

# Special Bulletin

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Obtain Prior Authorization for Certain Medical Injectable Drugs through Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy®, Effective 6/1/11

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield West Virginia requires prior authorization for the following drugs for your SuperBlue® Plus, SuperBlue Select, New Blue® and Highmark Health Insurance Company (HHIC) FreedomBlue<sup>SM</sup> PPO patients.

• J3262 - Actemra (tocilizumab)	• J1569 - IVIG (immune globulin) Gammagard
• J1931- Aldurazyme (laronidase)	• J1572 - IVIG (immune globulin) Flebogamma
• J0215- Amevive (alefacept)	• 90283 - IVIG (intravenous immune globulin [human])
• J1740 - Boniva (ibandronate sodium)	• J0587- Myobloc (botulinum toxin type B)
• J0585- Botox (botulinum toxin type A)	• J0129 - Orenzia (abatacept)
• J0586 - Dysport (abobotulinumtoxin A)	• J7324 - Orthovisc (high molecular weight hyaluronan)
• J7323 - Euflexxa (hyaluronate sodium injection)	• J1459 - Privigen (immune globulin [human])
• J2941 - Growth Hormones (somatropin)	• J3488 - Reclast (zoledronic acid)
• J1559 - Hizentra (immune globin [human])	• J1745- Remicade (infliximab)
• J7321 - Hyalgan (sodium hyaluronate)	• J3357 - Stelara (ustekinumab)
• * J1561- IVIG/IG (immune globulin) Gamunex/Gamunex C	• *J7321 - Supartz (sodium hyaluronate)
• J1562 & 90284 - Vivaglobin (immune globulin subcutaneous)	• 90378- Synagis (palivizumab)
• J1566 - IVIG (immune globulin)	• *J7325 - Synvisc/Synvisc One (hylan GF 20)
• J1568 - IVIG (immune globulin) Octagam	• J2357- Xolair (omalizumab)

Use NaviNet®, Telephone or Fax to Obtain Authorization through Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy. These drugs are part of the Highmark West Virginia Medical Injectable Drug Program through which Highmark West Virginia providers order certain injectable drugs for office administration for patients in the above-referenced products. **Note:** For FEP Service Benefit Plan, the program can be used for administrative convenience and is voluntary.

Effective June 1, 2011, you can continue to use NaviNet as the fastest and easiest way to obtain prior authorization from Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy – Highmark’s exclusive specialty pharmacy vendor – for the injectable drugs listed above. **However providers who wish to use telephone or fax to obtain prior authorization for these drugs must contact Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy** at one of the following prior authorization dedicated numbers:

Toll-free telephone: 1-888-347-4894

Fax: 412-325-6561

**The numbers listed above are specifically dedicated for this authorization process.** For general inquiries to Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy or to order injectable drugs that do not require prior authorization, please call 1-888-347-3416.

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If you have specific questions about Highmark West Virginia's Medical Injectable Prior Authorization process, please contact Provider Service at 1-304-424-7795 or 1-800-798-7768, or you may contact your assigned Provider Relations representative.

\* Reminder: Supartz, Synvisc and Gamunex are Preferred Products

Please note, as communicated previously, **Highmark West Virginia has established Supartz and Synvisc as the preferred viscosupplements and Gamunex as the preferred IG product available through the Highmark West Virginia Medical Injectable Drug Program.** Coverage for these drugs is outlined in Highmark West Virginia Pharmacy Policy J-500 and J-501.

You can review this and other pharmacy policies, which contain the applicable procedure codes, approval criteria and additional coverage criteria, on the Pharmacy Policies page on [www.highmarkbcbswv.com](http://www.highmarkbcbswv.com). Under the Provider tab, select *Pharmacy Policy*.

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