

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Outpatient Injectable Cancer Therapy Authorization Process Change



Effective Feb. 1, 2019, Optum, an affiliate company of UnitedHealthcare, will begin managing our prior authorization requests for outpatient injectable chemotherapy, and related cancer therapies:

- This change applies to UnitedHealthcare Community Plan members in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Texas. Any active prior authorizations requested via the former process will remain in place.

To submit an online request for prior authorization through the new process, sign in to Link and access the Prior Authorization and Notification app. From the app, select the “Radiology, Cardiology + Oncology” box. After answering two short questions about the state you are working in, you will be directed to a new website we’re using to process these authorization requests. Prior authorization/notification requests for UnitedHealthcare Oxford and Medicare members will continue to be requested through the existing eviCore process until future notice.

Prior authorization will continue to be required for:

- Chemotherapy and biologic therapy injectable drugs (J9000 – J9999), Leucovorin (J0640) and Levoleucovorin (J0641)
- Chemotherapy and biologic therapy injectable drugs that have a Q code
- Chemotherapy and biologic therapy injectable drugs that have not yet received an assigned code and will be billed under a miscellaneous Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code.
- Colony Stimulating Factors:
 - Filgrastim (Neupogen®) J1442
 - Filgrastim-aafi (Nivestym™) Q5110
 - Filgrastim-sndz (Zarxio®) Q5101
 - Pegfilgrastim (Neulasta®) J2505
 - Pegfilgrastim-jmdb (Fulphila™) Q5108
 - Sargramostim (Leukine®) J2820
 - Tbo-filgrastim (Granix®) J1447
- Denosumab (Brand names Xgeva and Prolia): J0897

Prior authorization will be required when adding a new injectable chemotherapy drug or cancer therapy to an existing regimen.



If you have questions, please contact your Provider Advocate or call Customer Services at **888-887-9003**, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday – Friday. Thank you.