

# PROVIDER ALERT



**To:** AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

**Date:** November 11, 2021

**Subject:** Site of Care Medical Pharmacy (updated)

**Summary:** AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana's Policy CCP.8004 Site of Care Medical Pharmacy has been updated.

## Content

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana would like to make you aware of the attached policy that has been updated and approved by the Louisiana Department of Health in accordance with La. R.S. 46:460.54 and will become effective **December 13, 2021**.

**Questions:** Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the care of our members. If you have questions about this communication, please contact AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Provider Services at 1-888-922-0007 or your [Provider Network Management Account Executive](#).

### Missed an alert?

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### Where can I find more information on COVID-19?

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana has updated its website to streamline communications and important notifications about COVID-19. Please visit <http://amerihealthcaritasla.com/covid-19> for up-to-date information for both providers and members, including frequently asked questions, and important provider alerts from AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana and the Louisiana Department of Health.

# Clinical Policy Title: Site of Care Medical Pharmacy

CCPD ID: CCP.8004

Recent review date: 1/2021

Next review date: 1/2022

Policy contains: Medical Pharmacy Policy; Infusion Center, Prior Authorization

*ABOUT THIS POLICY: AmeriHealth Caritas has developed clinical policies to assist with making coverage determinations. AmeriHealth Caritas' clinical policies are based on guidelines from established industry sources, such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), state regulatory agencies, the American Medical Association (AMA), medical specialty professional societies, and peer-reviewed professional literature. These clinical policies along with other sources, such as plan benefits and state and federal laws and regulatory requirements, including any state- or plan-specific definition of "medically necessary," and the specific facts of the particular situation are considered by AmeriHealth Caritas when making coverage determinations. In the event of conflict between this clinical policy and plan benefits and/or state or federal laws and/or regulatory requirements, the plan benefits and/or state and federal laws and/or regulatory requirements shall control.*

*AmeriHealth Caritas' clinical policies are for informational purposes only and not intended as medical advice or to direct treatment. Physicians and other health care providers are solely responsible for the treatment decisions for their patients. AmeriHealth Caritas' clinical policies are reflective of evidence-based medicine at the time of review. As medical science evolves, AmeriHealth Caritas will update its clinical policies as necessary. AmeriHealth Caritas' clinical policies are not guarantees of payment.*

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## Coverage policy

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AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana provides reimbursement for medical services only when those services are provided in the most appropriate and cost-effective setting consistent with the member's medical needs and condition. The following drugs require prior authorization for medical necessity and can be safely administered in the home, an in-network infusion center, and an in-network office:

Actemra® *	Ixifi™
Alemtuzumab injection	Lanreotide injection
Avsola™	Leuprolide acetate
Benlysta	Leuprolide acetate for depot suspension
Bivigam	Mepolizumab injection
Carimune NF®	Naglazyme
Cinqair®	Natalizumab injection
Crysvita® *	Ocrelizumab injection
Cutaquig®	Octagam® injection
Cuvitru®	Octreotide injection, depot
Ellelyso®	Omalizumab injection
Evenity	Onpattro®

Fabrazyme®	Orencia®
Filgrastim g-csf biosimilar injection	Panzyga®
Flebogamma	Pegfilgrastim injection
Gamastan S/D	Pegloticase injection
Gamastan S/D	Prolastin®
Gamifant *	Prolia®
Gammagard Liquid	Radicava®
Gammagard S/D	Reblozyl®
Gammaked®	Renflexis®
Gammaplex	Respiratory syncytial virus immune globulin injection
Gamunex C®	Romiplostim injection
Givlaari	Simponi Aria®
Glassia™	Soliris®
Glassia/Aralast NP™	Stelara®
Hizentra	Tocilizumab injection
HyQvia	Trogarzo
Idursulfase injection	Ultomiris®*
Ilaris	Vedolizumab injection
Ilumya™	Vimizim®
Imiglucerase injection	VPRIV®
Immune globulin, powder	Vyepti™
Inflectra®	Xembify®
Infliximab (not biosimilar)	Zemaira®
IVIG injection(Privigen®)	

**Note: \*Specific medications used in pediatric population are excluded from this policy requirement.**

When these drugs are administered at an outpatient hospital facility instead of the home, an in-network infusion center or an in-network office, authorization for reimbursement will only be provided if one of the following criteria are met:

- Documented history of severe adverse reaction occurred during or immediately following an infusion and/or the adverse reaction did not respond to conventional interventions
- Documentation that the member is medically unstable for the safe and effective administration of the prescribed medication at an alternative site of care as a result of one of the following:
  - Complex medical condition, status, or therapy requires services beyond the capabilities of an office or home infusion setting
  - Documented history of medical instability, significant comorbidity, or concerns regarding fluid status inhibits treatment at a less-intensive site of care
  - Clinically significant physical or cognitive impairment that precludes safe and effective treatment in an outpatient or home infusion setting
  - Difficulty establishing and maintaining reliable vascular access

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## Policy updates

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2/2020: initial review date and clinical policy effective date: 2/2020

**1/2021: The following were added. Actemra®; Avsola™; Benlysta; Bivigam; Carimune NF®; Cinqair®; Crysvita®; Cutaquig®; Cuvitru®; Elelyso®; Evenity; Fabrazyme®; Flebogamma; Gamastan S/D; Gamastan S/D; Gamifant; Gammagard Liquid; Gammagard S/D; Gammaked®; Gammaplex; Gamunex C®; Givlaari; Glassia™; Glassia/Aralast NP™; Hizentra; HyQvia; Ilaris; Ilumya™; Inflectra®; Ixifi™; Naglazyme; Onpattro®; Orencia®; Panzyga®; Prolastin®; Prolia®; Radicava®; Reblozyl®; Renflexis®; Simponi Aria®; Soliris®; Stelara®; Trogarzo; Ultomiris®; Vimizim®; VPRIV®; Vyepti™; Xembify®; Zemaira®**