

# Provider Update

## NEWS FOR THE NETWORK

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## Reminders and Updates

### Jimmo Settlement: reminders and provider resources

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently issued a [memorandum](#) for Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs), which provides important clarifying information and valuable educational resources for MAOs such as CarePartners of Connecticut — and our contracted providers — related to the [Jimmo v. Sebelis Settlement Agreement](#) (January 2013).

We're sharing this information with our network as a reminder, to ensure that providers who serve our members are aware of the coverage requirements established by the Jimmo Settlement and are providing services in accordance with current Medicare policy.

The Jimmo Settlement clarified that under the Medicare program, skilled nursing and skilled therapy services are covered/appropriate not only when a beneficiary is expected to improve, but when these services are necessary to maintain the patient's current condition or prevent or slow further deterioration, as long as:

- the patient requires skilled care for the services to be safely and effectively provided.
- an individualized assessment of the patient's clinical condition demonstrates that the specialized judgment, knowledge, and skills of a qualified therapist are necessary for the performance of a safe and effective maintenance program.

The recent memo from CMS offers links to a number of training and educational materials, which providers are encouraged to review for a better understanding of Medicare policies and coverage guidelines associated with the Jimmo Settlement.

Please keep in mind that this article and the recent CMS memo are not intended to constitute a change in Medicare policies, but rather to serve as a reminder of the clarifications and guidelines originally issued by the Jimmo Settlement in 2013. ◆

## Medical drug program updates

New prior authorization programs		
Drug(s)	Effective date	Policy & additional Information
Adzynma	4/1/2024	<a href="#">Adzynma</a> Prior authorization is now required for Adzynma (HCPCS J3590, C9167), approved in November 2023 for the treatment of thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura.
Lyfgenia (lovotibeglogene autotemcel)	4/1/2024	<a href="#">Lyfgenia</a> Prior authorization is now required for Lyfgenia, an autologous hematopoietic stem cell-based gene therapy approved by the FDA in December 2023 for the treatment of patients 12 years of age or older with sickle cell disease and a history of vaso-occlusive events.
Casgevy (exagamglogene autotemcel)	4/1/2024	<a href="#">Casgevy</a> Prior authorization is now required for Casgevy, an autologous genome edited hematopoietic stem cell-based gene therapy approved by the FDA in December 2023 for the treatment of sickle cell disease (SCD) in patients 12 years and older with recurrent vaso-occlusive crises.
Omvoh, Tofidence	4/1/2024	<a href="#">Targeted Immunomodulators Skilled Administration</a> Prior authorization is now required for Omvoh (HCPCS J3590), approved in September 2023 for the treatment of ulcerative colitis, and for Tofidence (HCPCS Q5133), approved in September 2023 for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis, and systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis.

Updates to existing prior authorization programs		
Drug(s)	Effective date	Policy & additional Information
Vyondys 53	6/1/2024	<a href="#">Vyondys 53</a>



## About our Chronic Condition Management programs

CarePartners of Connecticut takes a comprehensive approach to chronic condition management, focusing on patient-centered care that coordinates resources across the health care delivery system and throughout the life cycle of a disease. CarePartners of Connecticut's chronic condition management programs include a range of components specifically designed to reinforce clinicians' treatment plans.

These programs assist patients with conditions such as asthma, COPD, heart failure, and diabetes by helping them better understand their condition, giving them new information about their disease, and providing them with assistance from clinical health educators and pharmacists who can help them manage their disease.

Patients identified as having a chronic condition such as diabetes, heart failure, or asthma are enrolled in chronic condition management programs through the following:

- Referrals by their physicians, case managers, and specialty care providers
- Medical and pharmacy claims analysis that identifies patients with appropriate diagnoses
- Self-referral
- Health risk appraisal

To enroll a CarePartners of Connecticut member into one of our programs, email [cm\\_cpct@carepartnersct.com](mailto:cm_cpct@carepartnersct.com).



## Complex Care Management services

CarePartners of Connecticut's Care Management Department provides care management services to help adult and pediatric members attain optimal health and achieve greater self-reliance in managing their health care. Our care managers provide systematic coordination and assessment of services using evidence-based clinical guidelines. CarePartners of Connecticut's complex care managers partner with community health workers, behavioral health care managers, and pharmacists to help coordinate care and access to services for members with multiple complex conditions.

These programs assist members with conditions such as chronic kidney disease, cancer, congestive heart failure, COPD, dementia, heart disease, asthma, diabetes, and a variety of rare diseases — as well as behavioral health conditions like depression/anxiety and serious and persistent mental illness. Care managers help patients avert the need for more intensive medical services by providing them with information tailored to their needs and stage of readiness.

Care management programs are available to members identified through:

- Algorithms based on medical, pharmacy, and/or radiology claim analysis
- Hospital discharge data
- Provider and case manager referral
- Self-referral
- Health risk appraisal

For more information about CarePartners of Connecticut's Complex Care Management programs, including how to refer patients, email [cm\\_cpct@carepartnersct.com](mailto:cm_cpct@carepartnersct.com). ♦

## Reminder: trastuzumab biosimilar strategy

CarePartners of Connecticut is offering a reminder pertaining to our biosimilar strategy for medical oncology drugs — specifically those in the trastuzumab drug class.

The preferred trastuzumab biosimilars are Kanjinti and Trazimera. As a reminder, prior authorization is required for all non-preferred trastuzumab products, which include Herceptin, Herceptin Hylecta, Ogivri, Herzuma, and Ontruzant.

For complete details, please refer to our [Medicare Part B Step Therapy](#) Medical Necessity Guidelines. ♦

## Upcoming training opportunity

CarePartners of Connecticut offers interactive training sessions for up-to-date information on products, plans, and processes that you can attend without having to leave your office. To register for a session, simply find a training date that works for you on our [webinars page](#), click the link, and enter the requested information.

- Wednesday, April 24 from noon–1 p.m. ET

For the complete schedule of webinars throughout the year, please refer to this list of [2024 trainings](#). ♦

# Helpful reminders for providers

- **Avoid Printing:** All CarePartners of Connecticut provider documentation is updated regularly. For the most current information, providers should view all documentation online at [carepartnersct.com/for-providers](https://carepartnersct.com/for-providers) and avoid printing.
  - **Browser Note:** If you are using an outdated or unsupported browser, certain features on CarePartners of Connecticut's website may be unavailable. For an improved user experience, upgrade your browser to the latest version of Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome.
  - **Secure Provider Portal Self-Service Tools:** CarePartners of Connecticut's online self-service tools enable providers to electronically submit transactions and/or access information related to claims submission, claims status, referrals, prior authorizations, electronic remittance advice, member eligibility, panel information and more. Log in to the secure Provider portal to manage transactions online.
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**For more information:** [Public Provider Website](#); [Secure Provider Portal](#)

**Contact information:** Call Provider Services at 888-341-1508, weekdays, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.