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## Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Expands Specialty Pharmacy Precertification List

Please note, this communication applies to Healthy Blue + Medicare<sup>SM</sup> (HMO-POS D-SNP) offered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina.

Effective for dates of service on and after **June 1, 2024**, the specialty Medicare Part B drug listed in the table below will be included in our precertification review process.

Federal and state law, as well as state contract language and CMS guidelines, including definitions and specific contract provisions/exclusions, take precedence over these precertification rules and must be considered first when determining coverage. Noncompliance with new requirements may result in denied claims.

HCPCS or CPT Codes	Medicare Part B Drugs
J3490, J3590	Avzivi (bevacizumab-tjnj)
C9399, J3490, J3590	Loqtorzi (toripalimab-tpzi)
J3490	Rivfloza (nedosiran)
J3490, J3590	Ryzneuta (efbemalenograstim alfa-vuxw)
C9399, J3490	Wainua (eplontersen)

### Notification of Specialty Pharmacy Medical Step Therapy Updates

Effective **June 1, 2024**, the following Part B medications from the current *Clinical Criteria Guidelines* will be included in our medical step therapy precertification review process. Step therapy review will apply upon precertification initiation in addition to the current medical necessity review (as is current procedure). Step therapy will not apply for members who are actively receiving medications listed below.

*Clinical UM Guidelines* are publicly available on the provider website. Visit the [Clinical Criteria page](#) to search for specific criteria.

Clinical UM Guidelines	Preferred Drug(s)	Nonpreferred Drug(s)
CC-0107	Avastin Mvasi	Avzivi Alymsys Vegzelma Zirabev

<https://www.bluecrossnc.com/providers/networks-programs/blue-medicare/healthy-blue-medicare>

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