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# medical benefit specialty drug update **bulletin**

Specialty Drug Program Updates for UnitedHealthcare Commercial, Community Plan, Medicare Advantage, and Individual & Family Plans

Review the table to determine changes to our specialty medical injectable drug programs.

## UPDATES TO DRUG PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND DRUG POLICIES

Drug Name	Effective Date	UnitedHealthcare Commercial	UnitedHealthcare Community Plan	UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage	UnitedHealthcare Individual & Family	Treatment Uses	Summary of Changes
<b>Saphnelo™</b> (anifrolumab-fnia)	01/01/22	X	X	X	X	Indicated for the treatment of adult patients with moderate to severe systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add notification/prior authorization*</li> <li>• For Commercial, add Site of Care*</li> <li>• For Commercial, add Preferred Product               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Saphnelo will be non-preferred                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Preferred product: Benlysta® (belimumab)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

\* Notification/prior authorization for all lines of business and Commercial Site of Care requirements previously communicated in October 2021 Network Bulletin

Upon prior authorization renewal, the updated policy will apply. UnitedHealthcare will honor all approved prior authorizations on file until the end date on the authorization or the date the member's eligibility changes. You don't need to submit a new notification/prior authorization request for members who already have an authorization for these medications on the effective date noted above.

Note: Certain specialty medical injectable drug programs and updates will not be implemented at this time for providers practicing in Rhode Island, with respect to certain commercial members, pursuant to the Rhode Island regulation: 230 -RICR-20-30-14. UnitedHealthcare encourages providers practicing in Rhode Island to call in to confirm if prior authorization is required. This exception does not apply to Medicaid and Medicare.