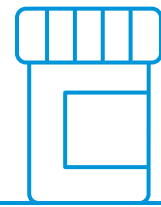


Specialty preferred drug list for medical benefits



These preferred medications are designated as specialty drugs under the Blue Shield of California medical benefit. We have listed the preferred specialty drugs next to the most common therapeutic condition for which they are used.

Most specialty drugs require authorization for medical necessity. If they are covered, specialty drugs may require administration by a clinician. During Blue Shield's authorization process, we may direct members with prescriptions for medication infusion therapy services in an outpatient hospital setting to qualified, approved infusion centers or physician offices instead. Additionally, our policy allows members to receive medication infusion therapy in their own home, administered by a licensed and qualified caregiver.

Therapeutic condition	Preferred specialty drug
Autoimmune	Remicade Entyvio*
Labor suppression	Makena
Other endocrine	Lupron
Gaucher disease	Cerezyme
Hematologic	Retacrit
Opioid dependence	Vivitrol
Granulocyte-colony stimulating factor (short-acting)	Zarxio

Note: Non-preferred product(s) are available only if criteria are met or the member has experienced a trial and failure of preferred products. An exception process is in place for specific circumstances that may warrant a need for a non-preferred product.

* Entyvio is an available alternative when Humira cannot be used.