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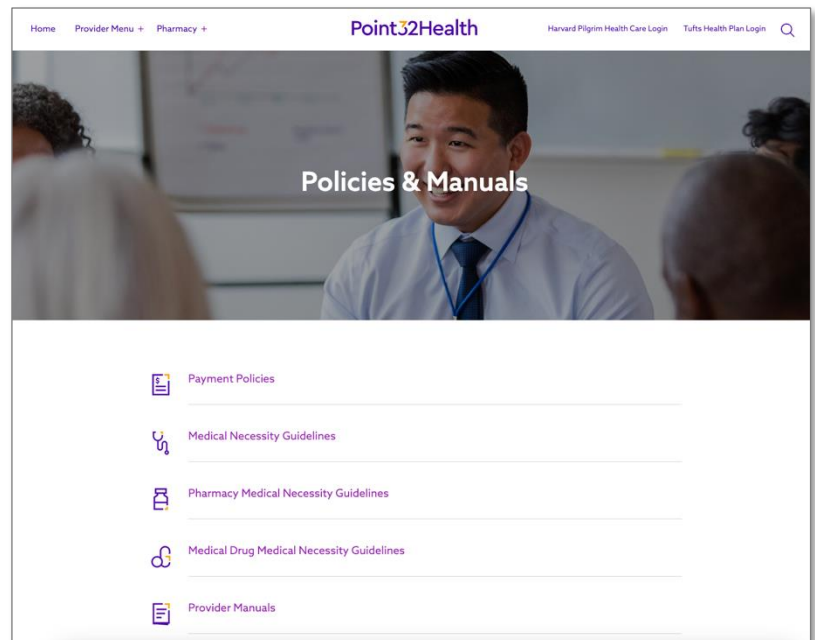
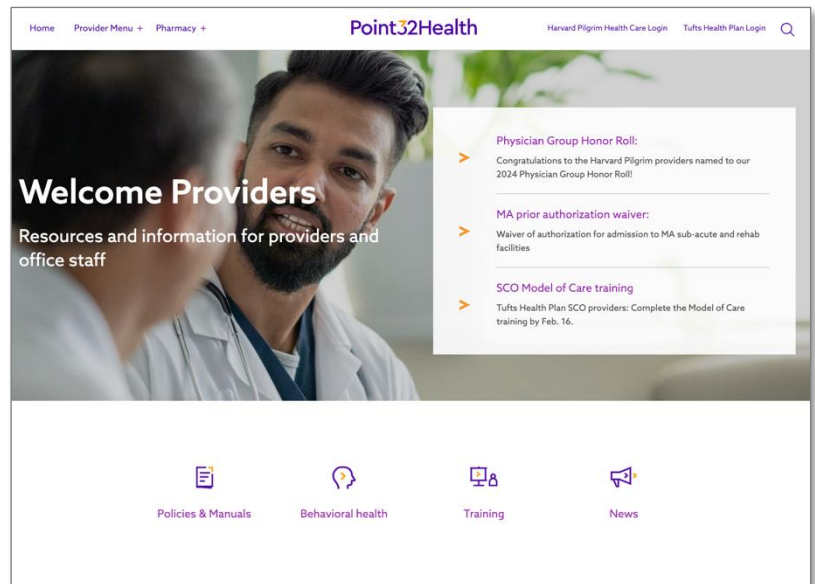
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Point32Health is delighted to unveil our new-and-significantly-improved [provider website](#), which we trust will deliver a markedly more streamlined provider experience!

The updated provider website features a **bold**, **clean**, and **revitalized** look and feel — but beyond the aesthetic improvements, we’ve also relocated all the key resources and documents you rely on most so you can access them in one place. Rather than navigating between the Point32Health provider page and the legacy Harvard Pilgrim and Tufts Health Plan provider websites to access various resources, you can now find the most commonly utilized provider content on the Point32Health provider page: medical necessity guidelines, medical drug policies, payment policies, Provider Manuals, pharmacy medical necessity guidelines, and more. And with filtering by product capability, our policy pages still make it simple for you to find policies by product line.

We’ve even migrated all of our [Pharmacy information](#) over to the new page, including guidelines, formularies/drug lists, and utilization and prior authorization tools and resources.

We hope you and your administrative staff enjoy the upgraded, time-saving experience our new provider page offers! ▲



# Waiver of authorization for admission to MA sub-acute and rehab facilities

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Point32Health prioritizes timely and appropriate patient care, and we want to support our provider network in delivering it with minimal disruption and administrative burden, regardless of the current health care landscape.

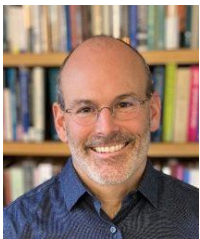
To that end, we've instituted temporary flexibilities in support of [a recent directive](#) from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), which **will remain in effect from Jan. 9 – April 1, 2024**. These flexibilities are intended to facilitate care coordination and expedite patient transitions to the proper care setting amid the severe capacity challenges impacting the Massachusetts health care system.

In accordance with the EOHHS directive, we are **waiving prior authorizations from Jan. 9, 2024 until April 1, 2024** for admissions from acute care hospitals to Massachusetts sub-acute care facilities and rehabilitation facilities for all applicable Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Tufts Health Plan products (commercial, Medicare Advantage/Senior Products, and Public Plans lines of business).

You can read about the steps Point32Health is taking, as well as some responsibilities on the part of facilities in our network, in greater detail on the [MA prior authorization waiver page](#) on our Point32Health provider website. ▲

# Join us for Dr. Jud Brewer's hunger habit workshop!

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We're pleased to offer a workshop in March on mindfulness and eating for health care professionals with Dr. Jud Brewer, MD, Ph.D. Dr. Brewer ("Dr. Jud"), is a New York Times best-selling author and thought leader in the field of habit change.

We encourage you to join us for:

**The Hunger Habit: Methods to Transform Our Relationship with Eating**  
**Tuesday, March 5, noon to 1 p.m.**

Ideal for health care professionals who treat patients struggling with unhealthy eating patterns, Dr. Brewer's virtual workshop will focus on practical processes for changing unhelpful habits and making healthier choices — and will offer continuing education credit.

Using examples from his work with patients and research from his lab at Brown University, Dr. Brewer will describe a practical process that does not depend on willpower or calorie-counting, but instead uses the brain's built-in processes to enable lasting habit change.

You can learn more about Dr. Brewer's work, clinical resources, and trainings at [drjud.com](http://drjud.com).

For [additional information and a link to the registration page](#) detailing available credits, visit our page on the event. We also encourage you to visit [Mind the Moment](#), Point32Health's mindfulness resource for providers. In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine and Point32Health. Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of *1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



Nursing Contact Hours: 1 of which 0 are eligible for pharmacology credit.

Pharmacists: This activity is approved for 1 CPE credit(s).

Social Work: As a Jointly Accredited Organization, Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved under this program. Regulatory boards are the final authority on courses accepted for continuing education credit. Social workers completing this course receive 1 clinical continuing education credits.

Registered Dieticians: Completion of this RD profession-specific activity awards 1 CPEU(s).

At the end of this activity, the participant will be able to:

- Describe how different types of eating habits are formed and perpetuated.
- Explain how reinforcement learning works in the brain.
- Discuss how mindfulness approaches can help change eating habit patterns. ▲

## Expanded access to CGP for advanced solid tumors

**Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Commercial | Tufts Health Direct | Tufts Health Plan Commercial | Tufts Health RITogether | Tufts Health Together**

Point32Health would like to remind providers of our ongoing collaboration with Foundation Medicine, Inc. (FMI) to offer comprehensive genomic profiling (CGP) for members of our Harvard Pilgrim commercial, Tufts Health Plan commercial, Tufts Health Together, Tufts Health RITogether, and Tufts Health Direct plans.

Through this collaboration, we cover the FoundationOne®CDx (CPT 0037U) and FoundationOne®Liquid CDx (CPT 0239U) CGP tests, with prior authorization, for all eligible members who meet the criteria identified in the [Medical Necessity Guidelines for Comprehensive Genomic Profiling with FoundationOne CDx or FoundationOne Liquid CDx to Guide Cancer Treatment in Patients with Advanced Cancer](#).

### Requesting authorization

As a reminder, the genetic/genomic and molecular diagnostic testing authorization program for Harvard Pilgrim commercial products and Tufts Health Public Plans is managed through an arrangement with Carelon Medical Benefits Management (formerly AIM Specialty Health®). For Harvard Pilgrim commercial, Tufts Health Together, Tufts Health RITogether, and Tufts Health Direct members, please submit your authorization request for FoundationOne CDx or FoundationOne Liquid CDx online via Carelon's portal at [www.providerportal.com](http://www.providerportal.com) or by telephone at 855-574-6476.

For Tufts Health Plan commercial members, you can request prior authorization from Tufts Health Plan via the [secure online provider portal](#).

### About FoundationOne CDx and FoundationOne Liquid CDx

FoundationOne CDx is an FDA-approved tissue-based comprehensive genomic profiling test. It is a qualitative next-generation sequencing based *in vitro* diagnostic test that uses targeted high throughput hybridization-based capture technology for detection of substitutions, insertion and deletion alterations (indels), and copy number alterations (CNAs) in 324 genes and select gene rearrangements, as well as genomic signatures including microsatellite instability (MSI) and tumor mutational burden (TMB). The test is also used for detection of genomic loss of heterozygosity (LOH) from formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded (FFPE) ovarian tumor tissue. For more information, see the [FoundationOne CDx Technical Information \(FDA Label\)](#).

FoundationOne Liquid CDx is an FDA-approved blood-based comprehensive genomic profiling test. It is a qualitative next generation sequencing based *in vitro* diagnostic test that uses targeted high throughput hybridization-based capture technology to detect and report substitutions, insertions and deletions (indels) in 311 genes, rearrangements in four genes and copy number alterations in three genes. For more information, see the [FoundationOne Liquid CDx Technical Information \(FDA Label\)](#). ▲

# Please respond promptly to provider TIN requests

## All products

In order for Point32Health to effectively serve our member population and support our provider network, it's important that we have access to the most up-to-date and complete provider information — including tax identification numbers (TINs).

You may receive outreach from Point32Health via email or fax requesting that you submit a W-9 to validate your TIN, and we ask that you please respond as quickly as possible. Validation of provider TINs may be needed for a number of reasons, notably those outlined below.

## Discrepancies with IRS records

When Point32Health is notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that the legal business name associated with a given provider's TIN as identified in our systems does not match the TIN and payee name listed in the IRS's records, we are required to update our systems accordingly to eliminate any discrepancies. To assist us with these efforts, please be sure to look out for any email or fax communications from Point32Health offering instructions for how you can submit your updated tax information.

## Behavioral health providers: portal registration

If you are a provider in the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care behavioral health network and would like to register for HPHConnect, our online provider portal, please begin by verifying your NPI and TIN with our Provider Processing Center. You should first submit the following information via email to [ppc@point32health.org](mailto:ppc@point32health.org):

- Provider Name
- Provider NPI
- Provider TIN
- Updated W9

After you have shared this information with the Provider Processing Center, you can then begin the process of registering for HPHConnect by completing and submitting [this online Provider Enrollment Form](#). By submitting the above information to the Provider Processing Center before beginning the enrollment process, you can eliminate the potential for discrepancies with the information we have on file.

As a reminder, we encourage all Point32Health providers to register for our [Harvard Pilgrim](#) and [Tufts Health Plan](#) provider portals for their ease of use and convenience in performing transactions such as submitting claims, verifying patient eligibility, requesting prior authorization, and more. ▲

# New HEDIS tip sheet for EED measure

## All products

Point32Health is pleased to share that we have developed a new HEDIS® tip sheet related to the [Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes \(EED\) measure](#).

The best practices highlighted in our HEDIS tip sheets are intended to support your practice by ensuring that the data reported accurately reflects your practice's performance on these measures, and by identifying opportunities to improve patient care.

For the full collection of tip sheets Point32Health currently makes available to providers, you can refer to the [HEDIS tip sheet page](#) on our provider website.

And be sure to look to future issues of Insights and Updates for Providers for more updates as we continue to develop new tip sheets!

*HEDIS® is a registered trademark of the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).* ▲

# Prior authorization for SNF care for Tufts Health Plan SCO

## Tufts Health Plan Senior Care Options

Point32Health wants to make our provider network aware of a change regarding requirements related to skilled nursing facility (SNF) care, which will take effect on April 1, 2024.

For members with our Tufts Health Plan Senior Care Options product, prior authorization will be required for SNF care. Additionally, inpatient notification will continue to be required upon admission to a SNF.

As you may be aware, and as outlined in [this article](#) also published in this issue of Insights and Updates for Providers, Point32Health is waiving prior authorization requirements from Jan. 9, 2024 until April 1, 2024 for admissions from acute care hospitals to Massachusetts (MA) sub-acute care facilities and rehabilitation facilities for all applicable Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Tufts Health Plan products. The implementation of this prior authorization requirement for SNF care for Tufts Health Plan Senior Care Options members will occur concurrently with the end of the temporary MA prior authorization waiver.

For more information, please refer to the Tufts Health Plan [Senior Care Options \(SCO\) Prior Authorization List](#) and [Senior Care Options Notification List](#). ▲

# Harvard Pilgrim commercial fee schedule in effect April 1

## Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Commercial

Point32Health's fee schedules are reviewed regularly to ensure that they are comprehensive and consistent with industry standards.

We would like to remind our provider network that, as we identified in the [November 2023 issue](#) of Insights and Updates for Providers, updates to our Harvard Pilgrim commercial professional fee schedules will take effect on April 1, 2024. ▲

# Upcoming training opportunities

## All products

We invite you to join one of our many training sessions for you and your office staff. We will be offering several interactive webinars you can join throughout the month of February – if these don't fit your schedule, we offer educational videos on demand. Register for webinars by simply clicking the links below.

## Point32Health

### Tools and resources for behavioral health providers

- [Friday, Feb. 2 from 9–10 a.m. ET](#)
- [Tuesday, Feb. 6 from 1–2 p.m. ET](#)
- [Wednesday, Feb. 14 from 10–11 a.m. ET](#)
- [Thursday, Feb. 22 from 2–3 p.m. ET](#)
- [Monday, Feb. 26 from noon–1 p.m. ET](#)

### Navigating the provider websites

- [Wednesday, Feb. 7 from noon–1 p.m. ET](#)

### Provider payment dispute overview

- [Thursday, Feb. 15 from 11 a.m.–noon ET](#)
- [Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 10–11 a.m. ET](#)



## Tufts Health Plan

### Tufts Health Senior Care Options (SCO) overview

- [Thursday, Feb. 29 from noon–1 p.m. ET](#)



## Enrollment/screening for RI Medicaid providers

### Tufts Health RITogether

As a reminder, if you are a Rhode Island Medicaid provider who hasn't completed screening and enrollment with the state Medicaid program, it's important do so to ensure that you can continue to participate in our Tufts Health RITogether network.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act requires that states screen and enroll all providers rendering services to Medicaid members, regardless of specialty.

We encourage unscreened providers to complete screening and enrollment with Rhode Island Medicaid as soon as possible — to allow you to receive reimbursement for Tufts Health RITogether members and to ensure you can remain in our Tufts Health Public Plans network in the future.

The application for enrollment/screening can be accessed directly on the [RI Medicaid Healthcare Portal](#) ([www.riproviderportal.org](http://www.riproviderportal.org)). You'll also find a Provider Enrollment User Guide there, and additional information can be found on the RI EOHHS website (<https://eohhs.ri.gov/providers-partners/provider-enrollment>). ▲

## Oral formula authorization request update

### Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Commercial | Harvard Pilgrim Stride (HMO) Medicare Advantage

Point32Health is implementing a change intended to make it easier and more efficient for contracted durable medical equipment (DME) providers to submit prior authorizations for oral enteral formula for Harvard Pilgrim commercial and Stride<sup>SM</sup> (HMO)/(HMO-POS) Medicare Advantage members.

As of Feb. 22, 2024, DME providers submitting authorizations for oral formula will no longer need to identify the number of units of formula they will dispense over the course of the date span on the authorization. Instead, these providers should **request the number of days for which they will provide formula**. The number of days will be used as the count qualifier on the authorization, as opposed to the number of units of formula.

We're always looking for ways to simplify processes for our providers and make it easier for you to do business with us, and we anticipate that this change will deliver a more streamlined experience by eliminating the need for providers to calculate the number of specific units being dispensed over a span of time.

For prior authorization criteria and reimbursement information, please refer to our Harvard Pilgrim [Oral Formula and Enteral Nutrition Medical Necessity Guidelines](#) and [Durable Medical Equipment Payment Policy](#). ▲

## Use code A4287 for coverage of breast milk storage bags

### Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Commercial | Tufts Health Direct | Tufts Health Plan Commercial | Tufts Health RITogether

As we outlined in the [April 2023 issue](#) of Insights and Updates for Providers, Point32Health provides coverage for breastfeeding supplies including disposable collection and storage bags for breast milk for Harvard Pilgrim Commercial, Tufts Health Plan Commercial, Tufts Health Direct, and Tufts Health RITogether members, with a quantity limit of 300 bags per three-month reimbursement period. (Coverage of breast milk storage bags for

Tufts Health Together members have a quantity limit of 120 bags per month or 360 bags for three months, in alignment with MassHealth's policy.)

## Coding update: HCPCS K1005 replaced by A4287

We want to share an update to make sure our providers are aware of a coding change for breast milk storage bags, in an effort to prevent claim denials and any unnecessary administrative burden. At the time of the previous announcement, the most appropriate HCPCS code for breast milk storage bags was HCPCS K1005; however, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently issued the more permanent HCPCS code A4287 to replace the now-deleted K1005. Going forward, **please use code A4287; claims for breast milk storage bags submitted with K1005 will be denied**, [in accordance with our typical policy](#) regarding new and deleted CPT and HCPCS codes.

As a reminder, coverage of breast pumps for pregnant or postpartum members may include manual, electric, or hospital grade breast pumps when medically necessary and obtained from a contracted durable medical equipment provider with a physician's prescription. It may be medically necessary to obtain a different type of pump than initially obtained.

Members are eligible to receive breast pump replacement parts 90 days after the purchase of the breast pump, and again every 60 days thereafter. While replacement parts represented by codes A4281, A4282, A4284, and A4826 have a limit of one per three months (purchase only), replacement bottles (A4285) and replacement caps for the replacement bottle (A4283) do not have a quantity limit. ▲

## Elder abuse and neglect reporting

### Senior Products

According to the National Council on Aging, nearly 1 in 10 Americans have suffered some form of elder (age 60+) abuse which includes physical, sexual, and emotional abuse; caretaker and medical neglect; financial exploitation; and self-neglect. As you know, the health care setting, including appointments with primary care providers, offers a crucial opportunity to screen for elder abuse.

In support of this significant responsibility, Point32Health case managers screen all members of Tufts Health Plan Senior Care Options (SCO), our dual Medicare and Medicaid product, for elder abuse. If one of your patients screens positive, you will be informed with the expectation that a confidential discussion between you and your patient will follow. Tufts SCO case managers are available to support physicians with this sensitive issue and can assist with securing referrals to the appropriate social service and/or adult protective services programs.

In addition, Point32Health case managers serving members of our Medicare Advantage products — Harvard Pilgrim Medicare Advantage Stride<sup>SM</sup> and Tufts Medicare Preferred — are trained to recognize the signs of abuse and neglect, and as mandated reporters, follow state guidelines for relaying concerns.

Providers caring for patients believed to be victims of abuse or neglect should follow their state's procedure for mandated reporting.

Despite its prevalence, it is estimated that only 1 in 24 cases of abuse are reported. We appreciate your dedication to this vulnerable population and hope that through our continued collaboration, we can encourage patients and families affected by elder abuse to feel safe reporting their concerns. ▲

# Point32Health non-emergent ambulance reimbursement

[Harvard Pilgrim and Tufts Commercial](#) | [Tufts Health Direct](#) | [Tufts Health One Care](#) | [Tufts Health Plan Commercial](#) | [Tufts Health Plan SCO](#) | [Tufts Health RITogether](#) | [Tufts Health Together](#) | [Tufts Medicare Preferred](#)

We've developed an integrated Point32Health Ambulance and Transportation Services Payment Policy — which will replace the existing Harvard Pilgrim Ambulance Transport Payment Policy and Tufts Health Plan Ambulance and Transportation Services Payment Policy.

As a result, effective for dates of service beginning April 1, 2024 for Tufts Health Plan products, we will no longer reimburse non-emergent ambulance services provided to a member during an inpatient or outpatient admission. This billing and reimbursement change will align the experience with the methodology currently in place today for Harvard Pilgrim commercial products, as these non-emergent ambulance services are included as part of the facility reimbursement and should be billed to the facility.

For more information, please refer to Point32Health's [Ambulance and Transportation Services Payment Policy](#). ▲

## Clarification: Prior authorization on insulin infusion pumps

### Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Commercial

Point32Health would like to issue a clarification regarding our coverage of insulin infusion pumps for Harvard Pilgrim Health Care commercial members. While prior authorization is not required for insulin pumps that work independently and do not communicate with a continuous glucose monitor (CGM), insulin pumps which are part of a “closed loop system” or which communicate with or work in conjunction with a CGM device do continue to require prior authorization.

In the August 2023 issue of Insights and Updates for Providers, we announced that prior authorization would no longer be required for the following codes related to insulin infusion pumps and home infusion administration: E0784, E0787, 99601, and 99602. This remains accurate and authorization is not required for those codes, but prior authorization must be obtained for A9276 for insulin pumps that work in conjunction with a CGM.

For more information, please refer to our Medical Necessity Guidelines for [Continuous Glucose Monitoring and Diabetes Management Devices](#) and [Home Health Care Services](#). ▲

## Point32Health Medical Necessity Guideline updates

### All products

The chart below identifies updates to our Medical Necessity Guidelines. For additional details, refer to the [Medical Necessity Guidelines page](#) on our Point32Health provider website, where you can find coverage and prior authorization criteria for our Harvard Pilgrim and Tufts Health Plan lines of business.

Updates to Medical Necessity Guidelines (MNG)			
MNG Title	Products Affected	Eff. Date	Summary
Noncovered Investigational Services	Harvard Pilgrim commercial, Tufts Health Plan commercial, Tufts Health Public Plan	Feb. 1, 2024	The following services have been added to the Noncovered Investigational Services MNG and will no longer be covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nalu Neurostimulation System (Nalu Medical Inc.) for treatment of chronic pain of peripheral nerve origin</li></ul>



## Updates to Medical Necessity Guidelines (MNG)

MNG Title	Products Affected	Eff. Date	Summary
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-pulsed (thermal) percutaneous radiofrequency ablation for treatment of occipital neuralgia</li> <li>ColoSense</li> </ul>
Noncovered Investigational Services	Tufts Health Together	Feb. 1, 2024	AEYE Diagnostic Screening (AEYE-DS) (CPT code 92229) is now covered without prior authorization for Tufts Health Together members.
Home and Community Based Services	Tufts Health RITogether	Feb. 1, 2024	<p>In support of guidance from the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), the services/codes outlined on this MNG will no longer require prior authorization for RITogether members, and the MNG will serve as a coverage guideline.</p> <p>A number of physical, occupational and speech therapy codes have been removed from the MNG and can be found on the Home Health Care Services for Tufts Health Together, Tufts Health RITogether, and Tufts Health One Care MNG.</p>
Applied Behavioral Analysis including Early Intervention for RITogether	Tufts Health RITogether	Feb. 1, 2024	In support of guidance from the Rhode Island EOHHS, prior authorization is no longer required for applied behavioral analysis services. In addition, an autism diagnosis is no longer required for coverage of these services. Language and coding on the MNG have been updated to reflect this change.
Behavioral Health: Evidence-Based Practices (EBP)	Tufts Health RITogether	Feb. 1, 2024	Prior authorization is no longer required, and the MNG will be maintained as a coverage guideline.
Behavioral Health Enhanced Outpatient Services (EOS)	Tufts Health RITogether	Feb. 1, 2024	Prior authorization is no longer required, and the MNG will be maintained as a coverage guideline.
Personal Assistance Services & Supports (PASS)	Tufts Health RITogether	Feb. 1, 2024	Prior authorization is no longer required, and the MNG will be maintained as a coverage guideline.
Assisted Reproductive Technology Services – Massachusetts Products Assisted Reproductive Technology Services – Maine Products Assisted Reproductive Technology Services – New Hampshire Products Assisted Reproductive Technology Services – Rhode Island Products	Harvard Pilgrim commercial, Tufts Health Plan commercial, Tufts Health Direct	Feb. 1, 2024	Minor update to limitation language for clarification regarding donor eggs for ART services.
Hospice and Palliative Care Services	Harvard Pilgrim commercial	Feb. 1, 2024	MNG updated with clarifying information.

Updates to Medical Necessity Guidelines (MNG)			
MNG Title	Products Affected	Eff. Date	Summary
Therapeutic Lenses	Tufts Health Plan commercial, Tufts Health Public Plans	Feb. 1, 2024	MNG will be retired, and prior authorization will no longer be required for CPT codes 92071 and 92072 for Tufts Health Plan commercial and Tufts Health Public Plans. These codes will continue to be covered without prior authorization for Harvard Pilgrim commercial plans, and reimbursement guidance can be found on Harvard Pilgrim's <a href="#">Vision Services Payment Policy</a> . (Reimbursement may vary depending on the member's benefit.)



## Point32Health medical drug program updates

### All products

The chart below identifies updates to our medical benefit drug program. For additional details, refer to the Medical Necessity Guidelines associated with the medical drug in question, which you can find on our Point32Health [Medical Benefit Drug Medical Necessity Guidelines page](#).

Alternatively, some medical drugs are managed through an arrangement with OncoHealth when utilized for oncology purposes for Harvard Pilgrim commercial and Harvard Pilgrim Stride<sup>SM</sup> (HMO)/(HMO-POS) Medicare Advantage members. You can find prior authorization policies for these drugs via the [OncoHealth page](#) in the Vendor Programs section of the Harvard Pilgrim provider website, or directly on [OncoHealth's webpage for Harvard Pilgrim](#).

New prior authorization programs for OncoHealth drugs			
Drug(s)	Plan	Eff. date	Policy & Additional Information
Talvey	Harvard Pilgrim Stride <sup>SM</sup> (HMO)/(HMO-POS) Medicare Advantage, Harvard Pilgrim commercial	Apr. 1, 2024	Talquetamab-tqvs (Talvey)
Elrexio	Harvard Pilgrim Stride <sup>SM</sup> (HMO)/(HMO-POS) Medicare Advantage, Harvard Pilgrim commercial	Apr. 1, 2024	Elranatamab-bcmm (Elrexio)
Loqtorzi	Harvard Pilgrim Stride <sup>SM</sup> (HMO)/(HMO-POS) Medicare Advantage, Harvard Pilgrim commercial	Apr. 1, 2024	PD-1/PD-L1s

Updates to existing prior authorization programs			
Drug(s)	Plan	Eff. date	Policy & Additional Information
Tecvayli	Harvard Pilgrim Stride <sup>SM</sup> (HMO)/(HMO-POS) Medicare Advantage, Harvard Pilgrim commercial	Apr. 1, 2024	Coverage criteria will transition from the Point32Health Medical Necessity Guidelines to OncoHealth Chemotherapy Review Criteria.  The policy will be available on <a href="#">the OncoHealth webpage for Harvard Pilgrim prior authorization criteria</a> in alignment with the April 1 effective date.

Updates to existing prior authorization programs			
Drug(s)	Plan	Eff. date	Policy & Additional Information
Bavencio, Imfinzi, Jemperli, Keytruda, Libtayo, Opdivo, Opdualag, Tecentriq, Zynyz	Harvard Pilgrim Stride <sup>SM</sup> (HMO)/(HMO-POS) Medicare Advantage, Harvard Pilgrim commercial	Apr. 1, 2024	<p>PD-1/PD-L1s</p> <p>Medications in this drug class will be grouped together under the new policy titled PD-1/PD-L1s.</p> <p>In accordance with the policy, authorizations are for six months, after which time they must be reviewed for efficacy, safety, and tolerability. Maximum total length of therapy with checkpoint inhibitors for metastatic non-small cell lung cancer is 2 years.</p> <p>The policy will be available on <a href="#">the OncoHealth webpage for Harvard Pilgrim prior authorization criteria</a> in alignment with the April 1 effective date.</p>



## Pharmacy coverage changes

[Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Commercial](#) | [Tufts Health Direct](#) | [Tufts Health Plan Commercial](#) | [Tufts Health RITogether](#)

The chart below identifies updates to our Pharmacy program. For additional details, refer to the [Pharmacy Medical Necessity Guidelines page](#) on our Point32Health provider website, where you can find the policies that detail coverage criteria for our Harvard Pilgrim and Tufts Health Plan lines of business.

Updates to existing prior authorization programs			
Drug	Plan	Eff. date	Policy and additional information
New-To-Market Drugs	Harvard Pilgrim Health Care commercial, Tufts Health Plan commercial, Tufts Health Direct	April 1, 2024	New-To-Market Drugs
Orilissa	Tufts Health RITogether	April 1, 2024	Endocrine Agents: Orilissa, Oriahnn, Myfembree, and Synarel

Drug status changes			
Drug	Plan	Eff. Date	Policy and additional Information
Finacea gel	Tufts Health Together	Mar. 4, 2024	Dermatologic Agents – Acne and Rosacea Removing from the MassHealth Brand Preferred Over Generic List
Humira	Tufts Health RITogether	April 1, 2024	Pharmacy Products Without Specific Criteria Humira is moving to noncovered status.
Reyvow	Tufts Health RITogether	April 1, 2024	Pharmacy Products Without Specific Criteria Reyvow is moving to noncovered status.
Risperdal Consta	Tufts Health Together	Mar. 4, 2024	Antipsychotics Adding to the MassHealth Brand Preferred Over Generic List



# Adalimumab biosimilar strategy for RITogether

## Tufts Health RITogether

Effective April 1, 2024, the following FDA-approved adalimumab biosimilars will be added to the Tufts Health RITogether pharmacy formulary at preferred status with prior authorization:

- Adalimumab-adbm
- Adalimumab-fkjp
- Hadlima

All other available FDA-approved adalimumab biosimilars and the reference product Humira (adalimumab) will be non-preferred products and non-covered effective April 1, 2024. ▲

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