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Medical Drug Benefit *Clinical Criteria* Updates

Please note, this communication applies to Healthy Blue + MedicareSM (HMO D-SNP) offered by *Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (Blue Cross NC)*.

On August 19, 2022, September 12, 2022, November 18, 2022, February 24, 2023, May 19, 2023, June 12, 2023, and July 11, 2023, the Pharmacy and Therapeutic (P&T) Committee approved the following *Clinical Criteria* applicable to the medical drug benefit for *Blue Cross NC*. These policies were developed, revised, or reviewed to support clinical coding edits.

Visit [Clinical Criteria](#) to search for specific policies. If you have questions or would like additional information, use this [email](#).

Please see the explanation/definition for each category of *Clinical Criteria* below:

- New: newly published criteria
- Revised: addition or removal of medical necessity requirements, new document number
- Updates marked with an asterisk (*) notate that the criteria may be perceived as more restrictive

Please share this notice with other providers in your practice and office staff.

Note:

- **The *Clinical Criteria* listed below applies only to the medical drug benefits contained within the member’s medical policy. This does not apply to pharmacy services.**
- **This notice is meant to inform the provider of new or revised criteria that has been adopted by *Blue Cross NC* only. It does not include details regarding any authorization requirements. Authorization rules are communicated via a separate notice.**

Effective Date	Document Number	<i>Clinical Criteria</i> Title	New or Revised
December 19, 2023	*CC-0243	Vyjuvek (beremagene geperpavec)	New
December 19, 2023	*CC-0242	Epkinly (epcoritamab-bysp)	New

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

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December 19, 2023	*CC-0241	Elfabrio (pegunigalsidase alfa-iwxj)	New
December 19, 2023	CC-0228	Leqembi (lecanemab)	Revised
December 19, 2023	*CC-0061	Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone Analogs for the Treatment of Non-Oncologic Indications	Revised
December 19, 2023	*CC-0015	Infertility and HCG Agents	Revised
December 19, 2023	*CC-0062	Tumor Necrosis Factor Antagonists	Revised
December 19, 2023	CC-0151	Yescarta (axicabtagene ciloleucel)	Revised
December 19, 2023	*CC-0177	Zilretta (triamcinolone acetate extended-release)	Revised
December 19, 2023	CC-0149	Select Clotting Agents for Bleeding Disorders	Revised
December 19, 2023	CC-0032	Botulinum Toxin	Revised
December 19, 2023	*CC-0002	Colony Stimulating Factor Agents	Revised
December 19, 2023	*CC-0001	Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents	Revised
December 19, 2023	*CC-0174	Kesimpta (ofatumumab)	Revised
December 19, 2023	*CC-0209	Leqvio (inclisiran)	Revised
December 19, 2023	*CC-0011	Ocrevus (ocrelizumab)	Revised
December 19, 2023	*CC-0005	Hyaluronan Injections - Medicare Only	Revised