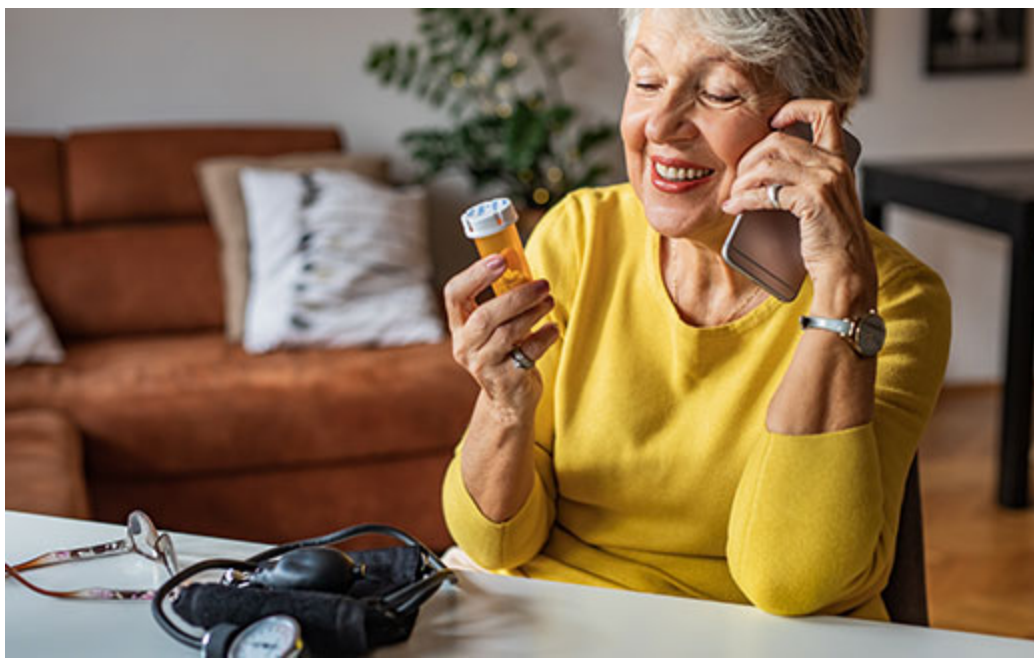


Certain Part B drugs to require step therapy in 2023

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Beginning January 1, 2023, Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona (BCBSAZ) will implement step therapy for certain Part B drugs. Please submit a prior authorization request for drugs in this program.

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About the new policy

The [BCBSAZ Part B step-therapy policy](#) includes the following drugs in the intravitreal vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) inhibitors class:

- Byooviz™ (ranibizumab-nuna)
- Lucentis® (ranibizumab)
- Eylea® (aflibercept)
- Beovu® (brolucizumab-dbl)
- Vabysmo® (faricimab-svoa)

Additional drug classes may be added to this policy in the future.

The Part B drug step-therapy requirements only apply to members who are starting a listed drug for the first time on or after January 1, 2023. Those already on a Part B step-therapy drug in the last 365 days can remain on the drug without step therapy.

Applicable benefit plans

This policy applies only to the Medicare Advantage plans administered by BCBSAZ.

BENEFIT PLAN NAME, TYPE, and PLAN ID #	PREFIX	SERVICE AREA	PLAN ADMINISTRATOR
Blue Medicare Advantage Classic (HMO) – H0302-006	M2K	Maricopa and Pinal counties	BCBSAZ EDI: 53589
Blue Medicare Advantage Plus (HMO) – H0302-001			
BluePathway SM Plan 2 (HMO) – H6936-003	M2V	Maricopa County	
BlueJourney SM (PPO) – H5140-001 and H5140-002	M3P	Maricopa and Pima counties (access to providers statewide)	

Note: P3 Health Partners and Arizona Priority Care (AZPC) may have other step-therapy requirements.

Where to find the policy

To review and download the policy, visit azblue.com/MedicalPolicies and click the link for BCBSAZ proprietary medical policies (evidence-based criteria). Enter “Medicare” to search by keyword. You’ll find the Part B step-therapy policy along with other Medicare Advantage medical policies.

If you have questions about this policy, contact us at 602-864-4320 or 1-800-232-2345, ext. 4231.

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BCBSAZ member ID cards are available for download via eligibility and benefits search results.