

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 and Pharmacy Benefit Drug Prior Auth* 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 **authorizations.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 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 Prior Auth portal overview mini module*.

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

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Blue Cross Blue Shield/Blue Care Network of Michigan
Medication Authorization Request Form
Exondys 51® (eteplirsen) HCPCS CODE: J1428



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This form is to be used by participating physicians to obtain coverage for Exondys 51. 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	
Pt weight (in kg)	Date recorded: _____		
Diagnosis		City /State/Zip	
Drug Name		Phone/Fax: P: () - F: () -	
Dose and Quantity		NPI	
Directions		Contact Person	
Date of Service(s)		Contact Person Phone / Ext.	

STEP 1: DISEASE STATE INFORMATION

- Is this request for initiation or renewal of therapy? ☐ Initiation ☐ Renewal ☐ **Original Start Date:** _____
- Is the patient being seen by a specialist? ☐ Pulmonologist ☐ Cardiologist ☐ Neurologist
☐ Other: _____
- Site of administration? ☐ Provider office/Home infusion ☐ Other: _____
☐ Hospital outpatient facility (go to #4) *Reason for Hospital Outpatient:* _____
- Please provide the NPI number for the place of administration: _____
- Please specify location of administration if hospital outpatient infusion? _____
- What is the patient's weight in Kg _____ Date recorded: _____
- Initiation AND Continuation of therapy:**
 - Please check the patient's diagnosis: ☐ Duchenne muscular dystrophy ☐ Becker muscular dystrophy
☐ other: _____
 - Has the patient been diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy through genetic testing?
☐ Yes ☐ No
 - What genetic mutation does the patient have? _____ (Genetics testing results must be attached)
- Has the patient been enrolled in a clinical trial? ☐ Yes: Name of clinical trial _____ ☐ No
- Continuation request:** Exondys 51 start date _____
 - Has the patient had documented beneficial clinical response to Exondys 51? ☐ yes ☐ no
Comment _____
- Chart notes are required for the processing of all requests. 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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