

Oregon Health Plan (OHP) prescribers – Changes to fee-for-service coverage of provider-administered biologic drugs for severe asthma

Prior authorization requirements effective January 1, 2022

Starting January 1, 2022, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will require prior authorization (PA) for biologic agents administered to treat severe asthma. OHA will deny fee-for-service claims that do not have an approved PA on file.

Generic Name	Brand Name
benralizumab	FASENRA®
dupilumab	DUPIXENT®
mepolizumab	NUCALA®
omalizumab	XOLAIR®
reslizumab	CINQAIR®

This change applies to all biologic agents listed in the table (as well as any new FDA-approved drugs in this class), when administered:

- For all indications (including both asthma and non-asthma indications), **and**
- Using either subcutaneous or intravenous administration.

OHA will use the same PA criteria for provider-administered biologic agents that already applies to pharmaceutical (patient-administered) biologic agents for this class, posted at www.orpdl.org/drugs under “Asthma Biologics.”

- Administration must be for FDA-approved indications and OHP-funded diagnoses.
- Confirmation of patient access to epinephrine for management of delayed anaphylaxis is required.
- If the request is for management of atopic dermatitis, asthma, or nasal polyps, the drug should be administered by or in consultation with an appropriate specialist.
- Depending on the requested agent and indication, requests may also require documentation of disease severity, details on the trial and failure of one or more conventional therapies, and adherence to current therapy.
- Continued authorization requires documented patient improvement.

What should you do?

For any fee-for-service patients who need continued therapy for these agents:

- Please request PA prior to their next scheduled dose.
- Send all required information, including all relevant ICD-10 diagnosis codes for primary and comorbid conditions, and history of use of other agents (both biologic and non-biologic) for the conditions.

You can submit PA requests three ways:

1. Call the Oregon Pharmacy Call Center at 888-202-2126;
2. Submit via the secure Provider Web Portal at <https://www.or-medicaid.gov>; or
3. Fax 888-346-0178. Use the form at <https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/he3978.pdf>

Questions?

- **About PA for fee-for-service prescriptions:** Call the Oregon Pharmacy Call Center at 888-202-2126.
- **About using the Provider Web Portal:** Contact the Provider Services Unit at dmap.providerservices@dhsoha.state.or.us or call 800-336-6016.
- **About physical health prescriptions for patients in a coordinated care organization (CCO):** Contact the CCO.