

Medical Benefit Updates for Members

Health care items or services available to you that are covered by your plan.

Starting **December 9, 2024**, the changes listed in the table below will go into effect. Please see the list below for the updated drug(s).

Drug Name (Brand Name)	CPT code¹	Used in	Drug Limits²	Prior Authorization (PA) Criteria³	Specialist Needed⁴
Sulbactam/ Durllobactam (Xacduro)	J3490	Lung infections	PA	Must meet medical necessity criteria.	No
Taurolidine/ Heparin sodium (Defencath)	J0911	Prevent blood infections	None	PA not required.	No
Benralizumab (Fasenra)	J0517	Asthma	PA	For patients ages 6 years old and older, who have severe asthma with all of the following: [A] Lab levels of eosinophils ≥ 150 cells/ μ L when starting this med or ≥ 300 cells/ μ L in the past 12 months. [B] 2 or more asthma attacks in the past 12 months, even when on max dose [1] Inhaled steroids + [2] A second controller med. [C] Must be prescribed by an allergist. [D] Fasenra must not be used by itself.	Yes

OnabotulinumtoxinA (Botox)	J0585	Chronic migraine	PA, QL	[A] You must be at least 18 years old. [B] Seen by a doctor called a Neurologist. [C] You must have all these signs: (1) 15 or more headache days per month for 3 months or more; (2) 4 or more hours a day, with more than 5 attacks along with headache signs, migraine signs, and all other causes ruled out; (3) No nerve and muscle disease. Limits: 1 injection (up to 200 units) per 3 months (12 weeks)	Yes
Bupivacaine	J0665	Local numbing agent	None	PA not required.	No
Methylprednisolone Acetate	J1010	Reduce joint swelling	None	PA not required.	No

¹Current Procedural Terminology; medical billing code used by your doctor's office to state what service(s) was/were given.

²Drugs may have a PA (submitted by your doctor), quantity limit (QL, max allowed number of services that your doctor can give you for a certain drug), or step therapy limit (ST, you must have a certain diagnosis or need a certain service to use the drug without a PA).

³Details about what criteria must be met before a drug can be approved.

⁴Examples of specialists are dermatologists (skin doctor), gastroenterologist (gut doctor), or pulmonologist (lung doctor).

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