

## Prior Authorization & Step Therapy for Part B Drugs

CMS has rescinded their September 17, 2012 HPMS memo “Prohibition on Imposing Mandatory Step Therapy for Access to Part B Drugs and Services,” and issuing new guidance that recognizes Medicare Advantage (MA) plans may use step therapy for Part B drugs, beginning January 1, 2019, as part of a patient-centered care coordination program.

In the September 17, 2012 guidance, CMS stated that plans were precluded from imposing additional requirements for access to certain Part B drugs or services, such as step therapy requirements. In this guidance, CMS is acknowledging that the use of step therapy is a recognized utilization management tool. The allowance of step therapy practices for Part B drugs will help achieve the goal of lower drug prices while maintaining access to covered services and drugs for beneficiaries

### NEW PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Effective January 1, 2019 Allwell from Arizona Complete Health providers will be required to obtain Prior Authorizations for the following Part B Drugs:

Requirement			Comments
Crysvita®, Elaprased,® Fasenra,™ Mepsevii,™ Sublocade,™	Trogarzo,™ Vimizim®, Cimzia®, Aranesp®, Eylea,®	Lucentis®, Macugen®, Mircera®, Visudyne®, Zilretta™	Listed under Outpatient Pharmaceuticals (Submitted under Medical Plan)

We encourage all providers to utilize our online Pre-Auth Check Tool located at: [www.azcompletehealth.com/providers/preauth-check.html](http://www.azcompletehealth.com/providers/preauth-check.html) to verify prior authorization requirements.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions regarding the information contained in this update or if additional education is needed please contact your Provider Engagement Specialist or email [AzCHPProviderEngagement@azcompletehealth.com](mailto:AzCHPProviderEngagement@azcompletehealth.com).

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- Medical Groups/IPAs
- Hospitals
- Ancillary Providers

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- Allwell (Medicare)

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