

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania and AmeriHealth Caritas Northeast Providers

From: AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania and AmeriHealth Caritas Northeast

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Subject: **Lowest Cost Site of Care Medical Pharmacy Policy**

Summary: Policy Change: The drugs listed below can be safely administered in an in-network infusion center, network provider office, or in a home setting. Reimbursement for administration of these drugs at a hospital-based facility is available only if specific criteria are met. Providers must receive prior authorization for the administration of these drugs.

AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania and AmeriHealth Caritas Northeast reimburses only those services that are furnished in the most appropriate and cost-effective setting appropriate to the member's medical needs and condition. The following drugs, which are subject to prior authorization regardless of the setting in which they are administered, can be safely administered in the home, an in-network infusion center, and an in-network provider office:

- Alemtuzumab injection
- Filgrastim g-csf biosimilar injection
- Idursulfase injection
- Imiglucerase injection
- Immune globulin, powder
- Infliximab (not biosimilar) 10mg
- IVIG injection (Privigen®)
- Lanreotide injection
- Leuprolide acetate
- Leuprolide acetate for depot suspension
- Mepolizumab injection
- Natalizumab injection
- Ocrelizumab injection
- Octagam® injection
- Octreotide injection, depot
- Omalizumab injection
- Pegfilgrastim injection



- Pegloticase injection
- Respiratory syncytial virus immune globulin injection
- Romiplostim injection
- Tocilizumab injection
- Vedolizumab injection

Reimbursement for administration of these drugs at an outpatient hospital facility instead of the home, an in-network infusion center or an in-network office, is available only if one of the following criteria is met::

- Documented history of severe adverse reaction occurred during or immediately following an infusion and/or the adverse reaction did not respond to conventional interventions.
- Documentation that the member is medically unstable for the safe and effective administration of prescribed medication outside of the outpatient hospital facility setting, as a result of one of the following:
 - Complex medical condition, status, or therapy requires services beyond the capabilities of an office, infusion center, or home infusion setting.
 - Documented history of medical instability, significant comorbidity, or concerns regarding fluid status inhibits treatment at a less intensive site of care.
 - Clinically significant physical or cognitive impairment that precludes safe and effective treatment outside of the outpatient hospital facility setting.
 - Difficulty establishing and maintaining reliable vascular access.

Questions:

If you have questions about this communication, please contact your Provider Account Executive or the Provider Services department at 1-800-521-6007 for AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania and at 1-888-208-7370 for AmeriHealth Caritas Northeast.