

Obtaining and Providing Injectable Medications Blue Shield of California

Blue Shield of California's (BSC) policy and procedure for obtaining and providing injectable medications requires **prior authorization**.

Prior authorization is based on BSC medication coverage policies for the following medications:

- Abilify Maintena (aripiprazole)
- Aristada (aripiprazole lauroxil)
- Invega Sustenna (paliperidone)
- Invega Trinza (paliperidone)
- Perseris (risperidone extended-release)
- Probuphine (buprenorphine implant)
- Risperdal Consta (risperidone)
- Spravato (esketamine)
- Subcolade (buprenorphine extended-release)
- Zulresso (brexanolone)
- Zyprexa Relprevv (olanzapine)

Note: As of April 3, 2017, Vivitrol or Long Acting Injectable Naltrexone does **not** require prior authorization. Magellan encourages you to continue recommending counseling and sober supports for your patients starting Vivitrol/Long Acting Injectable Naltrexone as a best practice to help in their recovery.

As new behavioral health medications come into the market and require prior authorization, this list may be updated.

To obtain prior authorizations for the above-listed medications:

- **Phone:** Contact Blue Shield Medical Care Solutions at 1-800-541-6652, option 6; **or**
- **Fax:** Complete the California [Prescription Drug Prior Authorization or Step Therapy Exception Request Form](#) and fax to 1-844-262-5611.

Note: This process replaces any prior arrangements you may have made with a member to pick up medications or to have a local pharmacy deliver these medications to you. The only approved method for receiving these medications under the BSC plan is through a BSC Specialty Pharmacy.