

# Step Therapy requirements for Medicare outpatient (Part B) medications

Medicare coverage for outpatient (Part B) drugs is outlined in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-2), Chapter 15, §50 Drugs and Biologicals. In addition, National Coverage Determination (NCD), Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) and Articles may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. Step Therapy will be required for the medications listed in the table below effective 1/1/2022, provided the following are met for the requested drug:

- Meets the definition of a Medicare Part B medication.
- New for the patient, as defined by no use in the last 365 days.
- Proposed use of the requested and alternative drug has been determined to be a medically accepted indication under Medicare rules.
- Dose, frequency and duration of use may not exceed the safety and efficacy data supporting the medically accepted indication.

Non-Preferred Drug	HCPCS Code	Preferred Drug	HCPCS Code	Special Comment
Aloxi/palonosetron	J2469	Kytril/ondansetron	J1626/J2405	Regimens of moderately emetogenicity or less
Avastin/Alymsis/Vegzelma	J9035/J9999	Mvasi/Zirabev	Q5107/Q5118	Oncology use only
Fusilev	J0641	Leucovorin	J0640	
Khapzory	J0642	Leucovorin	J0640	
Herceptin/Herceptin Hylecta/Ontruzant/Herzuma	J9355/J9356/Q5112/Q5113	Ogivri/Trazimera/Kanjinti	Q5114/Q5116/Q5117	
HP Acthar	J0800	Corticosteroids	multiple	Exclude for patients with West Syndrome
Neulasta/Nyvepria/Udenyca/Fylnetra/Stimufend/Rolvedon	J2506/Q5122/Q5111/J3590	Ziextenzo/Fulphila	Q5120 /Q5108	
Neupogen/Nivestym/Granix/Releuko	J1442/Q5110/J1447/Q5125	Zarxio	Q5101	

Procrit/Epogen (non-ESRD)	J0885	Retacrit (non-ESRD)	Q5106	
Eylea	J0178	Avastin - Ophthalmic	C9257	
Lucentis	J2778	Avastin - Ophthalmic	C9257	
Macugen	J2503	Avastin - Ophthalmic	C9257	
Beovu	J0179	Avastin - Ophthalmic	C9257	
Susvimo	J2779	Avastin - Ophthalmic	C9257	
Vabysmo	J2777	Avastin - Ophthalmic	C9257	
Byooviz	Q5124	Avastin - Ophthalmic	C9257	
Cimerli	J3590	Avastin - Ophthalmic	C9257	
Rituxan/Rituxan Hyleca/Riabni	J9312/ J9311/Q5123	Truxima/Ruxience	Q5115/Q5119	
Sustol	J1627	Kytril/ondansetron/ Aloxi/palonosetron	J2405/J1626/ J2469	Moderate emetogenicity or less
Treanda/Vivimusta	J9033/J9999	Belrapzo/Bendeka	J9036/J9034	
Prolia/Xgeva	J0897	Zoledronic acid	J3489	Exclude patients with metastatic breast and metastatic prostate per clinical data
Zilretta	J3304	Triamcinolone inj.	J3301	
Fereheme	Q0138	Venofer/Infed/ Ferrlecit	J1756/J1750/ J2916	
Injectafer	J1439	Venofer/Infed/ Ferrlecit	J1756/J1750/ J2916	
Infugem	J9199	Gemcitabine	J9201	
Marqibo	J9371	Vincristine	J9370	
Monoferric	J1437	Venofer/Infed/ Ferrlecit	J1756/J1750/ J2916	
Remicade/Renflexis/ Avsola/infliximab	J1745/Q5104/Q5121	Inflectra	Q5103	
Durolane/Gel- One/GelSyn3/ GenVisc 850/Hyalgan/ Hymovis/Monovisc/ Orthovisc/sodium hyaluronate/ Supartz/Supartz FX/ Synojoynt/Synvisc/ Synvisc-One/ Trivisc/VISCO- 3/Triluron	J7318/J7326/J7328/ J7320/J7321/J7322/ J7327/J7324/J3490/ J7331/J7325/J7329/ J7332	Euflexxa	J7323	

Soliris	J1300	<b>PNH/aHUS –</b> Ultomiris <b>NMOSD –</b> Uplizna/Ruxience/ Truxima/Enspryng <b>AChR+ gMG –</b> Vyvgart/Ultomiris	J1303/J1823/ Q5115/Q5119/ J3490	For shared FDA approved indications only
Leqvio	J1306	Praluent/Repatha	Medicare Part D	
Saphnelo	J0491	Benlysta	J0490	

## References

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