcutaneous depot*	1/1/2022
J1930	SOMATULINE DEPOT*	Lanreotide acetate	<b>Step 1:</b> Short-acting octreotide	1/1/2022
J2353	SANDOSTATIN LAR DEPOT*	Octreotide acetate, microspheres	<p><b>For Chemotherapy induced diarrhea – Step 1:</b> loperamide <b>AND Step 2:</b> Short-acting octreotide</p> <p><b>For AIDS-related diarrhea – Step 1:</b> loperamide and diphenoxylate (Lomotil) <b>AND Step 2:</b> Short-acting octreotide</p>	1/1/2022

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J3490	TESTOPEL*	Testosterone (pellet)	<b>Step 1:</b> Generic topical testosterone 1% or generic topical testosterone 1.62% pump <b>and</b> generic testosterone cypionate	<b>1/1/2022</b>
J3145	AVEED*	Testosterone undecanoate	<b>Step 1:</b> Generic topical testosterone 1% or generic topical testosterone 1.62% pump <b>and</b> generic testosterone cypionate	<b>1/1/2022</b>
<b>Hereditary Angioedema Agents</b>				
J0597	BERINERT*	C1 esterase inhibitor	<b>Step 1:</b> generic icatibant*	<b>1/1/2022</b>
J0596	RUCONEST*	C1 esterase inhibitor, recombinant	<b>Step 1:</b> generic icatibant*	<b>1/1/2022</b>
J1290	KALBITOR*	Ecallantide	<b>Step 1:</b> generic icatibant*	<b>1/1/2022</b>
J0598	CINRYZE*	C1 esterase inhibitor	<b>For HAE with normal C1-INH or HAE Type III: Step 1:</b> HAEGARDA*	<b>1/1/2022</b>
<b>IL-5 Inhibitors</b>				
J2786	CINQAIR*	Reslizumab	<b>For eosinophilic asthma - Step 1:</b> oral glucocorticoids <b>or Step 2:</b> medium to high-dose inhaled corticosteroid plus an additional asthma controller (e.g., long-acting inhaled beta2-agonist, leukotriene receptor antagonist)	<b>1/1/2022</b>
J0517	FASENRA*	Benralizumab	<b>For eosinophilic asthma - Step 1:</b> oral glucocorticoids <b>or Step 2:</b> medium to high-dose inhaled corticosteroid plus an additional asthma controller (e.g., long-acting inhaled beta2-agonist, leukotriene receptor antagonist)	<b>1/1/2022</b>

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J2181	NUCALA*	Mepolizumab	<p><b>For eosinophilic asthma - Step 1:</b> oral glucocorticoids <b>or Step 2:</b> medium to high-dose inhaled corticosteroid plus an additional asthma controller (e.g., long-acting inhaled beta2-agonist, leukotriene receptor antagonist)</p> <p><b>For EGPA - Step 1:</b> relapse requiring an increase in glucocorticoid dose, initiation or increase in other immunosuppressive therapy, or hospitalization in previous two years while receiving at least 7.5mg/day prednisone (or equivalent) <b>OR Step2:</b> glucocorticoid in combination with an immunosuppressant such as cyclophosphamide, azathioprine, methotrexate or mycophenolate mofetil)</p> <p><b>For Hyperesoinophilic Syndrome (HES) - Step 1:</b> one of the following: chronic or episodic oral corticosteroids, immunosuppressive therapy or, cytotoxic therapy</p> <p><b>For Adjunct Therapy for Chronic Rhinosinusitis with Nasal Polyp (CRSwNP): Step 1:</b> oral systemic corticosteroids, <b>Step 2:</b> three-month trial of intranasal corticosteroids (e.g., fluticasone) or documented intolerance/contraindication to ALL intranasal corticosteroids</p>	1/1/2022
<b>Migraine Agents</b>				
J3032	VYEPTI*	Eptinezumab-jjmr	<p><b>Step 1: One of the following categories-</b> Anticonvulsants (i.e, divalproex, valproate, topiramate), Beta-blockers (i.e., metoprolol, propranolol, timolol), Antidepressants (i.e., amitriptyline, venlafaxine) <b>AND Step 2:</b> TWO preferred CGRP agents (AIMOVIG*, EMGALITY*, Ajovy* or Qulipta*)</p>	1/1/2022 10/1/2022 Policy updated to include Ajovy and Qulipta)
<b>Neurologic Agents</b>				
J0202	LEMTRADA*	Alemtuzumab	<p><b>Step 1:</b> OCREVUS <b>AND Step 2: One of the following:</b> Interferon-Beta 1a, Interferon-Beta 1b, Generic Dimethyl Fumarate, Copaxone, Tysabri, Aubagio, Gilenya, Vumerity, Zeposia, OR Mayzent</p>	1/1/2022

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J1300	SOLIRIS*	Eculizumab	<b>For gMG – Step 1:</b> TWO immunosuppressive therapies (ie. azathioprine, mycophenolate mofetil, cyclosporine and tacrolimus, corticosteroids) <b>OR</b> ONE immunosuppressive therapy of either IVIg* or plasma exchange <b>AND Step 2:</b> Ultomiris* <b>For NMOSD: Step 1:</b> a preferred rituximab product (RUXIENCE*, TRUXIMA*) <b>AND Step 2:</b> either satralizumab (Ensprinyng*) or Inebilizumab (Uplizna*)	<b>1/1/2022</b> <b>10/1/2022: Policy updated to include Ultomiris for gMG</b>
J1303	Ultomiris*	Ravulizumab-cwvz	<b>For gMG – Step 1:</b> Failed treatment for at least a year with ONE of the following: A. At least TWO immunosuppressive therapies (ie. azathioprine, mycophenolate mofetil, cyclosporine and tacrolimus, corticosteroids) <b>OR</b> B. ONE immunosuppressive therapy of either IVIg* or plasma exchange	<b>10/1/2022</b>
J1823	UPLIZNA*	Inebilizumab-cdon	<b>For NMOSD: Step 1:</b> a preferred rituximab product (RUXIENCE*, TRUXIMA*)	<b>1/1/2022</b>
J2323	TYSABRI*	Natalizumab	<b>For Multiple Sclerosis - Step 1: ONE of the following:</b> Interferon-Beta 1a, Interferon-Beta 1b, Generic Dimethyl Fumarate, Copaxone, Aubagio, Gilenya, Zeposia, Mayzent <b>OR</b> OCREVUS <b>For moderate to severe Crohn's Disease – Step 1: documented trial and failure, intolerance or contraindication to</b> a preferred infliximab product (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*) and/or adalimumab (Humira*) indicated for Crohn's.	<b>1/1/2022</b> <b>10/1/2022: Policy language re-worded without change to prerequisite therapy for moderate to severe Crohn's Disease</b>
<b>Oncology Agents</b>				
J9999	ALYMSYS*	Bevacizumab-maly	<b>Step 1:</b> ZIRABEV*, MVASI*	<b>10/1/2022</b>
J9035	AVASTIN*	Bevacizumab	<b>Step 1:</b> ZIRABEV*, MVASI*	<b>1/1/2022</b>
J9355	HERCEPTIN*	Trastuzumab	<b>Step 1:</b> KANJINTI*, OGIVRI*	<b>1/1/2022</b>
Q5112	ONTRUZANT*	Trastuzumab-dttb	<b>Step 1:</b> KANJINTI*, OGIVRI*	<b>1/1/2022</b>
J9356	HERCEPTIN* HYLECTA	Trastuzumab-hyaluronidase-oysk	<b>Step 1:</b> KANJINTI*, OGIVRI*	<b>1/1/2022</b>
Q5113	HERZUMA*	Trastuzumab-pkrb	<b>Step 1:</b> KANJINTI*, OGIVRI*	<b>1/1/2022</b>

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Q5116	TRAZIMERA*	Trastuzumab-qyyp	<b>Step 1:</b> KANJINTI*, OGIVRI*	1/1/2022
J9332	VYVGART*	Efgartigimod alfa - fcab	<b>For Generalized Myasthenia Gravis (gMG): Step 1:</b> at least two immunosuppressive agents (such as azathioprine, methotrexate, cyclosporine, mycophenolate, corticosteroids) or an intolerance or contraindication to these therapies	7/1/2022
<b>Ophthalmic Agents</b>				
J0179	BEOVU*	Brolucizumab-dbli	<b>For Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD), Diabetic macular edema or Diabetic retinopathy: Step 1:</b> Bevacizumab (For Ophthalmology Use) <b>And Step 2:</b> Eylea (Aflibercept)	1/1/2022 10/1/2022 updated to include treatment for Diabetic macular edema or Diabetic retinopathy
J7351	DURYSTA*	Bimatoprost	Two ophthalmic products from TWO different pharmacological classes, one of which is an ophthalmic prostaglandin <b>Step 1 Drugs: Ophthalmic prostaglandins:</b> bimatoprost, latanoprost, travoprost, LUMIGAN, VYZULTA XELPROS <b>Step 2 Drugs: Ophthalmic beta-adrenergic blocking agents:</b> betaxolol, BETIMOL, carteolol, levobunolol, timolol maleate <b>Ophthalmic intraocular pressure lowering agents, other:</b> ALPHAGAN P, apraclonidine, brimonidine tartrate, brinzolamide, dorolamide, methazolamide, PHOSPHOLINE IODIDE, pilocarpine hcl, RHOPRESSA, SIMBRINZA	1/1/2022
J0178	EYLEA	Aflibercept	<b>For Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD) Step 1:</b> Bevacizumab (For Ophthalmology Use)	1/1/2022 - 8/14/2022 8/15/2022: Retired Step Therapy & Prior Authorization criteria for Eylea
J2778	LUCENTIS*	Ranibizumab	<b>For Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD), Diabetic macular edema, Diabetic retinopathy, or Macular edema following retinal vein occlusion: Step 1:</b> Bevacizumab (For Ophthalmology Use) <b>And Step 2:</b> Eylea (Aflibercept) <b>And Step 3:</b> Byooviz (Ranibizumab-nuna) <b>For Myopic Choroidal Neovascularization (mCNV): Step 1:</b> Byooviz (Ranibizumab-nuna)	1/1/2022 - 8/14/2022 8/15/2022: Policy update: add Byooviz (Ranibizumab-nuna) prerequisite

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J2779	SUSVIMO*	Ranibizumab	<b>For Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD) Step 1:</b> Bevacizumab (For Ophthalmology Use) <b>AND Step 2:</b> Eylea (Aflibercept) <b>AND Step 3:</b> at least two intravitreal injections of Lucentis* (ranibizumab) or Byooviz (Ranibizumab-nuna)	8/15/2022 Policy update: add Susvimo* (Ranibizumab)
C9097 J3590	VABYSMO*	Faricimab	<b>For Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD), Diabetic macular edema or Diabetic retinopathy: Step 1:</b> Bevacizumab (For Ophthalmology Use) <b>And Step 2:</b> Eylea (Aflibercept)	8/15/2022 Policy update: add Vabysmo* (Faricimab)
<b>Rare Disease Agents</b>				
J0224	OXLUMO*	Lumasiran sodium	<b>Step 1:</b> Pyridoxine	1/1/2022
J0791	ADAKVEO*	Crizanlizumab-tmca	<b>Step 1:</b> Hydroxyurea	1/1/2022
<b>Rituximab</b>				
J9312	RITUXAN*	Rituximab	<b>For Oncology use - Step 1:</b> a preferred rituximab product (RUXIENCE*, TRUXIMA*) <b>For Rheumatology use - Step 1:</b> Enbrel*, Humira, or preferred infliximab product (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)	1/1/2022
J9311	RITUXAN HYCELA*	Rituximab/hyaluronidase, human recombinant	<b>For Oncology use - Step 1:</b> a preferred rituximab product (RUXIENCE*, TRUXIMA*)	1/1/2022
Q5123	RIABNI*	Rituximab-arxx	<b>For Oncology use - Step 1:</b> a preferred rituximab product (RUXIENCE*, TRUXIMA*) <b>For Rheumatology use - Step 1:</b> Enbrel*, Humira*, or a preferred infliximab product (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)	1/1/2022
Q5115	TRUXIMA*	Rituximab-abbs	<b>Step 1:</b> Preferred infliximab product (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)	1/1/2022
Q5119	RUXIENCE*	Rituximab-pvvr	<b>Step 1:</b> Preferred infliximab product (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)	1/1/2022

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<b>Therapeutic Immunomodulators</b>				
J0638	ILARIS*	Canakinumab/pf	<p><b>For SJIA and Adult-Onset Still's Disease:</b>  <b>Step 1:</b> One of the following conventional therapies (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine) AND,  <b>Step 2:</b> etanercept* And <b>Step 3:</b> adalimumab*  <b>For Familial Mediterranean Fever (FMF) – Step 1:</b> Colchicine</p>	1/1/2022
J0129	ORENCIA*	Abatacept/maltose	<p><b>For Rheumatoid Arthritis and Psoriatic Arthritis – Step 1:</b> At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine) AND <b>Step 2:</b> a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)</p>	1/1/2022
J1745	REMICADE*	Infliximab	<p><b>For Ulcerative Colitis: Step 1:</b> failure, intolerance, or contraindication to the preferred infliximab products RENFLEXIS* and, INFLECTRA*  <b>For Rheumatoid Arthritis and Psoriatic Arthritis – Step 1:</b> At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine) AND <b>Step 2:</b> failure, intolerance, or contraindication to the preferred infliximab products (RENFLEXIS*, and INFLECTRA*)  <b>For moderate to severe Plaque Psoriasis – Step 1:</b> At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate tazarotene, topical corticosteroids, calcitriol) AND <b>Step 2:</b> failure, intolerance, or contraindication to the preferred infliximab products RENFLEXIS* and INFLECTRA*  <b>For all other FDA-Approved indications – Step 1:</b> failure, intolerance, or contraindication to the preferred infliximab products RENFLEXIS*and INFLECTRA*</p>	1/1/2022
Q5104	RENFLEXIS*	Infliximab-abda	<p><b>For Rheumatoid Arthritis and Psoriatic Arthritis – Step 1:</b> At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine)  <b>For moderate to severe plaque psoriasis – Step 1:</b> At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, tazarotene, topical corticosteroids, calcitriol)</p>	1/1/2022

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Q5121	AVSOLA*	Infliximab-axxq	<p><b>For Ulcerative Colitis: Step 1:</b> failure, intolerance, or contraindication to the preferred infliximab products RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*</p> <p><b>For Rheumatoid Arthritis and Psoriatic Arthritis – Step 1:</b> At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine) <b>AND Step 2:</b> failure, intolerance, or contraindication to the preferred infliximab products RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*</p> <p><b>For moderate to severe Plaque Psoriasis – Step 1:</b> At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate tazarotene, topical corticosteroids, calcitriol) <b>AND Step 2:</b> failure, intolerance, or contraindication to the preferred infliximab products RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*</p>	1/1/2022
Q5103	INFLECTRA*	Infliximab-dyyb	<p><b>For Rheumatoid Arthritis and Psoriatic Arthritis Step 1:</b> At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine)</p> <p><b>For moderate to severe plaque psoriasis – Step 1:</b> At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, tazarotene, topical corticosteroids, calcitriol)</p>	1/1/2022
J3245	ILUMYA*	Tildrakizumab-asmn	<p><b>For moderate to severe Plaque Psoriasis – Step 1:</b> At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate tazarotene, topical corticosteroids, calcitriol) <b>AND Step 2:</b> a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)</p>	1/1/2022
J3262	ACTEMRA*	Tocilizumab	<p><b>For Rheumatoid Arthritis – Step 1:</b> At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine) <b>AND Step 2:</b> a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)</p> <p><b>For Giant cell arteritis – Step 1:</b> At least one conventional therapy (e.g., systemic corticosteroid therapy)</p>	1/1/2022
J3380	ENTYVIO*	Vedolizumab	<p><b>For Crohn's disease only – Step 1:</b> a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)</p>	1/1/2022 7/1/2022 Step Therapy retired. Entyvio* is a preferred agent

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J1602	SIMPONIA* ARIA*	Golimumab	<b>For Rheumatoid Arthritis and Psoriatic Arthritis – Step 1:</b> At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine) <b>AND Step 2:</b> a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*) <b>For ankylosing spondylitis – Step 1:</b> a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)	1/1/2022
J3590	Skyrizi* (IV)	Risankizumab-rzaa	<b>For Crohn's disease – Step 1:</b> a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*or INFLECTRA*) or Entyvio* <b>For moderate to severe Plaque Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis – Step 1:</b> At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine) <b>AND Step 2:</b> a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*) <i>Note: Skyrizi Pen, Syringe and On-Body products are considered self-administered by CMS and therefore not covered under Part B.</i>	9/1/2022
J3358	STELARA* (IV)	Ustekinumab	<b>For Crohn's disease and Ulcerative colitis – Step 1:</b> a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*or INFLECTRA*) or Entyvio* <i>Note: Stelara products for SQ administration considered self-administered by CMS and therefore not covered under Part B.</i>	1/1/2022 7/1/2022 Policy Updated to include Entyvio* as a preferred agent
J0717	Cimzia* (IV)	Certolizumab	<b>For Crohn's disease and ankylosing spondylitis – Step 1:</b> a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*or INFLECTRA*) or Entyvio* <b>For Rheumatoid Arthritis, moderate to severe Plaque Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis – Step 1:</b> At least one conventional therapy (e.g., methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, sulfasalazine) <b>AND Step 2:</b> a preferred infliximab biosimilar (RENFLEXIS*, INFLECTRA*)	12/1/2022 Policy updated to include Cimzia (IV)
<b>Thrombocytopenia Medications</b>				
J2796	NPLATE*	Romiplostim	<b>For Immune Thrombocytopenia (ITP) – Pharmacologic Step 1:</b> systemic corticosteroids <b>AND Step 2:</b> Immune globulin <b>AND Step 3:</b> a preferred rituximab product (RUXIENCE*, TRUXIMA*)	8/15/2022
<b>Miscellaneous Therapeutics</b>				

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J0879	Korsuva*	Difelikefalin	<b>For moderate to severe Pruritis associated with chronic kidney disease- Step1:</b> inadequate response to at least two weeks trial of an oral antihistamine or intolerance/contraindication to antihistamine therapy <b>AND Step 2:</b> inadequate response to at least two weeks trial of pregabalin or gabapentin, or intolerance/contraindication to both pregabalin and gabapentin	10/1/2022
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<b>Diabetic Durable Medical Equipment (DME)</b>			
HCPCS CODE	Preferred Products	Non-Preferred Product Criteria	Effective Date
A4253	ONETOUCH BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS – MANUFACTURED BY LIFESCAN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patient is using and insulin pump that requires a meter that synchronizes with their pump. <b>OR</b></li> <li>Physical or mental limitations that makes utilizing <b>BOTH</b> of the preferred products (manufactured by Roche and LifeScan) unsafe, inaccurate, or otherwise not feasible.</li> </ol>	1/1/2022
	ACCU-CHEK BLOOD GLUCOSE TEST STRIPS - MANUFACTURED BY ROCHE		
E0607	ONETOUCH BLOOD GLUCOSE METERS – MANUFACTURED BY LIFESCAN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patient is using and insulin pump that requires a meter that synchronizes with their pump. <b>OR</b></li> <li>Physical or mental limitations that makes utilizing <b>BOTH</b> of the preferred products (manufactured by Roche and LifeScan) unsafe, inaccurate, or otherwise not feasible.</li> </ol>	1/1/2022
	ACCU-CHEK BLOOD GLUCOSE METERS - MANUFACTURED BY ROCHE		

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