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## Medicare Advantage Plans

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### 2026 STEP THERAPY CRITERIA FOR PART B DRUGS

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## Medicare Part B Step Therapy

- Some medically administered Part B medications, like injectable drugs or biologics, may have special requirements or coverage limits, such as step therapy.
- Step therapy requires a trial of a preferred drug to treat a medical condition before covering a non-preferred drug.
- The step therapy requirement does not apply to members who have already received treatment with the non-preferred drug within the past 365 days.
- Both preferred and non-preferred drugs may still be subject to prior authorization or quantity limits.
- The step therapy criteria outlined in this document may also involve a combination of Part B and Part D drugs. For example, we may not cover a Part B drug unless you try a Part D drug first. Or we may not cover a Part D drug unless you try a Part B drug first. This is dependent on the therapy described to treat your medical condition. This document contains the Step Therapy protocols for Medicare Part B drugs that are associated with your plan.

## How Step Therapy Works

In the list below, you'll see drugs labeled as either Step 1 (Preferred drug), Step 2 (Non-Preferred drug) or Step 3 (Non-Preferred drug). Step 2 and Step 3 drugs require step therapy.

For example: Before you can get a Step 3 drug, you have to first try a Step 1 and a Step 2 drug.

**Step 1** drugs usually require prior authorization. That means before you can take this drug, your doctor has to send us information that explains why you need it. If a Step 1 drug doesn't require prior authorization, we tell you in the list below.

**Step 2** drugs always require prior authorization. Your doctor also needs to let us know one of the following:

- Why the Step 1 drug didn't work for you or why you can't take the Step 1 drug
- Why the Step 2 drug is best for your needs
- Details from your doctor to show that you've taken the Step 2 drug in the past 365 days

**Step 3** drugs always require prior authorization. Your doctor also needs to let us know one of the following:

- Why the Step 1 and Step 2 drugs didn't work for you or why you can't take them.
- Why the Step 3 drug is best for your needs
- Details from your doctor to show that you've taken the Step 1 and/or the Step 2 drug in the past 365 days

The drugs within this list may change at any time. You will receive notice when necessary.

<b>Procedure Code(s)</b>	<b>Medication Name</b>	<b>Document Link (click to view the policy criteria)</b>	<b>Effective Date (if after 1/1/2026)</b>
<b>J3262</b>	Actemra (Tocilizumab)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J0791</b>	Adakveo (Crizanlizumab-tmca)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J7173</b>	Alhemo (Concizumab-mtci)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1552</b>	Alyglo (Immune globulin, gamma(IGG)- stwk)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5126</b>	Alymsys (Bevacizumab-maly)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1554</b>	Asceniv (Immune globulin)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J9035</b>	Avastin (Bevacizumab)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J3145</b>	Aveed (Testosterone undecanoate)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5121</b>	Avsola (Infliximab-axxq)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5156</b>	Avtozma (Tocilizumab-anoh)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	2/1/2026
<b>J0179</b>	Beovu (Brolucizumab-dbli)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J0597</b>	Berinerit (C1 esterase inhibitor)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1556</b>	Bivigam (Immune globulin)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5152</b>	Bkemv (Eculizumab-aeeb)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5158</b>	Bomynta/Conexence (Denosumab-bnht)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J9054</b>	Boruzu (Bortezomib)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J2329</b>	Briumvi (Ublituximab)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J3392</b>	Casgevvy (Exagamglogene autotemcel)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J3490</b>	Cetrotide (Cetrotide acetate)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J0717</b>	Cimzia IV (Certolizumab)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J2786</b>	Cinqair (Reslizumab)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J0598</b>	Cinryze (C1 esterase inhibitor)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J3247</b>	Cosentyx IV (Secukinumab)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1551</b>	Cutaquig (Immune globulin)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1555</b>	Cuvitru (Immune globulin)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>E0607</b>	Diabetic Durable Medical Equipment (DME) - Glucose Meters	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>A4253</b>	Diabetic Durable Medical Equipment (DME) - Test Strips	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J9172</b>	Docivyx (Docetaxel)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J7351</b>	Durysta (Bimatoprost intracameral implant)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5151</b>	Epysqli (Eculizumab-aagh)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J3111</b>	Evenity (Romosozumab-aqg)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J0177</b>	Eylea HD (Aflibercept)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J0517</b>	Fasenra (Benralizumab)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1572</b>	Flebogamma (Immune globulin)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5130</b>	Fylnetra (Pegfilgrastim-pbbk)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1460/J1560</b>	GamaSTAN S/D (Immune globulin)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1569</b>	Gammagard Liquid (Immune globulin)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1566</b>	Gammagard S-D (Immune globulin)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1561</b>	Gammaked (Immune globulin)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1557</b>	Gammaplex (Immune globulin)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1561</b>	Gamunex-C (Immune globulin)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	

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<b>J3490, S0126</b>	Gonal-F (Follitropin alfa)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J9355</b>	Herceptin (Trastuzumab)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J9356</b>	Herceptin Hylecta (Trastuzumab/hyaluronidase-oysk)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5146</b>	Hercessi (Trastuzumab-strf)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5113</b>	Herzuma (Trastuzumab-pkrb)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1559</b>	Hizentra (Immune globulin)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J7172</b>	Hypavzi (Marstacimab-hncq)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1575</b>	Hyqvia (Immune globulin)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J7355</b>	iDose TR (Travoprost intracameral implant)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J0638</b>	Ilaris (Canakinumab/pf)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J3245</b>	Ilumya (Tildrakizumab-asmn)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J9256</b>	Imaavy (Nipocalimab-aahu)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1599</b>	immune globulin, intravenous, non-lyophilized (e.g. liquid), not otherwise specified	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5103</b>	Inflectra (Infliximab-dyyb)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J0889</b>	Jesduvroq (Daprodustat)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1290</b>	Kalbitor (Ecallantide)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5117</b>	Kanjinti (Trastuzumab-anns)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J0202</b>	Lemtrada (Alemtuzumab)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J3394</b>	Lyfgenia (Lovotibeglogene autotemcel)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J0888</b>	Mircera (Epoetin beta), non-ESRD use	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J0219</b>	Nexviazyme (Avalglucosidase alfa)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J9038</b>	Niktimvo (Axaltimab-csfr)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J2802</b>	Nplate (Romiplostim)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J2182</b>	Nucala (Mepolizumab)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5122</b>	Nyvepria (Pegfilgrastim-apgf)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J2350</b>	Ocrevus (Ocrelizumab)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J2351</b>	Ocrevus Zunovo (Ocrelizumab-hyaluronidase-ocsq)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1568</b>	Octagam (Immune globulin)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J7601</b>	Ohtuvayre (Ensifentrine)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J2267</b>	Omvoh (Mirikizumab-mrkz)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J0129</b>	Orencia (Abatacept/maltose) intravenous solution	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q9999</b>	Otulfi (Ustekinumab-aaaz)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J3490</b>	Ovidrel (chrionic gonadotropin)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J0224</b>	Oxlumo(Lumasiran sodium)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1576</b>	Panzyga (Immune globulin)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1307</b>	PiaSky (Crovalimab-akkz)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J3490</b>	Prevymis (Letermovir)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1459</b>	Privigen (Immune globulin)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J0897</b>	Prolia/Xgeva (Denosumab)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	

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<b>Q9997</b>	Pyzchiva (ustekinumab-ttwe)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J7174</b>	Qfitlia (Fitusiran)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1745</b>	Remicade (Infliximab)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5104</b>	Renflexis (Infliximab-abda)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5123</b>	Riabni (Rituximab-arrx)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J9312</b>	Rituxan (Rituximab)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J9311</b>	Rituxan Hycela (Rituximab/hyaluronidase, human recombinant)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J3490/C9399</b>	Rivfloza (Nedosiran sodium)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J0596</b>	Ruconest (C1 esterase inhibitor, recombinant)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5119</b>	Ruxience (Rituximab-pvvr)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J3402</b>	Ryoncil (Remestemcel-I-rknd)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J9333</b>	Rystiggo (Rozanolixizumab-noli)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J0870</b>	Rytelo (Imetelstat)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J9361</b>	Ryzneuta (Efbemalenograstim alfa-vuxw)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J2353</b>	Sandostatin LAR Depot (Octreotide acetate, microspheres)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q9998</b>	Selarsdi (Ustekinumab-aekn)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J2502</b>	Signifor LAR (Pasireotide pamoate)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1602</b>	Simponi ARIA (Golimumab)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1299</b>	Soliris (Eculizumab)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>G2082, G2083, J0013</b>	Spravato (Esketamine)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J3358</b>	Stelara (Ustekinumab) intravenous solution	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5099</b>	SteQeyma (Ustekinumab-stba)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5127</b>	Stimufend (Pegfilgrastim-fpgk)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J2779</b>	Susvimo (Ranibizumab injection/implant)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J3241</b>	Tepezza (Teprotumumab-trbw)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1073</b>	Testopel (Testosterone pellet)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J2356</b>	Tezspire (Tezepelumab-ekko)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5133</b>	Tofidence (Tocilizumab-bavi)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5115</b>	Truxima (Rituximab-abbs)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5134</b>	Tyruko (Natalizumab-sztn)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	2/1/2026
<b>J2323</b>	Tysabri (Natalizumab)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5111</b>	Udenyca and Udenyca Onbody (Pegfilgrastim-cbqv)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1303</b>	Ultomiris (Ravulizumab-cwvz)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1823</b>	Uplizna (Inebilizumab-cdon)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J2777</b>	Vabysmo (Faricimab)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J0901</b>	Vafseo (Vadadustat)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5129</b>	Vegzelma (Bevacizumab-adcd)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J3032</b>	Vyepti (Eptinezumab-jjmr)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J9332</b>	Vyvgart (Efgartigimod alfa)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	

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<b>J9334</b>	Vyvgart Hytrulo (Efgartigimod alfa/hyaluronidase)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5138</b>	Wezlana (Ustekinumab-auub)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J3490/C9399</b>	Winrevair (Sotatercept-csrk)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1558</b>	Xembify (Immune globulin)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J2357</b>	Xolair (Omalizumab)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>Q5100</b>	Yesintek (Ustekinumab-kfce)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	
<b>J1553</b>	Yimmugo (immune, globulin (IgG)-dira human)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	2/1/2026
<b>Q5120</b>	Ziextenzo (Pegfilgrastim-bmez)	<a href="#">Click to view</a>	