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COVID-19 information from Amerigroup Community Care

Amerigroup is closely monitoring COVID-19 developments and how the novel coronavirus will impact our customers and provider partners. Our clinical team is actively monitoring external queries and reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to help us determine what action is necessary on our part. Amerigroup will continue to follow MDH guidance policies.

For additional information, reference the *COVID-19 Updates* section of our [website](#).

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Administration

A message from the Maryland Department of Health:

COVID-19 Vaccine Communication & Outreach Strategies in Primary Care

- As demand for COVID-19 vaccine decreases, primary care providers will have to meaningfully communicate the benefit of the COVID-19 vaccine to get patients in for an appointment
- Primary care practices have an opportunity to reach out to established patients that already have trusting relationships with a provider to get vaccinated against COVID-19
- One size does not fit all: multiple approaches are recommended to target a diverse population
 - This document contains best practices from other COVID-19 vaccinating practices
- Consider the existing resources you have and the resources you will need to implement a successful outreach campaign
- Meeting a patient where they are in readiness is the best way to ensure that their needs are also being met
- NOTE: Even if you are not vaccinating at your practice, you have an important role in outreaching to patients and messaging why the vaccine is beneficial. This document is for you, too.



Read more online.

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Policy Updates

New specialty pharmacy medical step therapy requirements

Effective for dates of service on and after May 1, 2021, Amerigroup Community Care will include the specialty pharmacy drugs and corresponding codes from current *Clinical Criteria* noted below in our medical step therapy precertification review process. Step therapy review applies upon precertification initiation or renewal, in addition to the current medical necessity review.

<i>Clinical Criteria</i>	Status	Drug(s)	HCPCS codes
ING-CC-0182	Preferred	Infed	J1750
ING-CC-0182	Preferred	Venofer	J1756
ING-CC-0182	Preferred	Ferrlecit	J2916
ING-CC-0182	Nonpreferred	Injectafer	J1439
ING-CC-0182	Nonpreferred	Feraheme	Q0138 (non-ESRD use)
ING-CC-0182	Nonpreferred	Monoferic	J1437

The *Clinical Criteria* is publicly available on our [provider website](https://www.anthem.com/ms/pharmacyinformation/Agents-for-Iron-Deficiency-Anemia.pdf). Visit <https://www.anthem.com/ms/pharmacyinformation/Agents-for-Iron-Deficiency-Anemia.pdf> for the specific *Clinical Criteria*.

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Effective for dates of service on and after August 1, 2021, Amerigroup Community Care will include the specialty pharmacy drugs and corresponding codes from current *Clinical Criteria* noted below in our medical step therapy precertification review process. Step therapy review applies upon prior authorization initiation or renewal, in addition to the current medical necessity review.

<i>Clinical Criteria</i>	Status	Drug(s)	HCPCS codes
ING-CC-0174	Preferred	Fumaric acid derivative: generic dimethyl fumarate	J8499
ING-CC-0174	Nonpreferred	Kesimpta	J3590, C9399

The *Clinical Criteria* is publicly available on our [provider website](#). Visit the [Clinical Criteria website](#) to search for specific *Clinical Criteria*.

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Policy Updates — Prior Authorization



Prior authorization required for specialty pharmacy drugs

Effective for dates of service on and after May 1, 2021, the following specialty pharmacy codes from current or new *Clinical Criteria* documents will require prior authorization.

Visit the [Clinical Criteria website](#) to search for specific *Clinical Criteria*. Please note, these codes are specific to Agents for Iron Deficiency Anemia. The *Clinical Criteria* indicated below can be found [online](#).

<i>Clinical Criteria</i>	HCPCS or CPT® code(s)	Drug
ING-CC-0182	J1756	Venofer
ING-CC-0182	J2916	Ferrlecit
ING-CC-0182	J1750	Infed
ING-CC-0182	J1439	Injectafer
ING-CC-0182	Q0138	Feraheme
ING-CC-0182	J1437	Monoferic

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