

Coming soon — Cancer Care Quality Program

Summary of update: Effective October 1, 2018, Amerigroup Washington, Inc. will participate in the Cancer Care Quality Program administered by AIM Specialty Health® (AIM). This program promotes evidence-based, high-value care for members receiving drug regimens and supportive specialty drugs to treat cancer. It requires medical necessity review for prior authorization (PA) purposes, as well as review for alignment with AIM Cancer Treatment Pathways. As a result of this change, the Specialty Pharmacy team will no longer review oncology or oncology-support drugs for medical necessity.

What are AIM Cancer Treatment Pathways?

AIM Cancer Treatment Pathways are a subset of approvable regimens selected primarily on the basis of their efficacy and safety. When all factors are equal with respect to efficacy and safety, cost is considered. You can initiate a regimen review 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the AIM *ProviderPortal*SM at www.providerportal.com. Alternatively, you may contact AIM directly at 1-800-714-0040 during normal business hours to begin the PA process.

What do I need to do for my patients already receiving treatment?

No action is required on your part for Apple Health members already receiving treatment. All authorizations issued before October 1, 2018, will be honored through their stated expiration date. However, treatment extensions, regimen changes and new regimens beginning on or after October 1, 2018, require PA via AIM.

How will new PA requests be processed?

Regimens submitted for review through the AIM *ProviderPortal* that are consistent with medical policy will be authorized automatically. Those that cannot be automatically authorized will be reviewed by oncology specialists. A peer-to-peer consultation with an AIM oncologist will be offered before any adverse determination is issued. The majority of reviews will be completed within 24 hours; all reviews will be completed within 72 hours.

What if I need assistance?

For more information about the Cancer Care Quality Program and AIM Cancer Treatment Pathways, including contact information, visit www.aimproviders.com/m-ccqp. PA requirements can be reviewed online at <https://www.availability.com>. If you experience issues registering for or using the Availability Portal, please contact Availability Client Services at 1-800-282-4548.

If you have questions about this communication, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.