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**Re: Expansion of Specialty Medical Injectables with Reimbursement
Restriction, effective September 1, 2020**

Our reimbursement restriction guidelines for certain specialty medications originally went into effect on May 1, 2018. These guidelines, now called the Specialty Medical Injectables with Reimbursement Restriction guidelines, state that certain injectables must be dispensed and their claims must be submitted by a Cigna-contracted specialty pharmacy.



For new prior authorizations obtained on or after September 1, 2020, we will expand the Specialty Medical Injectables with Reimbursement Restriction list to include additional specialty medical injectables. The updated list is available on the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website (CignaforHCP.com > Resources > Reimbursement Policies and Payment Policies > Precertification Policies > Specialty Medical Injectables with Reimbursement Restriction).

Cigna may grant approval for coverage of an initial dose to a facility when medical necessity is met to allow arrangements to obtain the drug from a Cigna-contracted specialty pharmacy.

What this means to you

Cigna will no longer reimburse facilities directly for the drugs that are included in the Specialty Medical Injectables with Reimbursement Restriction list. Please note that facilities cannot bill patients with Cigna-administered coverage for the cost of these injectables when they are not obtained from a specialty pharmacy in the Cigna network.

Additional information

As previously mentioned, the updated Specialty Medical Injectables with Reimbursement Restriction list is available on the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website. We recommend you review this list frequently as it is subject to change. Specialty medical injectables may be added upon U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval.

Later this year, we will update the Cigna Reference Guide for physicians, hospitals, ancillaries, and other providers to include additional information about the Specialty Medical Injectables with Reimbursement Restriction guidelines. You can access this guide by logging in to the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website (CignaforHCP.com > Resources > Reference Guides).

If you have any questions, please call Cigna Customer Service at **800.88Cigna (882.4462)**.

Thank you for the care you provide our customers.

Sincerely,

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