

Oregon Health Plan (OHP) prescribers – Changes to fee-for-service coverage of pharmacy and physician-administered claims for antineoplastic drugs

Prior authorization requirements effective October 1, 2020

Starting October 1, 2020, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will require prior authorization (PA) of fee-for-service pharmacy and physician-administered claims for new antineoplastic therapy that uses drugs approved by the Food and Administration (FDA) after 2007. The Oregon Pharmacy Call Center will respond to initial PA requests within 24 hours of receipt of all required information.

If the claim does not have an approved PA, OHA will deny the claim. For a complete list of medications which will require PA, see the PA criteria at www.orpdl.org/drugs under “Antineoplastics.”

This change does NOT apply to:

- Inpatient claims for patients admitted to the hospital.
- Urgent, life-threatening oncology-related emergencies (e.g., superior vena cava syndrome or spinal cord compression). However, documentation of the emergency may be required in order to process payment.
- Continuation of a current, ongoing oncology regimen. However, a PA may initially be required to document previous therapy.

Why is this happening?

OHA is making this change to ensure medically appropriate use of newer antineoplastic agents.

What should you do?

For any fee-for-service patients who need to start antineoplastic therapy, please request PA prior to their treatment initiation. If changes in dose are anticipated (e.g., loading doses vs. maintenance doses), please request a PA for each dose to avoid interruptions in therapy.

Send all required information. The PA criteria requires all of the following:

- Use for a diagnosis funded by the OHP, **AND**
- Use for an indication which is FDA-approved **OR** recommended by National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) guidelines for the requested drug.
 - Include all information required by the FDA-approved or NCCN-recommended indication as applicable, including but not limited to: The relevant ICD-10 diagnosis codes, stage of cancer, biomarkers, place in therapy, and use as monotherapy or combination therapy.

You can submit PA requests in one of 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 to 888-346-0178. Use the form at <https://apps.state.or.us/Forms/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.

