Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Care Network of Michigan

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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 (availity.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
Spinraza™ (nusinersen)
HCPCS CODE : J2326

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This form is to be used by participating physicians to obtain coverage for Spinraza. 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 **Pt weight (in kg)** **Date recorded:**_____	**Address**
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**

1. Is the prescriber a neurologist specializing in pediatric neuromuscular disorders? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   If no, please list the consulting neurologist specializing in pediatric neuromuscular disorders: _____
2. Is this for initiation or continuation of therapy? ☐ Initiation ☐ Continuation *Date patient started therapy*: _____
3. Please provide the NPI number for the place of administration: _____
4. Is the patient fully ventilator dependent? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. How often will the patient be receiving the maintenance dose (after the initial starting regimen):
   ☐ Every 2 months ☐ Every 4 months ☐ Every 6 months ☐ Other _____
6. Does the physician attest to providing clinical outcome information within the appropriate provider portal as requested by BCBSM?
   ☐ Yes ☐ No Comment _____
7. **Initiation AND Continuation of Therapy:**
   a. Please check the patient's diagnosis: ☐ Spinal muscular atrophy ☐ Other: _____
   b. If spinal muscular atrophy chosen, what type does the patient have?
      ☐ Type 0 ☐ Type 1 ☐ Type 2 ☐ Type 3 ☐ Type 4
   c. Has the patient been diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy through genetic testing? *(labs are required)*
      ☐ Yes ☐ No
   d. Has a baseline, age appropriate exam to establish baseline motor function and ability been submitted? Examples of assessments include: Hammersmith Infant Neurological Exam (HINE); Hammersmith Functional Motor Scale Expanded (HFMSE), etc. *(chart notes are required)* ☐ Yes ☐ No
   e. Has the patient received prior treatment with any gene therapy (such as Zolgensma) or are they being considered for future treatment with gene therapy for spinal muscle atrophy? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   f. Will the patient be receiving Spinraza with SMN2-targeting antisense oligonucleotide or SMN2 splicing modifier?
      ☐ Yes ☐ No
8. **Continuation request:** Spinraza start date _____
   a. Has the patient repeated a motor ability assessment documenting clinically significant improvement in SMA-associated motor milestones and motor function compared to predicted natural history and progression? *(chart notes are required)*
      ☐ Yes ☐ No Comment _____

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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