

# Bluemail



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## For Truli for Health and Florida Blue Providers

### PUBLIC HEALTH / PANDEMICS / COMMUNITY CRISES

#### **Important Update: Monoclonal Antibody Treatment**

The Food and Drug Administration is no longer authorizing Bebtelovimab as a treatment for COVID-19. The treatment is no longer expected to neutralize Omicron sub-variants BQ.1 and BQ.1.1. This change has been in effect since November 30, 2022. [Learn more>>](#)

## For Florida Blue Providers Only

### ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

#### **Call for Acupuncturists to Join New Provider Network for Commercial Lines of Business**

We are currently contracting for an acupuncture (ACU) provider network. Providers with a primary license of acupuncture will be eligible. Specialists who have acupuncture as a sub-specialty (i.e., chiro with ACU as secondary) are not eligible to contract for this network. [Learn more>>](#)

#### **Number of Referral Visits Increase for BlueMedicare HMO**

The number of specialist referrals allowed for BlueMedicare HMO Medicare Advantage members has increased to six. Members must visit the specialist within 180 days from the effective date of the referral. This change became effective in October 2022 and includes oncology and hematology.

[Learn more>>](#)

### MEDICARE STARS

#### **2023 Medicare Advantage Provider Quality Bonus Program**

The 2023 Medicare Advantage Annual Provider Quality Bonus Program's Terms and Conditions will be available in Provider Link by February 24, 2023. [Learn more>>](#)

## PHARMACY

### **Additional Considerations for Pharmacy Prior Authorizations**

We recently shared a reminder for success in submitting pharmacy prior authorization requests. Here are a few additional tips we want to highlight. [Learn more>>](#)

### **Latest Updates to our Commercially Insured Pharmacy Medical Coverage Guidelines**

Each month and quarter, our Medical Coverage Guidelines (MCGs) for the Commercially insured are updated and published at [FloridaBlue.com](https://www.floridablue.com) under Medical and Pharmacy Policies and Guidelines, What's New. The February 15 updates include, but are not limited to, the **Tymlos** MCG which now includes an indication to increase bone density in men with osteoporosis at high risk for fracture. This update also shows the **Tzield** MCG which is indicated to delay the onset of stage 3 Type 1 diabetes. The upcoming April 1 update will show a change to the **Granulocyte Colony Stimulating Factors (GCSF)** MCG to include the following preferred long-acting GCSFs: Fulphila, Neulasta, Nyvepria, Udenyca, and Ziextenzo. Many other MCG updates are listed. [Learn more>>](#)

### **Reminder: New Process for How BlueMedicare Patients Get Continuous Glucose Monitors, Supplies**

Effective January 1, 2023, continuous glucose monitors and supplies for your BlueMedicare HMO and PPO patients are filled from their local in-network retail pharmacy or home delivery pharmacy. These supplies are no longer available through CareCentrix. [Learn more>>](#)

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