

Site of Care Program

Commercial Medical Drug Policy

In support of our mission, Blue Shield may direct members with prescriptions for medication infusion therapy services to qualified, home care, non-facility-owned infusion centers or physician offices for its administration. The Site of Care Program is intended to provide Blue Shield members with clinically appropriate, alternative sites of service that may lower total treatment costs and increase convenience by reducing or eliminating their travel time.

Site of Care is applicable to members with the following plans: PPO, Direct Contract HMO, and when applicable, ASO/Shared Advantage/HMO (non-direct contract).

For a list of drugs that are part of the Site of Care Program: [click here](#)

Authorization requests for medication infusion therapy and its administration at an outpatient hospital facility will require clinical rationale and documentation for medical necessity of the Site of Care. If medical necessity criteria are not met for outpatient hospital facility infusion, payment may be delayed or denied.

CRITERIA FOR HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT FACILITY ADMINISTRATION

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ADMINISTRATION OF APPLICABLE DRUG IN THE HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT FACILITY SITE OF CARE REQUIRES ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (Supporting Documentation must be submitted)

1. Patient is initiating therapy or re-initiating therapy after at least 6 months off therapy. The number of doses allowed at initiation or re-initiation is drug specific. See the individual drug policy for further details.

Subsequent doses (after what is approved at a HOPF) will require medical necessity for continued use in the hospital outpatient facility site of care.

Or

Additional clinical monitoring is required during administration as evidenced by one of the following:

2. Patient has experienced a previous severe adverse event on DRUG based on documentation submitted.
3. Patient continues to experience moderate to severe adverse events on DRUG based on documentation submitted, despite receiving premedication such as acetaminophen, steroids, diphenhydramine, fluids, etc.
4. Patient is clinically unstable based on documentation submitted.
5. Patient is physically or cognitively unstable based on documentation submitted.

<p>DENIAL</p> <p>Not meet policy criteria AND SOC</p>	<p>In addition, your doctor wants to give <DRUG> at a site that is part of a hospital (HOPF; hospital outpatient facility infusion center). This is not one of our preferred sites. These sites are the home (with an in-network home health provider), a doctor’s office, or an infusion center that is not part of a hospital.</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>DENIAL for HOPF</p>	<p>Your doctor wants to give <DRUG> at a site that is part of a hospital (HOPF; hospital outpatient facility infusion center). This is not one of our preferred sites. Our preferred sites are the home (with an in-network home health provider), a doctor’s office, or an infusion center that is not part of a hospital. We cover this drug if it is given at a preferred site.</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>DENIAL</p> <p>Meets policy criteria BUT Not meet SOC after review of reasons to use drug at SOC</p>	<p>We reviewed the reasons why you want to use this drug at a site that is part of a hospital (HOPF; hospital outpatient facility infusion center). Your doctor states <CUSTOM>. We are not able to accept your doctor’s reasons.</p> <p>We only allow you to get this drug at a HOPF if your medical records show there is a medical reason you need close medical monitoring. A medical reason you may need close monitoring is that you are having bad side effects despite using drugs to reduce that risk.</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>PARTIAL DENIAL</p> <p>Short term approval for COT at HOPF or new starts at HOPF</p>	<p>Your doctor wants to give <DRUG> at a site that is part of a hospital (HOPF; hospital outpatient facility infusion center). This is not one of our preferred sites. We cover this drug if it is given at a preferred site. These sites are the home (with an in-network home health provider), a doctor’s office, or an infusion center that is not part of a hospital.</p> <p>We have approved <VALUE> doses at the HOPF to allow for time to find a preferred site. If you want to continue to get this drug at a HOPF, your doctor will need to send us medical records that explain why. We may allow you to continue to get <DRUG> at an HOPF if you have a medical reason.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>ADD ON APPROVAL NOTE</p> <p>Meets policy criteria Meet SOC at HOPF</p>	<p>This drug has been approved to be given at a site that is part of a hospital (HOPF; hospital outpatient facility infusion center).</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>ADD ON APPROVAL NOTE for approved case</p>	<p>This drug has been approved to be used at one of our preferred sites. Our preferred sites are the home (with an in-network home health provider), a doctor’s office, or an infusion center that is not part of a hospital. ASPN Pharmacies is a service that can help you get this drug. They can help you find in-network home health providers. If you are getting the drug at the doctor’s office, they can help the doctor get the drug. You can reach them at 888-349-0884.</p> <p>A claim may be denied if the site approved does not match the site where the drug was given.</p>	<p>6</p>

Policy Update

Date of last revision: New policy



Changes from previous policy version:

- New policy