



## **Baylor Scott & White Health Plan**

BSW SeniorCare HMO-POS  
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### **2025 Medicare Part B Drugs Requiring Step Therapy**

## Medicare Part B Step Therapy

- Some medically administered Part B medications, like injectable drugs or biologics, may have special requirements or coverage limits, such as step therapy.
- Step therapy requires a trial of a preferred drug to treat a medical condition before covering a non-preferred drug.
- The step therapy requirement does not apply to members who have already received treatment with a non-preferred drug within the past 365 days.
- Both preferred and non-preferred drugs may still be subject to prior authorization.
- This list will be updated as additional drugs are added to the Part B drug Step Therapy program.

Drug or Drug Class	Preferred Part B Drug(s) - No Step Therapy Required	NON-Preferred Part B Drug(s) -Step Therapy Required	Effective Date
<b>Trastuzumab</b>	Trazimera Kanjinti Ogivri Ontruzant Herzuma	Herceptin Herceptin Hylecta	1/1/2025
<b>Bevacizumab (oncology use)</b>	Mvasi Zirabev	Avastin Alymsys Avzivi Vegzelma	1/1/2025
<b>Colony Stimulating Agents (long acting)</b>	Neulasta Udenyca	Fulphilia Fylnetra Nyvepria Stimufend Ziextenzo	1/1/2025
<b>Rituximab</b>	Ruxience Truxima	Rituxan Rituxan Hycela Riabni	1/1/2025
<b>Colony Stimulating Agents (short acting)</b>	Zarxio	Neupogen Nivestym Releuko Granix	1/1/2025
<b>Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) Inhibitors – For ophthalmic indications only</b>	Avastin	Beovu Byooviz Eylea Eylea HD Lucentis Susvimo Vabysmo	5/1/2025

<b>Bendamustine</b>	Belrapzo Bendeka Bendamustine (brand Treanda)	Bendamustine 505b2 formulations Vivimusta	1/1/2025
<b>Bone antiresorptive therapy (oncology use; does not apply to prostate or breast cancer)</b>	Zoledronic acid	Xgeva	1/1/2025
<b>Taxane therapy (does not apply to pancreatic cancer, ampullary adenocarcinoma, biliary tract cancers)</b>	Paclitaxel (brand Taxol) Docetaxel (brand Taxotere)	Docetaxel 505b2 formulations Paclitaxel Protein-Bound (brand Abraxane) Paclitaxel Protein-Bound 505b2 formulations	1/1/2025