

March 1, 2021

Dear Dean Health Plan Provider:

Dean Health Plan's Medical Policy Committee has approved the drug policies highlighted in this notification. These changes, and other changes not included in this notification, will also be communicated in the quarterly provider newsletters and available online. Please share this information with others within your organization who may be affected by these changes.

Dean Health Plan requires providers to obtain prior authorization on all drugs with written policies by sending authorization requests to Navitus, unless otherwise noted in the policy. Please note that most drugs require specialists to prescribe and request authorization.

Changes to Drug Policies

Effective for dates of service on and after June 1, 2021, the following drugs:

- PROLIA/XGEVA (denosumab) MB9409 — added maximum of one administration and office visit per month for use in multiple myeloma or bone metastases. Approval duration for initial and renewal authorizations reduced to one year, subject to formulary changes. Prior authorization is required and is restricted to Oncology, Rheumatology, Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Orthopedic Surgery, or Endocrinology specialists.
- LUPRON-ELIGARD (leuprolide) MB1842 — added J1950 coverage is limited to three combined units in 12 weeks when the diagnosis on the claim is benign prostatic hyperplasia, breast cancer, endometriosis, premenstrual syndrome, or uterine leiomyomata. Prior Authorization is not required and is restricted to oncology, urology, OBGYN, internal medicine, family medicine, or pediatrics specialists.
- INFLIXIMAB Infusions MB9231 — added unit limits of up to 68 units per date of service when the member age is less than 18 years and the diagnosis is pediatric regional enteritis (Crohn's disease). Prior Authorization is required and is restricted to dermatology, rheumatology, or gastroenterology specialists.

Medical Benefit Drug Policies

Prescribers are encouraged to track changes and review policies in their entirety. Medical benefit drug policies are accessible online via the Dean Health Plan Document Library at deancare.com/document-repository or by visiting deancare.com and following the step-by-step instructions below:

- Select the drop down from the **I AM A...** screen to **Provider**.
- Navigate to **Pharmacy Services**.
- Under **Up to date Drug Policies**, click **See library**.
- Enter the drug name or the numerical digits of the assigned policy number (e.g. entering 1234 of the medical benefit policy number MB1234) in the **Search for** field to find the full catalog of drug policies.

Criteria for pharmacy benefit medications may be found on the associated prior authorization form located in the Provider Portal.

Please email any questions to DHPPharmacyServices@deancare.com.

Sincerely,
Dean Health Plan Pharmacy Services