

SPECIAL eBULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL AND FACILITY PROVIDERS

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR SEVEN INJECTABLES EFFECTIVE JUNE 15, 2022

CODES TO BE DELETED FROM PRIOR AUTHORIZATION LIST

EFFECTIVE JUNE 15, 2022, PRIOR AUTHORIZATION WILL NO LONGER BE NEEDED FOR THE SEVEN DRUGS LISTED BELOW. As a result, Highmark will delete the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for these drugs from the [List of Procedures/DME Requiring Authorization](#):

CPT/HCPCS Code	Description
J1826	INJECTION, INTERFERON BETA-1A, 30 MCG
J1830	INJECTION INTERFERON BETA-1B, 0.25 MG (CODE MAY BE USED FOR MEDICARE WHEN DRUG ADMINISTERED UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A PHYSICIAN, NOT FOR USE WHEN DRUG IS SELF ADMINISTERED)
J9153	INJECTION, LIPOSOMAL, 1 MG DAUNORUBICIN AND 2.27 MG CYTARABINE
J9285	INJECTION, OLARATUMAB, 10 MG
J9302	INJECTION, OFATUMUMAB, 10 MG
Q3027	INJECTION, INTERFERON BETA-1A, 1 MCG FOR INTRAMUSCULAR USE
Q3028	INJECTION, INTERFERON BETA-1A, 1 MCG FOR SUBCUTANEOUS USE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ACQUIRING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

[The List of Procedures/DME Requiring Authorization](#) for Highmark is subject to change. During the year, Highmark makes several adjustments to the full list of outpatient procedures, services, durable medical equipment, and drugs requiring authorization.

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



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