

Special Bulletin

For professional and facility providers

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Two Injectables to Require Prior Authorization Beginning March 1, 2023

Effective **March 1, 2023**, the two injectable drugs below will require prior authorization before those medicines can be administered to Highmark members. Highmark will revise its **List of Procedures/DME Requiring Authorization** by adding the following procedure codes on March 1, 2023:

Procedure Code	Generic	Brand
J7331	1% sodium hyaluronate	SynoJoynt
J7332	Sodium hyaluronate	Triluron

Note: These drugs will not require authorization and will not appear on the all-inclusive authorization list on the Provider Resource Center **until the effective date**, March 1, 2023. Plan-preferred product considerations may apply in line with member benefits. Please confirm the most up-to-date coverage criteria outlined in Highmark's applicable Medical Policies, available on the Provider Resource Center.

The **List of Procedures/DME Requiring Authorization** for Highmark is subject to change. During the year, Highmark makes several adjustments to the full list of outpatient procedures, services, durable medical equipment, and drugs requiring authorization.

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For more information on obtaining prior authorization or viewing the current list, please visit the Provider Resource Center, select **CLAIMS, PAYMENT & REIMBURSEMENT** on the left menu, and click **Procedures/Service Requiring Prior Authorization**. For benefits to be paid, the member must be eligible on the date of service and the service must be a covered benefit.

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