

# In the News

## Update to Medical Benefit Drug Coverage for Medical Mutual Medicare Advantage Plans

Effective August 1, 2023, Medical Mutual will require trial of preferred intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) products. Medicare Advantage members new to therapy will require a trial of two preferred IVIG products before a non-preferred IVIG can be prescribed.

IVIG requires prior authorization. If it is believed that a member has already satisfied the step therapy requirement or a non-preferred drug is medically necessary, the provider should ensure that the information is submitted with the request for prior authorization. Please follow the Medical Mutual prior authorization process to request an IVIG medication.

Preferred Drugs*	Non-Preferred Drug
Asceniv(J1554) Flebogamma (J1572) Gamunex-C (J1561) Gammagard Liquid (J1569) Gammagard S/D (J1566) Gammaked (J1561) Gammaplex (J1557) Octagam (J1568) Privigen (J1459) Injection, immune globulin, intravenous, non-lyophilized (e.g., liquid), not otherwise specified (J1599) <i>Change in preferred products effective August 1st, 2023</i>	Bivigam (J1556) Panzyga (J1599)

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