

Specialty Drugs

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Not all benefit plans provide the same level of coverage for specialty drugs. Check your benefit information to learn how your plan covers specialty drugs.

What Are Specialty Drugs?

They're prescription medications that are used to treat complex or chronic medical conditions like cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis and hepatitis, just to name a few. They are often self-injected and usually require patient-specific dosing and careful clinical monitoring. They may also require special handling and refrigeration.

This list applies to specialty drugs that are covered under the **pharmacy benefit** only. Some specialty drugs may also be billed under your medical benefit.

Most health plans require prior authorization for specialty drugs billed under the **medical benefit**. You can get more information on the Medical Prior Authorization drug list found online at your health plan's website.

What is Prior Authorization?

This list notes specialty drugs that require prior authorization under your pharmacy benefit.

Prior Authorization is a quality and safety program that promotes the proper use of certain medications. If your doctor prescribes a specialty drug that requires

Prior Authorization, as determined by your plan, you must get prior approval before your plan will cover your medication. Prior authorization promotes the proper use of medications.

We base prior authorization guidelines on U.S. Food and Drug Administration and manufacturer guidelines, medical literature, safety, accepted medical practice, appropriate use and benefit design.

Where Can I Get My Specialty Drugs?

Most benefit plans require you to have your specialty drug prescriptions filled by our preferred specialty pharmacy, **Optum Specialty Pharmacy**. Optum Specialty Pharmacy is a service provided by OptumRx, an independent company that provides pharmacy benefit management services on behalf of our health plans. You can contact Optum Specialty Pharmacy at **877-259-9428**.

What Happens at a Specialty Pharmacy?

Usually, your doctor will call or fax a prescription directly to a specialty pharmacy. If your prescription requires prior authorization, the specialty pharmacy will tell your doctor how to request this.

Your benefit document defines actual benefits available and may exclude coverage for certain drugs listed here. Check your benefit information to verify coverage or view your personal benefit information on our website. This list may contain trademarks or registered trademarks of pharmaceutical manufacturers that are not affiliated with your health plan. This list may change or expand from time to time without prior notice. When we list brand-name drugs, programs may also apply to any available generic equivalents.

Specialty Drug List

This list applies to specialty drug coverage under the *pharmacy benefit only*. Drugs listed with a (*) may require prior authorization, depending on your plan.

Drugs listed with a (+) require medical necessity prior authorization — see **Table A** for more information. Please call **855-811-2218** to request prior authorization for these drugs.

Preferred drugs under the pharmacy benefit are listed with a (#).

<p>A</p> <hr/> <p>Abiraterone (*#) Abraxane (*) Actemra (*) Actimmune (*) Adcetris (*) Adcirca (*) Adefovir Dipivoxil (#) Adempas (*#) Advate (*) Adynovate (*#) Afinitor (*) Aldurazyme (*) Alecensa (*) Alferon Alimta (*) Aliqopa (*) Alphanate (*) Alphanine SD (*) Alprolix (*) Alunbrig (*) Alyq (*#) Ambrisentan (*#) Ampyra (*) (<i>Generic available-Brand is non-preferred</i>) Apokyn (*) Aralast (*) Aranesp (*) Arcalyst (*) Arzerra (*) Astagraf XL Aubagio (*#) Avastin (*) Avonex (*) Ayvakit (*) Azacitidine (*#)</p> <p>B</p> <hr/> <p>Balversa (*) Baraclude Bavencio (*) Bebulin (*) Beleodaq (*) Bendamustine (*) Bendeka (*) Benefix (*) Benlysta (*) Berinert (*) Besponsa (*) Betaseron (*#) Bethkis (*) Bexarotene (*#)</p>	<p>Bivigam (*) Blincyto (*) Boniva Bosentan (*) Bosulif (*#) Botox (*) Braftovi (*) Buphenyl (*)</p> <p>C</p> <hr/> <p>Cabometyx (*) Calquence (*) Camptosar Caprelsa (*) Carbaglu (*) Carimune (*) Cayston (*) Cellcept Ceprotin Cerdelga (*) Cerezyme (*) Cholbam (*) Cimzia (*#) Cinacalcet (*#) Cinryze (*) Coagadex (*) Cometriq (*) Copaxone (*) Copiktra (*) Corifact Cosentyx (*) Cotellic (*) Crinone Cyramza (*) Cystadane Cystagon (*) Cystaran (*) Cytogam (*) Cytovene</p> <p>D</p> <hr/> <p>Dacogen (*) Dalfampridine (*#) Darzalex (*) Daurismo (*) Decitabine (*#) Deferasirox (*#) Deferoxamine Mesylate (*#) Desferal (*) Diacomit (*) Docetaxel (*) Doxil Doxorubicin (#) Duopa</p>	<p>Dupixent (*#) Dysport (*)</p> <p>E</p> <hr/> <p>Egrifta (*) Elaprase (*) Elelyso (*) Eligard (*) Eloctate (*) Emlipicti (*) Enbrel (*) Enhertu (*) Entecavir (#) Entyvio (*) Epclusa (*#) Epidiolex (*) Epivir HBV Epogen (*) Epoprostenol (*#) Erbitux (*) Erivedge (*) Erleada (*#) Erlotinib (*#) Erwinaze (*) Esbriet (*) Euflexxa (*) Exjade (*) Extavia (*) Eylea (*)</p> <p>F</p> <hr/> <p>Fabrazyme (*) Farydak (*) Faslodex Feiba (*) Feraheme Ferric Gluconate (#) Ferriprox (*) Ferrlecit Fibryga Firazyr (*) Firmagon (*) Flebogamma (*) Flolan (*) Folotyn (*) Forteo (*#) Fusilev (*) Fuzeon (#)</p> <p>G</p> <hr/> <p>Galafold (*) Gamastan (*) Gamastan S/D (*) Gammagard/SD (*)</p>	<p>Gammaked (*) Gammaplex (*) Gamunex-C (*) Ganciclovir (#) Gattex (*) Gazyva (*) Gel-One (*#) Genotropin (*) Gilenya (*#) Gilotrif (*) Givlaari (*) Glassia (*) Glatiramer (*#) Glatopa (*#) Gleevec (*) Gonal-F/RFF (*#) Granix (*)</p> <p>H</p> <hr/> <p>Haegarda (*) Halaven (*) Harvoni (*#) Helixate FS (*) Hemofil M (*) Hepsera Herceptin (*) Herceptin Hylecta (*) Hetlioz (*) Hizentra (*) HP Acthar (*) Humate-P (*) Humatrope (*#) Humira (*#) Hyalgan (*) Hycamtin (*#) Hycamtin (*) Hydroxyprogesterone (#) Hyperrho S/D Hyqvia (*)</p> <p>I</p> <hr/> <p>Ibrance (*#) Iclusig (*) Idamycin PFS Idarubicin (#) Ilaris (*#) Imatinib (*#) Imbruvica (*) Imfinzi (*) Imovax Increlex (*) Infed Inflectra (*) Inlyta (*)</p>
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Intron A (*#)
Iressa (*)
Irinotecan (#)
Istodax (*)
Ixempra (*)
Ixinity (*)

J

Jadenu (*)
Jakafi (*)
Jettrea (*)
Jevtana (*)
Juxtapid (*)

K

Kadcyla (*)
Kalbitor (*)
Kalydeco (*)
Kanuma (*)
Kepivance
Kevzara (*)
Keytruda (*)
Kineret (*)
Kisqali (*#)
Kitabis (*#)
Koate/DVI (*)
Kogenate FS (*#)
Korlym (*)
Krystexxa (*)
Kuvan (*#)
Kyleena
Kynamro (*)
Kyprolis (*)

L

Lamivudine (#)
Lartruvo (*)
Lemtrada (*)
Lenvima (*)
Letairis (*)
Leukine (*)
Leuprolide (*#)
Levoleucovor (*#)
Liletta
Lipodox (#)
Lonsurf (*)
Lorbrena (*)
Lucentis (*)
Lumizyme (*)
Lupaneta (*)
Lupron/Depot (*)
Lynparza (*)

M

Macugen (*)
Makena (#)
Marqibo
Matulane (#)
Mavyret (*#)
Mekinist (*)
Mektovi (*)
Mesna (#)
Mesnex
Michrogam PL

Miglustat (*#)
Mirena
Mitomycin (#)
Mitoxantron (*#)
Moderiba (#)
Moderiba (*)
Monoclate-P (*)
Mononine (*)
Monovisc (*)
Mozobil (*)
Mutamycin (#)
Myalept (*)
Myfortic
Myobloc (*)

N

Naglazyme (*)
Natpara (*)
Neoral
Nerlynx (*)
Neulasta (*)
Neupogen (*)
Nexavar (*)
Nexplanon
Ninlaro (*)
Nipent
Norditropin (*#)
Northera (*)
Novoeight (*)
Novoseven RT (*)
Nplate (*)
Nulojix
Nutropin AQ (*)

O

Obizur (*)
Ocrevus (*)
Octagam (*)
Octreotide (*#)
Odomzo (*)
Ofev (*)
Omnitrope (*)
Oncaspar (*)
Onivyde (*)
Opdivo (*)
Opsumit (*#)
Orencia (*)
Orenitram (*)
Orfadin (*)
Orkambi (*)
Orthovisc (*)
Otezla (*#)
Otrexup (*)
Ozurdex

P

Padcev (*)
Pamidronate (#)
Panretin
Pegasys (*#)
PegIntron (*)
Perjeta (*)
Phenylbutyrate (*#)
Plegridy (*)

Pomalyst (*)
Pregnyl (*)
Prialt (*)
Privigen (*)
Procrit (*)
Procysbi (*)
Profilnine (*)
Prograf
Prolastin-C (*#)
Proleukin (*)
Prolia (*)
Promacta (*)
Provenge (*)
Pulmozyme (*)
Purixan (*)
Pyrimethamine (25 mg tab)

Q

N/A

R

Radicava (*)
Rapamune (#)
Rasuvo (*)
Ravicti (*)
Rebetol (*#)
Rebif/Rebidose (*#)
Reblozyl SQ (*)
Reclast (*)
Recombinant (*)
Remicade (*)
Revatio (*)
Revlimid (*)
Rhogam
Rhophyllac
Riastap (*)
Ribapak (*)
Ribasphere (#)
Ribavirin (#)
Rilutek
Riluzole (#)
Rinvoq (*#)
Rituxan (*)
Rixubis (*)
Romidepsin (*)
Rubraca (*)
Ruconest (*)
Rydapt (*)

S

Sabril (*)
Saizen (*)
Saizenprep (*)
Samsca (*)
Sandimmune (#)
Sandostatin (*)
Sensipar (*#)
Serostim (*)
Signifor/LAR (*)
Sildenafil (#)
Simponi/Aria (*#)
Skyrizi (*#)
Skyla
Sodium Phenylbutyrate (*#)

Soliris (*)
Somatuline (*)
Somavert (*)
Sprycel (*#)
Stelara (*#)
Stimate (*)
Stivarga (*)
Strensiq (*)
Sucraid
Supartz/FX (*#)
Supprelin LA (*)
Sutent (*)
Sylatron (*)
Sylvant (*)
Synagis (*)
Synarel
Synribo (*)
Synvisc (*)

T

Tadalafil (*#)
Tafinlar (*)
Tagrisso (*)
Talzenna (*)
Taltz (*)
Tarceva (*)
Targretin (*)
Taxotere (*)
Tazverik (*)
Tecentriq (*)
Tecfidera (*#)
Temodar (*)
Temozolomide (*#)
Temsirolimus (*#)
Tetrabenazin (*#)
Thalomid (*)
Thyrogen
Tobi Podhaler (*#)
Tobramycin (*#)
Topotecan (*)
Torisel (*)
Tracleer (*#)
Treanda (*)
Trelstar (*)
Tremfya (*#)
Trepstinil (*#)
Tretinoin (#)
Tretten
Trikafta (*)
Tykerb (*#)
Tysabri (*)
Tyvaso (*)

U

Unituxin
Upravi (*#)

V

Valchlor (*)
Valrubicin (*#)
Valstar (*)
Vantas (*)
Varithena
Vectibix (*)

Velcade (*)	Vosevi (*#)	Xiaflex (*)	Zejula (*#)
Veletri (*)	Votrient (*)	Xolair (*#)	Zelboraf (*)
Venclexta (*)	Vpriv (*)	Xospata (*)	Zemaira (*)
Venofer	W	Xtandi (*#)	Zevalin
Verzenio (*)	Wilate (*)	Xyntha/Solof (*)	Zoladex (*)
Vidaza (*)	Winrho SDF	Xyrem (*)	Zoledronic (*#)
Vigabatrin (*#)	X	Y	Zolinza (*#)
Vigadrone (*#)	Xalkori (*)	Yervoy (*)	Zomacton (*)
Viktrakvi (*)	Xeljanz/XR (*#)	Yondelis (*)	Zometa (*)
Vimizim (*)	Xeloda (*)	Z	Zorbtive (*)
Visco-3 (*)	Xeomin (*)	Zaltrap (*)	Zortress ()
Visudyne (*)	Xermelo (*)	Zarxio (*)	Zydelig (*)
Vivitrol ()	Xgeva (*)	Zavesca (*)	Zykadia (*)
Voraxaze			Zytiga (*#)
Voriconazole (#)			

Table A: Specialty Drugs That May Require Medical Necessity Prior Authorization

Condition/Drug Class	Before you have coverage for one of these drugs...	...you must have tried one (or more) of these alternative drugs first.
Brain Cancer	Temodar	temozolomide
Colon Cancer	Xeloda	capecitabine
Cystic Fibrosis	TOBI Podhaler	Tobramycin inhalation
Decrease in White Blood Cells	Neupogen	Zarxio
Growth Deficiency	Genotropin, Nutropin/AQ, Omnitrope, Saizen, Zomacton	Humatrope, Norditropin Flexpro
Hemophilia	Helixate FS	Kogenate
High Cholesterol	Juxtapid, Kynamro	Repatha
Inflammatory Conditions (Crohn's Disease, Psoriasis, Rheumatoid Arthritis)	Actemra, Cosentyx, Enbrel, Entyvio, Inflectra, Kevzara, Kineret, Orencia, Remicade, Rituxan, Siliq, Taltz	Cimzia, Humira, Otezla, Rinvoq, Simponi/Aria, Skyrizi, Stelara, Tremfya, Xeljanz/XR
Leukemia/Multiple Cancers	Gleevec	imatinib
Multiple Sclerosis	Avonex, Extavia, Ocrevus, Plegridy, Tysabri	Aubagio, Betaseron, Copaxone, Gilenya, glatiramer, Glatopa, Rebif, Tecfidera
Osteoarthritis of the Knee	Euflexxa, Monovisc, Orthovisc, Synvisc/One	Gel-One, Hyalgan, Supartz
Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension	Adcirca, Revatio	tadalafil, sildenafil

