



June 30, 2022

Re: Site of care for oncology products effective October 1, 2022

Effective October 1, 2022, we will expand our prior authorization requirements for certain oncology drugs to include a medical necessity review of the site of care. This expansion will help us ensure appropriate coverage for your patients who have Cigna coverage. The list of affected drugs is included on the Cigna Specialty Care OptionsSM and Cigna Specialty Care Options PlusSM flyer, which is available on the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website. Please see the "Additional information" section below for details on how to access the flyer.

Site-of-care review

We will review the site of care when an outpatient hospital setting (higher-intensity setting) is requested for the affected drugs. If the outpatient hospital setting is not medically necessary, we will attempt to redirect the patient to a less-intensive level or site of care, such as a non-hospital-affiliated freestanding infusion center (when available), provider's office, or patient's home.

There are situations where the outpatient hospital setting is medically necessary due to the patient's clinical condition. In such cases, we will provide authorization for the outpatient hospital setting. Providers who utilize a physician office fee schedule will not be subject to the site-of-care review.

After consultation with the prescribing provider during the prior authorization process, a Cigna medical director may deny continued authorization of coverage if it is not medically necessary for the patient to receive services in an outpatient hospital setting.

Additional information

As mentioned above, the Specialty Care Options and Specialty Care Options Plus flyer is available on the Cigna for Health Care Professionals website (CignaforHCP.com > Get questions answered: Resource > Reimbursement and Payment Policies > Precertification Policies). Providers must log in to access the flyer. We recommend you review the flyer frequently, as the list of drugs is subject to change and may be changed without prior notice.

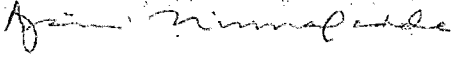
The Medication Administration Site of Care coverage policy is available at CignaforHCP.com > Review coverage policies: information on Cigna standard health coverage plan provisions > Pharmacy (Drugs & Biologics) A-Z Index: View Documents > Medication Administration Site of Care - (1605).

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If you have questions, please call your Cigna contracting representative.

Thank you for your commitment to provide quality care to our customers.

Sincerely,



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