



NEWS FOR ALL PROVIDER TYPES

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CERTAIN ANEMIA, NEUTROPENIA, & INJECTABLE ONCOLOGY MEDICATIONS REINSTATED TO PEBTF MEDICAL BENEFIT PROGRAM

On February 15, 2019, we published “NEW POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR PEBTF MEDICAL BENEFIT SPECIALTY MEDICATION COVERAGE.” This communication alerted you that effective May 1, 2019:

- Certain specialty drugs, including categories of anemia, neutropenia, and injectable oncology drugs, would **not** be covered under the PEBTF medical program.
- That we would **only** cover these drugs when ordered through CVS Specialty® **except** when administered to patients being treated as inpatient or while in an emergency department.

PEBTF Re-Evaluation

The PEBTF has re-evaluated the clinical implications of this exclusion and has decided that, **effective immediately, certain anemia, neutropenia, and injectable oncology drugs can again be covered under the PEBTF medical program.**

This change has been made to minimize disruption in care and allow providers to buy and bill these medications to ensure availability and timeliness of treatment. Any and all prior authorization/medical policy requirements will apply.

List of Drugs Reinstated to PEBTF Medical Program

Below is a list of anemia, neutropenia, and injectable oncology specialty drugs that have been reinstated to the PEBTF medical program.

DRUG NAME	PROCEDURE CODE
ANEMIA	
Aranesp	J0881, J0882
Epogen	J0885, J0886, Q4081
Procrit	J0885
Retacrit	Q5105, Q5106
NEUTROPENIA	
Fulphila	Q5108
Granix	No HCPCS code available
Leukine +	J2820
Neulasta	J2505
Neupogen	J1442
Nivestym	Q5110
Udenyca	Q5111
Zarxio	Q5101
ONCOLOGY-INJECTABLE	
Bavencio* +	No HCPCS code available
Beleodaq* +	J9032
Bendeka* +	J9034
Blincyto* +	J9039
Cyramza* +	J9308
Darzalex* +	J9145
Empliciti* +	J9176
Evomela* +	J9245
Imfinzi* +	No HCPCS code available

DRUG NAME	PROCEDURE CODE
Keytruda* +	J9271
Kyprolis* +	J9047
Lumoxiti* +	J9999
Levoleucovorin+	J0641
Opdivo* +	J9299
Portrazza* +	J9295
Poteligeo*+	No HCPCS code available
Rituxan Hycela* +	No HCPCS code available
romidepsin (Isodax) * +	J9315
Sylvant* +	J2860
Tecentriq* +	No HCPCS code available
temsirolimus (Torisel)+	J9330
Tepadina +	J9340
Thyrogen*	J3240
Xgeva	J0897
Yondelis* +	J9352
zoledronic acid (Zometa) +	J3489

Identifying PEBTF Members

PEBTF members' ID cards appear as below. PEBTF members can be identified by the member prefix **OPB**.

Active Population

HIGHMARK			PPO Blue	
MEMBER NAME		DEPENDENT		
MEMBER ID		MEMBER ID		
OPB		OPB		
Group	OPB378	Office Visit	\$20	
BS Plan	378	Specialist Visit	\$45	
		Urgent Care	\$50	
		Emergency Room	\$200	
				

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Retiree Population

HIGHMARK			PPO Blue	
MEMBER NAME		DEPENDENT		
MEMBER ID		MEMBER ID		
OPB		OPB		
Group	OPB378	Office Visit	\$20	
BS Plan	378	Specialist Visit	\$45	
		Urgent Care	\$50	
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Additional Information

CVS Specialty maintains a list of the specialty drugs excluded from the PEBTF medical program, along with relevant Procedure codes (if applicable) and updates it quarterly. Any other specialty drugs must be acquired through CVS Specialty.

- If members obtain any of these specialty drugs from any other providers; e.g., physicians' offices, outpatient facilities, other specialty pharmacies, etc., they will be responsible for the full cost of these drugs.
- Any open authorizations will be honored by CVS until they expire. Once expired or a new drug is needed, prior authorization for these specialty drugs will be required through CVS. For prior authorization call 866-814-5506.

The latest version of the list of specialty drugs is also available on the PEBTF website at www.pebtf.org, on the **Publications and Forms** tab under **Prescription Drug Plan**. We encourage you to check the PEBTF website for updates to this list.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the member's medical benefit plan:

- Please feel free to contact a provider service advocate at 1-866-731-8080 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EST) Monday through Friday.
- Please contact CVS Specialty Customer Care toll-free at 1-800-308-4017 from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (CST) Monday through Friday. They will be able to assist you with starting your specialty medication service(s).