

Follow these steps to submit prior authorization requests when prescribing drugs covered under the medical benefit for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network commercial members.

Michigan prescribers

To submit prior authorization requests electronically, first register for Availity® Essentials, our provider portal; refer to the [Register for web tools](#) page at bcbsm.com for details. Then:

1. Log in to [availity.com](#)*.
2. Click *Payer Spaces* on the menu bar and click the BCBSM and BCN logo.
3. On the Applications tab, click the tile for the appropriate NovoLogix web tool.
4. Within NovoLogix, click the *Authorizations* menu and select *Create Authorization*.
5. Enter the member's details and select the correct member on the contract.
6. Complete the required fields. This includes selecting the correct drug in the "Authorization Lines" section.
7. Click *Submit*, complete the protocol questions and click *Done*.

If you're registered for Availity but are not able to access it, submit your prior authorization request using the *Medication Authorization Request Form*, or MARF, that's on the next page.

Non-Michigan prescribers

When submitting a prior authorization request for the first time, prescribers located outside of Michigan should complete and submit:

- The *Medication Authorization Request Form*, or MARF, that's on the next page
- The [Application for access to NovoLogix for non-Michigan prescribers](#)

Submit these documents to the fax number or address that's on the MARF. Once we approve the request for access, we'll provide information about how to access the NovoLogix tool so that you can submit subsequent prior authorization requests electronically.

Note: Access to NovoLogix is available only to registered users. You must include a valid Type 1 (individual) NPI on the application for access to NovoLogix.

Information about NovoLogix

For more information about the NovoLogix web tool, look under the Training Resources heading on these webpages:

- [Blue Cross Medical-Benefit Drugs](#)
- [BCN Medical-Benefit Drugs](#)

If you need help with the NovoLogix tool, contact the Web Support Help Desk at 1-877-258-3932.

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Medication Authorization Request Form

Benlysta® (Belimumab) HCPCS CODE: J0490

This form is to be used by participating physicians to obtain coverage for Benlysta®. For commercial members only, please complete this form and submit via fax to 877-325-5979. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact BCBSM Provider Relations and Servicing or the Medical Drug Helpdesk at 1-800-437-3803 for assistance.

PATIENT INFORMATION	PHYSICIAN INFORMATION
Name	Name
ID Number	Specialty
D.O.B. <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Address
Diagnosis	City /State/Zip
Drug Name	Phone/Fax: P: () - F: () -
Dose and Quantity	NPI
Directions	Contact Person
Date of Service(s)	Contact Person Phone / Ext.

STEP 1: DISEASE STATE INFORMATION

- Is this request for: ☐ Initiation ☐ Continuation **Date patient started therapy:** _____
- How is this medication being administered? ☐ Self-administered **(Please fax this completed form to BCBSM at (866) 601-4425)**
☐ Health Care Professional administered **(Continue to #3)**
- Site of administration? ☐ Provider office/Home infusion ☐ Other: _____
☐ Hospital outpatient facility (go to #4) **Reason for Hospital Outpatient:** _____
- Please specify location of administration if hospital outpatient infusion:** _____
- Please provide the NPI number for the place of administration:** _____
- Initiation AND Continuation of therapy:**
 - Please check the patient's diagnosis: ☐ Systemic lupus erythematosus ☐ Active lupus nephritis ☐ Other: _____
 - Did the patient test positive for serum antibodies at 2 separate times?
☐ Yes, Positive test 1: _____ Date Drawn: _____
Positive test 2: _____ Date Drawn: _____
☐ No, Please list alternative test used to confirm diagnosis AND how it confirms the diagnosis: _____
 - Does the patient have active disease?
☐ Yes, Please specify: _____ ☐ No
 - Does the patient have lupus nephritis only with no other symptoms of systemic lupus erythematosus? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, Please provide biopsy results confirming active kidney disease: _____
 - Does the patient have active central nervous system lupus [for example: seizures, psychosis, stroke, cerebritis (infection of the brain)]?
☐ Yes ☐ No
 - Which of the following medications has the patient previously been treated with for a course of at least 12 weeks and failed?
☐ Chloroquine ☐ Hydroxychloroquine ☐ Methotrexate ☐ Azathioprine ☐ Cyclophosphamide ☐ Mycophenolate mofetil ☐ None
☐ Other: _____
 - Please select other medications the patient will be receiving while on Benlysta:
☐ Antimalarials ☐ Corticosteroids ☐ Non-biologic immunosuppressives ☐ None ☐ Other: _____
 - Will the patient be using Benlysta in combination with other biologics (for example: Humira)?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Continuation request:** (please answer above questions as well): **Benlysta start date:** _____
Does the patient have improvement of disease while on therapy?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Other: _____

Please add any other supporting medical information necessary for our review

Coverage will not be provided if the prescribing physician's signature and date are not reflected on this document.

☐ Request for expedited review: I certify that applying the standard review time frame may seriously jeopardize the life or health of the member or the member's ability to regain maximum function

Physician's Name	Physician Signature	Date
Step 2 Checklist <input type="checkbox"/> Form Completely Filled Out <input type="checkbox"/> Attached Chart Notes	<input type="checkbox"/> ANA titer <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-dsDNA	<input type="checkbox"/> SELENA-SLEDAI/BILAG score <input type="checkbox"/> Urine Analysis
Step 3 Submit	By Fax: BCBSM Specialty Pharmacy Mailbox (877) 325-5979	By Mail: BCBSM Specialty Pharmacy Program P.O. Box 312320, Detroit, MI 48231-2320

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