

## Medical drug benefit *Clinical Criteria* updates

On August 20, 2021, the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee approved the following *Clinical Criteria* applicable to the **medical drug benefit** for Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus. These policies were developed, revised, or reviewed to support clinical coding edits.

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Please see the explanation/definition for each category of *Clinical Criteria* below:

- New: newly published criteria
- Revised: addition or removal of medical necessity requirements, new document number
- Updates marked with an asterisk (\*) notate that the criteria may be perceived as more restrictive

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**Note: The *Clinical Criteria* listed below applies only to the medical drug benefits contained within the member's medical policy. This does not apply to pharmacy services.**

Effective date	Document number	<i>Clinical Criteria</i> title	New or revised
November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0202*	Saphnelo (anifrolumab-fnia)	New
November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0203*	Ryplazim (plasminogen, human-tvmh)	New
November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0010*	Proprotein Convertase Subtilisin Kexin Type 9 (PCSK9) Inhibitors	Revised
November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0034*	Hereditary Angioedema Agents	Revised
November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0027*	Denosumab Agents	Revised
November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0001*	Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents	Revised
November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0156*	Reblozyl (luspatercept)	Revised
November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0124	Keytruda (pembrolizumab)	Revised
November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0104*	Levoleucovorin Agents	Revised
November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0062	Tumor Necrosis Factor Antagonists	Revised
November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0009*	Lemtrada (alemtuzumab) for the Treatment of Multiple Sclerosis	Revised
November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0020	Tysabri (natalizumab)	Revised
November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0029*	Dupixent (dupilumab)	Revised
November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0038	Human Parathyroid Hormone Agents	Revised
November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0182*	Iron Agents	Revised
November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0075	Rituximab Agents for Non-Oncologic Indications	Revised
November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0096	Asparagine Specific Enzymes	Revised
November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0169	Phesgo (pertuzumab/trastuzumab/hyaluronidase-zzxf)	Revised

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November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0193	Evkeeza (evinacumab)	Revised
November 29, 2021	ING-CC-0081*	Crysvita (burosumab-twza)	Revised



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