

# SPECIAL eBULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL AND FACILITY PROVIDERS

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## AXICABTAGENE CILOLEUCEL TO REQUIRE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION, EFFECTIVE JULY 16, 2018

Effective with dates of service of July 16, 2018, and beyond, the chimeric antigen receptor T-cell therapy axicabtagene ciloleucel will require prior authorization before providing the therapy to Highmark members.

Highmark will add the following procedure code to its **List of Procedures/DME Requiring Authorization** on July 16, 2018:

Procedure Code	Description
Q2041	Axicabtagene Ciloleucel, up to 200 million autologous Anti-CD19 CAR T Cells, including leukapheresis and dose preparation procedures, per infusion

**Note:** Code Q2041 will not require authorization and will not appear on the all-inclusive authorization list on the Provider Resource Center until the effective date, July 16, 2018.

In order for benefits to be paid, the member must be eligible on the date of service and the service must be a covered benefit.

Authorization for products or services, including those on our **List of Procedures/DME Requiring Authorization**, may not be required for all members. Please be sure to check the member's benefits before delivering care to verify if authorization is required. Providers should use NaviNet® or the applicable HIPAA electronic transactions to check member benefits and eligibility, to verify if an authorization is required, and to obtain authorization for services.

Providers who don't have NaviNet or access to the HIPAA transactions should call Clinical Services to obtain authorization for services.

Highmark's **List of Procedures/DME Requiring Authorization** is subject to change. Remember, during the year, Highmark makes several adjustments to the full list of outpatient procedures, services, durable medical equipment, and drugs requiring authorization.

For more information on obtaining prior authorization or viewing the current list, please visit the Provider Resource Center and look under the **Claims, Payment & Reimbursement** option. The Resource Center is accessible via our Highmark NaviNet system or under **Helpful Links** on our website.

