

New date for Cancer Care Quality Program

Beginning October 1, 2018, Amerigroup Washington, Inc. will participate in the Cancer Care Quality Program, which is administered by AIM Specialty Health® (AIM). This is a nationwide program to promote evidence-based, high-value care for members receiving drug regimens and supportive specialty drugs for cancer treatment.

The program includes a required medical necessity review for preauthorization purposes as well as simultaneous review for alignment with AIM Cancer Treatment Pathways. AIM Pathways are a subset of approvable regimens selected on the basis of their efficacy, safety, and cost (only when all other facts are equal).

Regimen reviews can be initiated via the link to the AIM *ProviderPortal*SM (<https://www.providerportal.com>) in Availity or by contacting AIM directly at 1-800-714-0040. Prior authorization requirements can be reviewed online at www.Availity.com. AIM Cancer Treatment Pathways can be found at <http://aimproviders.com/m-ccqp>.

Please note: Effective October 1, 2018, the Medicaid Specialty Pharmacy will no longer review oncology and oncology supportive drugs for medical necessity for Amerigroup members.

What does this mean for your practice?

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

For your patients already in treatment

All authorizations issued before October 1, 2018, will be honored through their published expiration date. However, treatment extensions and/or regimen changes and new regimens beginning on or after October 1, 2018, require a new request via AIM.

Training Information

Webinars designed to help you better understand the program and to demonstrate how to use *ProviderPortal* will be conducted September 12-20. If you have not already received an invitation to attend one of these sessions, please email Provider Relations at wa1provrelations@amerigroup.com or contact your Network Relations Consultant. Presentations will be made available after the webinars are conducted for those who were unable to attend or would like the materials as a reference guide going forward. Your Network Relations consultant can assist you in obtaining them.

Questions/concerns

For more information about the Cancer Care Quality Program, including contact information for questions, visit <http://aimproviders.com/m-ccqp>.

If you experience any issues registering for or using Availity, please contact Availity Client Services at 1-800-AVAILITY (1-800-282-4548).

Please contact Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730 with questions about claims and payments. If your concern/issue is outside the realm of what they can assist with, they are able to escalate issues as necessary for resolution.