

How to submit prior authorization requests for medical benefit drugs

For Blue Cross commercial and BCN commercial

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Follow these steps to submit prior authorization requests when prescribing most drugs covered under the medical benefit for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network commercial members.

Note: The information below doesn't apply to oncology medical benefit drugs.

Michigan prescribers

To submit prior authorization requests electronically:

1. Log in to our provider portal (availability.com*).
2. Click *Payer Spaces* on the menu bar and click the BCBSM and BCN logo.
3. Click the *Medical/Pharm Drug Benefit Prior Auth (Commercial)* tile on the Applications tab.
4. In the Medical and Pharmacy Drug PA Portal, click the *Authorization* menu and select *Add New*.
5. Enter the member's last name, date of birth, subscriber ID and authorization start date.
6. Click *Search* and then select the appropriate member in the member list.
7. Complete all required fields and submit the request.

If you're registered for Availity Essentials™ but aren't able to access it, submit the prior authorization request using the *Medication Authorization Request Form*, or *MARF*, that's on the next page. Fax it to the number on the form.

Non-Michigan prescribers

When submitting prior authorization requests, prescribers located outside of Michigan should complete the appropriate steps on the [Getting Started](#) page on ereferrals.bcbsm.com. Look in the *Submit prior authorization requests* section.

If a non-Michigan prescriber is unable to submit a prior authorization request using the instructions on the webpage, submit the request using the *Medication Authorization Request Form*, or *MARF*, that's on the next page. Fax it to the number on the form.

Information about the Medical and Pharmacy Drug PA Portal

To help you learn how to use the Medical and Pharmacy Drug PA Portal, view a recorded demo by going to Blue Cross and BCN's Provider Training site, searching on *drugs* and launching the *Medical and Pharmacy Drug PA Portal Overview*.

For detailed information about accessing the Provider Training site, see the "Online training" section of the [Training Tools](#) page on ereferrals.bcbsm.com.

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Blue Cross Blue Shield/Blue Care Network of Michigan
Medication Authorization Request Form
Stelara® (ustekinumab) Intravenous HCPCS CODE: J3358



This form is to be used by participating physicians to obtain coverage for Stelara. For commercial members only, please complete this form and submit via fax to 1-877-325-5979. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact BCBSM Provider Relations and Servicing or the Medical Drug Helpdesk at 1-800-437-3803 for assistance.

PATIENT INFORMATION	PHYSICIAN INFORMATION
Name	Name
ID Number	Specialty
D.O.B. ☐ Male ☐ Female	Address
Patient's weight (in kg) Date recorded: _____	City /State/Zip
Diagnosis	Phone/Fax: P: () - F: () -
Drug Name ☐ Stelara Intravenous Only	NPI
Dose and Quantity	Contact Person
Directions	Contact Person Phone / Ext.
Date of Service(s)	

STEP 1: DISEASE STATE INFORMATION

****Please note: A separate form is required for Stelara Subcutaneous****

- Has the patient already received Stelara IV? ☐ Yes ☐ No Date patient started therapy: _____
- Site of administration? ☐ Provider office/Home infusion ☐ Other: _____
☐ Hospital outpatient facility (go to #3) Reason for Hospital Outpatient administration: _____
- Please specify location of administration if hospital outpatient infusion: _____**
- Please provide the NPI number for the place of administration: _____**
- What is the requested initial Stelara IV Dose based on patient's weight? Weight in kg: _____
☐ 130 mg ☐ 260 mg ☐ 390 mg ☐ 520 mg ☐ Other: _____
- Initiation AND Continuation of therapy:**
 - Please check the patient's diagnosis: ☐ Crohn's disease ☐ Ulcerative colitis ☐ other: _____
 - Has the patient tried and failed therapy with at least one conventional therapy?
☐ Systemic corticosteroid daily for 7 days: please list name of drug(s): _____, Date started: _____ Date ended: _____
☐ Mercaptopurine, Date started: _____ Date ended: _____
☐ Azathioprine, Date started: _____ Date ended: _____
☐ Methotrexate, Date started: _____ Date ended: _____
☐ Other: _____, Date started: _____ Date ended: _____
 - Will the patient be receiving Stelara with other biologic agents (for example: Remicade, Humira, Kineret, Entyvio, Tremfya, etc.) or with targeted DMARD medications (for example: Otezla)?
☐ yes, Please provide rationale: _____ ☐ no
- Stelara IV is a one-time therapy and should not be used after the first dose. **Please see Stelara Subcutaneous request form for continued therapy.**

Please add any other supporting medical information necessary for our review

Coverage will not be provided if the prescribing physician's signature and date are not reflected on this document.

☐ Request for expedited review: I certify that applying the standard review time frame may seriously jeopardize the life or health of the member or the member's ability to regain maximum function

Physician's Name	Physician Signature	Date
Step 2: Checklist	☐ Form Completely Filled Out ☐ Attached Chart Notes	☐ Weight (specify lb or kg) , BSA
Step 3: Submit	By Fax: BCBSM Specialty Pharmacy Mailbox 1-877-325-5979	By Mail: BCBSM Specialty Pharmacy Program P.O. Box 312320, Detroit, MI 48231-2320

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