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This newsletter shares important updates, reminders and resources related to the Ascension SmartHealth medical plan

Medical Specialty/Medical Benefit Drug Prior Authorization process updates

Physician administered specialty medications, or infusion therapies are subject to PA approval. Prior Authorization criteria for each of the following drugs was reviewed and approved by the February 2024 National Ascension TAG Committee. Beginning May 1, 2024, these additional medical benefit drugs (medical specialty drugs) listed below will require PA approval:

HCPCS Code	Brand Name	Generic Name	HCPCS Description	Requirement	Requirement Effective Date	Clinical Category
J0174	LEQEMBI	Lecanemab	Injection, lecanemab-irmb, 1mg	PA Required	5/1/2024	Antidementia Agent
J1561	GAMUNEX-C	immune globulin	Injection, immune globulin, (gamunex-c/gammaked), non-lyophilized (e.g., liquid), 500 mg	PA Required	5/1/2024	Immunodeficiency
J1561	GAMMAKED	immune globulin	Injection, immune globulin, (gamunex-c/gammaked), non-lyophilized (e.g., liquid), 500 mg	PA Required	5/1/2024	Immunodeficiency
J1459	PRIVIGEN	immune globulin	Injection, immune globulin (privigen), intravenous, non-lyophilized (e.g., liquid), 500 mg	PA Required	5/1/2024	Immunodeficiency

If you have questions, or to see a current list of all medical benefit drugs (medical specialty drugs) requiring PA approval, visit our website at mysmarthealth.org/plan-coverage/pharmacy and navigate to the “Provider administered specialty medications or infusion therapies” section. The Medical Specialty Formulary and PA list can be found here: [Medical Benefit Drug List/MSPA Formulary](#).

The instructions are also listed below:

To submit a precertification notification or prior authorization request for a physician-administered product or infusion therapy (medical drug/ medical specialty drug) listed above:

1. Download the medical benefit drug precertification notification and PA form on website or [here](#).
2. Complete and sign the PA form
3. Submit the completed and signed PA form:

Via fax to 512-831-5499 (or) via the [Interactive Provider Portal](#).



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