

Memorandum

To: Gold Coast Health Plan Providers

From: Lily Yip, Pharm.D., MBA, APh, CDCES, BCACP, CPHQ, Director of Pharmacy

Re: Medi-Cal Physician Administered Drugs (PAD) List Changes

Date: Aug. 24, 2026

Medi-Cal physician administered drugs (PAD) through Gold Coast Health Plan's (GCHP) Medical Drug Benefit include all infused, injectable drugs provided or administered to a member who is billed by a provider on a medical claim by a Procedure Code (e.g., J-Code). Certain PADs require prior authorization (PA) to ensure medical necessity prior to receiving the drug therapy. You can view the Medi-Cal services requiring prior authorization list [here](#). Any request for a PAD via Procedure Code (e.g., J-Code) requiring a PA, administered at a provider's office or infusion/ hospital facility, must be submitted as a treatment authorization request using the [Prior Authorization Treatment Request Form](#).

GCHP, with direction from the state Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee, updates the PAD List quarterly. This notice is to inform you of the approved changes from the Aug. 13, 2026, P&T Committee meeting, which will be effective Dec. 1, 2026.

The current PAD List is posted on the [Medi-Cal Physician Administered Drugs \(PAD\)](#) page of the GCHP website. An updated Medi-Cal PAD list, with the changes below and clinical guidelines, is scheduled to be posted on the GCHP website by Dec.1, 2026.

Changes to the Medi-Cal PAD List, effective Dec. 1, 2026:

HCPCS	Generic Name	Brand Name	Changes
J9038	axatilimab-csfr	Niktimvo	Added
J9210	emapalumab-lzsg	Gamifant	Added
J1628	guselkumab	Tremfya IV	Added
J1553	immune globulin	Yimmugo	Added
J1577	immune globulin	Qivigy	Added
J2351	ocrelizumab and and hyaluronidase-ocsq	Ocrevus Zunovo	Added
Q5135	tocilizumab-aazg	Tyenne IV	Added
Q5133	tocilizumab-bavi	Tofidence IV	Added
Q5138	ustekinumab-auub	Wezlana IV	Added
Q5100	ustekinumab-kfce	Yesintek IV	Added
Q5099	ustekinumab-stba	Steqeyma IV	Added

Added – The medication is added to the PAD list and PA is needed.

If you have any questions, please contact GCHP's Pharmacy Services Department at Pharmacy@goldchp.org.