



# Hello, there.

We have important news for you.

## News you need to know

We want to keep you informed. Below are a few important news items and reminders for you this month.

### Changes to our National Precertification List (NPL)

We let you know in March that we were adding knee arthroscopy with meniscectomy to the NPL, effective **July 1, 2021**. We've decided to delay that policy. Any updates will be communicated in future Aetna OfficeLink Updates™ newsletters.

#### Dialysis reminder

Precertification for dialysis visits is only required when a participating provider is initiating a request for dialysis to be performed at a nonparticipating dialysis facility. Referrals to participating dialysis facilities don't need precertification.

The following new-to-market drugs require precertification:

- Danyelza® (naxitamab-gqgk) — Precertification required effective March 1, 2021.
- Oxlummo™ (lumasiran) — Precertification required for the drug and site of care effective March 17, 2021.
- Margenza™ (margetuximab-cmkb) — Precertification required effective April 1, 2021. This drug is part of the HER2 receptor targeted drug category.
- Riabni™ (rituximab-arrx) — Precertification required effective April 2, 2021. This drug is part of the immunologic agents category.

#### Submitting precertification requests

Be sure to submit precertification requests at least two weeks in advance.

To save time, you can request precertification online. It's fast, secure and simple. You can submit most requests online through our provider portal on Availity®. Or you can use the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system portal.



You can always find these policies through our provider portal on Availity®.

[Access Availity](#)

#### Vaccine updates

Make sure you receive important vaccine news right away.

Just add or confirm your email address in [Availity](#) or [CAQH](#).

**Quick reminder: You can also use our Code Edit Lookup tools on Availity.**

Just go to Payer Space > Applications > Code Edit Lookup Tools. And keep your Aetna® provider ID number (PIN) handy to access them.

Are you asking for precertification on a specialty drug for a commercial or Medicare member? Then submit your request through Novologix®, also available on Availity.

**Not registered for Availity?**

Visit the website or call **1-800-AVAILITY (1-800-282-4548)**. For one-on-one guided support from us, call **1-866-752-7021 (TTY: 711)**. Then, ask to talk with the Availity team.

You can use our “Search by CPT code” function on our Precertification Lists webpage to see if the code requires precertification.

You can learn more on precertification under the General Information section of the NPL.

## Noninvasive Down syndrome screening

Down syndrome screening using either noninvasive prenatal testing (NIPT) or nuchal translucency (NT) is allowed one time per pregnancy. Multiple serum marker tests with or without ultrasound are considered not medically necessary. See our **Clinical Policy Bulletin 0282 - Noninvasive Down Syndrome Screening**.

## Third-Party Claim and Code Review program

We previously told you we would begin to apply Third-Party Claim and Code Review program edits to Medicare claims in a phased approach.

You may begin to see these claim edits across the Medicare Advantage programs. These edits support our continuing effort to process claims accurately. You can view these edits on our provider website.

You'll have access to our prospective claims editing disclosure tool. To find out if our new claims edits will apply to your claim, log in to **Availity**. Then, go to Aetna Payer Space > Resources > Expanded claim edits. You'll need to know your Aetna provider ID number (PIN).

Plus, you can use our **Code Edit Lookup Tools** on **Availity** anytime. Just go to Payer Space > Applications > Code Edit Lookup Tools. Keep your Aetna PIN handy to access them.

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