

Part B Step Therapy program for members of PrimeWest Senior Health Complete (HMO SNP) and Prime Health Complete (HMO SNP)

This document contains information about Part B Step Therapy.

What is Step Therapy?

In general, PrimeWest Health requires members to first try lower-cost drugs (that often are as effective) before covering drugs that cost more. For example, if Drug A and Drug B treat the same medical condition, and Drug A costs less than Drug B, a member is required to try Drug A first. If Drug A does not work, Drug B will then be covered.

Part B Step Therapy applies to medically administered drugs. These are things like intravenous (IV) medications or injections (shots). We use Step Therapy to ensure members get high quality care and use drugs in a safe and effective way.

Our goal is to help you get the best results from your medications at the lowest possible price. This program will help you and your health care provider use available biosimilar drugs rather than more expensive brand name drugs.

Step Therapy criteria

The following criteria must be met for a non-preferred drug (“Drug B”) to be covered:

- The drug will be approved if you have already received it in the last 365 days
- The dose, frequency, and length of treatment must be within Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved dosing guidelines
- The drug must be on our formulary (list of covered drugs)
- The drug must be used for an FDA-approved reason

How to get a drug affected by Step Therapy

You may need to get approval from PrimeWest Health before getting the non-preferred drug. This is called getting a Service Authorization. To get a Service Authorization, your health care provider should submit a Service Authorization request to PrimeWest Health. Directions for doing this are available on the PrimeWest Health website. Your provider should include medical necessity documentation with the request. Qualified, trained PrimeWest Health Utilization Management staff under the direction of the Chief Senior Medical Director decide Service Authorization requests. A physician will review all cases when PrimeWest Health denies a request for clinical reasons. In some cases, PrimeWest Health may seek the medical opinion of specialists board-certified in the field related to the request.

Drugs requiring Step Therapy

Non-preferred drugs require a Service Authorization before the drug will be covered. Preferred drugs do not require authorization. The following chart lists some categories of Part B drugs that require Step Therapy and the preferred and non-preferred drugs. Common uses are listed under the drug category. This list is not all-inclusive and is subject to change.

Category	Preferred	Non-Preferred
Bone resorption inhibitors • Treats osteoporosis (bone loss)	Zoledronic acid denosumab biosimilars	Evenity Prolia
Infliximab • Treats immune conditions like Crohn's disease, rheumatoid arthritis, and psoriasis	Inflectra Renflexis Avsola Ixifi	Remicade Zymfentra
Intravenous iron • Treats iron deficiency	Iron sucrose Iron dextran Sodium ferric gluconate complex	Injectafer Feraheme Monoferric
Rituximab • Treats rheumatoid arthritis and blood cancers	Truxima Riabni Ruxience	Rituxan Rituxan Hycela
Trastuzumab • Treats breast cancer	Herzuma Ogivri Ontruzant Kanjinti Trazimera	Herceptin Herceptin Hylecta

For more information about Part B Step Therapy, call Member Services at **1-800-366-2906**. TTY users call **1-800-627-3529** or **711**. The call is free. Hours of operation are October 1 – March 31, 7 days a week, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.; April 1 – September 30, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Ask to speak to someone about the Part B Step Therapy program.

1-866-431-0801 (toll free); TTY 1-800-627-3529 or 711

ATTENTION: If you speak English, free language assistance services are available to you free of charge and without unnecessary delay. Additionally, appropriate auxiliary aids and services to provide information in accessible formats are available free of charge and in a timely manner. Please call the number above or speak to your provider. English

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تنبيه: إذا كنت تتحدث العربية، فستكون خدمات المساعدة اللغوية متاحة لك مجاناً وبدون تأخير غير ضروري. بالإضافة إلى ذلك، تتوفر المساعدات والخدمات المساعدة المناسبة لتوفير المعلومات بتنسيقات يسهل الوصول إليها مجاناً وفي الوقت المناسب. يرجى الاتصال بالرقم أعلاه أو التحدث إلى مقدم الخدمة الخاص بك. Arabic

သတိပြုပါ- သင်သည် မြန်မာဘာသာ ဘာသာစကားဖြင့် ပြောဆိုပါက၊ အခမဲ့ ဘာသာပြန်ဆိုပေးသော ဝန်ဆောင်မှုများကို မလိုလားအပ်သည့် နှောင့်နှေးကြန့်ကြာမှုတို့မရှိဘဲ အခမဲ့ ရရှိနိုင်ပါသည်။ ထို့အပြင်၊ အသုံးပြုခွင့်ရရှိထားသောပုံစံများတွင် သတင်းအချက်အလက်များ ပေးဆောင်နိုင်ရန်အတွက် သင့်လျော်သော အရန်အကူအညီများနှင့် ဝန်ဆောင်မှုများကို အချိန်နှင့်တစ်ပြေးညီ အခမဲ့ရရှိနိုင်ပါသည်။ အထက်တွင် ဖော်ပြထားသောနံပါတ်ကို ဖုန်းခေါ်ဆိုပါ သို့မဟုတ် သင်၏ဝန်ဆောင်မှုပေးသူထံ စကားပြောဆိုပါ။ Burmese

注意：如果您講繁體中文，我們將免費為您提供語言協助服務，且不會造成不必要的延誤。此外，還免費及時提供適當的輔助工具和服務，以無障礙格式提供資訊。請撥打上述電話號碼或與您的提供者聯絡。Chinese

ATTENTION : Si vous parlez Français, des services d'assistance linguistique gratuits sont à votre disposition gratuitement et sans délai inutile. En outre, des aides et services auxiliaires appropriés permettant de fournir des informations dans des formats accessibles sont disponibles gratuitement et en temps opportun. Veuillez appeler le numéro ci-dessus ou parler à votre prestataire. French

CEEB TOOM: Yog tias koj hais lus Hmoob, muaj cov kev pab cuam lus pab dawb rau koj xwb thiab tsis muaj qhov qeeb li. Dhau no lawm, tseem muaj ntaub ntawv qhia txog cov cuab yeej pab hnov lus thiab cov kev pab cuam ua hom qauv ntawv uas mus siv tau dawb yam tsis sau nqi thiab raws sij hawm. Thov hu rau tus xov tooj saum toj no los sis tham nrog koj tus kws kho mob. Hmong

တိန်နီ- ဖဲနမ့်ကတိၤကညီကျိန်န့ၣ်,သဘျုကျိန်တၢ်ဟ့ၣ်မၤစၢၤအတၢ်ဖံးတၢ်မၤတဖၣ်ကအိၣ်ဝဲဒၣ်လၢနဂီၢ်လၢတလိၣ်ဟ့ၣ်အပူၤဒီးတထုးတၢ်ဆၢကတိၢ်ယံၣ်ယံၣ်ဘၣ်န့ၣ်လီၤ. အမံၤညါ, တၢ်န့ၣ်ဟ့ၣ်အပီးအလီၤလၢအဖိးမံဒီးတၢ်မၤစၢၤအတၢ်ဖံးတၢ်မၤတဖၣ်လၢကဟ့ၣ်တၢ်ဂ့ၢ်တၢ်ကျိၤလၢက့ၢ်ဂီၢ်လၢတၢ်မၤန့ၢ်သ့အီၤညီန့ၣ်ကအိၣ်ဝဲဒၣ်လၢအပူၤတအိၣ်ဒီးတၢ်ကဟ့ၣ်အီၤအဆၢကတိၢ်ဘၣ်ဘၣ်န့ၣ်လီၤ. ဝံသးစူၤကိးဘၣ်လီၤတဲစိနီၢ်ဂီၢ်လၢထးမ့တမ့ၢ်ကတိၤတၢ်ဒီးန့ၣ်ဟ့ၣ်တၢ်မၤစၢၤတၢ်တက့ၢ်. Karen

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HUBADHAA: Afaan Oromoo dubbattu yoo ta'e, tajaajilootni deeggarsa afaanii barfannaa hin barbaachisne malee bilisaan isiniif kennamu. Dabalataanis, odeeffannoo bifa argamuun danda'uun dhiyeessuf tajaajilliwwaniifi deeggarsiwwan dabalataa bilisaafi yeroosaa eeggate jira. Maaloo lakkkoofsa armaan olii irratti bilbilaa yookiin ogeessa fayyaa keessan haasofsiisaa. Oromo

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FIIRO GAAR AH: Haddii aad ku hadasho Soomaali, adeegyada kaalmada luqadda bilaashka ah ayaa laguugu heli karaa adiga lacag la'aan oo aan lahayn daahid aan lama huraan ahayn. Intaa waxaa dheer, caawimooyinka iyo adeegyada ku habboon si loogu bixiyo macluumaadka qaabab la heli karo ayaa lagu heli karaa lacag la'aan iyo waqti ku habboon. Fadlan wac lambarka kore ama la hadal adeeg bixiyahaaga. Somali

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Civil Rights Notice

Discrimination is against the law. PrimeWest Health does not discriminate on the basis of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- creed
- religion
- sexual orientation
- public assistance status
- age
- disability (including physical or mental impairment)
- sex (including sex stereotypes and gender identity)
- marital status
- political beliefs
- medical condition
- health status
- receipt of health care services
- claims experience
- medical history
- genetic information

You have the right to file a discrimination complaint if you believe you were treated in a discriminatory way by PrimeWest Health. You can file a complaint and ask for help filing a complaint in person or by mail, phone, fax, or email at:

Civil Rights Coordinator

PrimeWest Health

3905 Dakota St Alexandria, MN 56308

Toll Free: 1-866-431-0801; TTY: 1-800-627-3529 or 711; Fax: 1-320-762-8750

Email: compliance@primewest.org

Auxiliary Aids and Services: PrimeWest Health provides auxiliary aids and services, like qualified interpreters or information in accessible formats, free of charge and in a timely manner to ensure an equal opportunity to participate in our health care programs.

Contact PrimeWest Health at memberservices@primewest.org, or call Member Services at 1-866-431-0801 or TTY 1-800-627-3529 or 711. The call is free.

Language Assistance Services: PrimeWest Health provides translated documents and spoken language interpreting, free of charge and in a timely manner, when language assistance services are necessary to ensure limited English speakers have meaningful access to our information and services. **Contact PrimeWest Health at memberservices@primewest.org, or call Member Services at 1-866-431-0801 or TTY 1-800-627-3529 or 711. The call is free.**

Civil Rights Complaints

You have the right to file a discrimination complaint if you believe you were treated in a discriminatory way by PrimeWest Health. You may also contact any of the following agencies directly to file a discrimination complaint.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

You have the right to file a complaint with the OCR, a federal agency, if you believe you have been discriminated against because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- age
- disability
- sex
- religion (in some cases)

Contact the **OCR** directly to file a complaint:

Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Midwest Region

233 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 240 Chicago, IL 60601

Customer Response Center: 800-368-1019, TTY: 800-537-7697

Email: ocrmail@hhs.gov

Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR)

In Minnesota, you have the right to file a complaint with the MDHR if you have been discriminated against because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- religion
- creed
- sex
- sexual orientation
- marital status
- public assistance status
- disability

Contact the **MDHR** directly to file a complaint:

Minnesota Department of Human Rights

540 Fairview Avenue North, Suite 201, St. Paul, MN 55104

651-539-1100 (voice), 800-657-3704 (toll-free), 711 or 800-627-3529 (MN Relay), 651-296-9042 (fax)

Info.MDHR@state.mn.us (email)

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS)

You have the right to file a complaint with DHS if you believe you have been discriminated against in our health care programs because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- religion (in some cases)
- age
- disability (including physical or mental impairment)
- sex (including sex stereotypes and gender identity)

Complaints must be in writing and filed within 180 days of the date you discovered the alleged discrimination. The complaint must contain your name and address and describe the discrimination you are complaining about. We will review it and notify you in writing about whether we have authority to investigate. If we do, we will investigate the complaint.

DHS will notify you in writing of the investigation's outcome. You have the right to appeal if you disagree with the decision. To appeal, you must send a written request to have DHS review the investigation outcome. Be brief and state why you disagree with the decision. Include additional information you think is important.

If you file a complaint in this way, the people who work for the agency named in the complaint cannot retaliate against you. This means they cannot punish you in any way for filing a complaint. Filing a complaint in this way does not stop you from seeking out other legal or administrative actions.

Contact **DHS** directly to file a discrimination complaint:

Civil Rights Coordinator

Minnesota Department of Human Services

Equal Opportunity and Access Division

P.O. Box 64997

St. Paul, MN 55164-0997

651-431-3040 (voice) or use your preferred relay service

American Indians can continue or begin to use tribal and Indian Health Services (IHS) clinics. We will not require prior approval or impose any conditions for you to get services at these clinics. For elders age 65 years and older this includes Elderly Waiver (EW) services accessed through the tribe. If a doctor or other provider in a tribal or IHS clinic refers you to a provider in our network, we will not require you to see your primary care provider prior to the referral.