

# How to submit prior authorization requests for medical benefit drugs

For Blue Cross commercial and Blue Care Network commercial

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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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# Blue Cross Blue Shield/Blue Care Network of Michigan

## Medication Authorization Request Form

**Radicava® (edaravone) HCPCS CODE: J1301**



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This form is to be used by participating physicians to obtain coverage for Radicava. For commercial members only, please complete this form and submit via fax to 1-877-325-5979. 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	
Pt weight (in kg) Date recorded: _____			
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 or continuation of therapy? ☐ Initiation ☐ Continuation Date patient started therapy: \_\_\_\_\_
- Site of administration? ☐ Provider office/Home infusion ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Hospital outpatient facility (go to #3) Reason for Hospital Outpatient administration: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please specify location of administration if hospital outpatient infusion: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please provide the NPI number for the place of administration: \_\_\_\_\_
- Initiation AND Continuation of therapy:**
  - What is the patient's diagnosis?  
☐ Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) ☐ Other, list diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_
  - When was the diagnosis of ALS established? Date: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Have baseline metrics from the ALSFRS-R (ALS functional rating scale) been submitted?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
  - Has a lung function test been performed on the patient? (Please attach any tests results) ☐ Yes ☐ No
  - What is the patient's predicted vital capacity value? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Is the patient currently receiving and continue to receive treatment with Rilutek (riluzole)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Continuation request: Radicava start date** \_\_\_\_\_
  - Has a repeat assessment using the ALSFRS-R been done to determine whether the medication is having an effect? (chart notes are required)  
☐ Yes ☐ No Comment: \_\_\_\_\_
  - If the patient is continuing therapy, please give the patient's current disease status since beginning treatment:
    - ☐ Improved; Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
    - ☐ Stable; Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
    - ☐ Worsened; Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
    - ☐ Other; Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- 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

<b>Step 2:</b> Checklist	<input type="checkbox"/> Form Completely Filled Out <input type="checkbox"/> Attached Chart Notes	<input type="checkbox"/> Weight (specify lb or kg), BSA
<b>Step 3:</b> Submit	<b>By Fax: BCBSM Specialty Pharmacy Mailbox</b> <b>1-877-325-5979</b>	<b>By Mail: BCBSM Specialty Pharmacy Program</b> <b>P.O. Box 312320, Detroit, MI 48231-2320</b>

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