



### PHARMACY

#### Diabetes Drug Coverage

Based on American Diabetes Association (ADA) guidelines there is a change in coverage that will be forthcoming for **diabetes glucose lowering medications**.

ADA guidelines do **not** support the use of more than four simultaneous glucose lowering medications. It has been determined to not be cost-effective nor evidence based.

The concomitant use of DPP-4 inhibitors, e.g., Januvia et al, and GLP1 agonists, e.g., Trulicity et al, is the equivalent of duplicate therapy by mechanism of action and the literature reviews do **not** show any additional benefit to using a DPP-4 inhibitor and a GLP1 agonist in the same patient.

Effective November 1, 2021, WEA Trust will not cover more than four glucose lowering medications nor cover duplicate therapy for a DPP-4 inhibitor and a GLP1 agonist. (Note: Multiple insulins, e.g., long-acting and rapid-acting constitute one insulin in this measure.) If there are extenuating circumstances that should be considered for a patient, please contact the WEA Trust Clinical Pharmacy Department at [608.661.6760](tel:608.661.6760).

The Clinical Pharmacy Department also offers Medication Therapy Management (MTM) services by experienced clinical pharmacists to assist your patients in managing their diabetes medication regimens and can also assist providers in consolidating medication regimens. If you wish to use this support service, please contact our clinical pharmacy department at the number above.

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#### Blood Pressure Monitor Coverage – Omron 5 and Omron 10

WEA Trust will cover blood pressure monitors provided by retail pharmacies with no member out-of-pocket costs, along with an education session with a pharmacist who can ensure proper use of the blood pressure monitor. Coverage is limited to the Omron 5 or Omron 10 monitor. If you wish to have your patients use a home blood pressure monitor, you can submit a prescription for an Omron 5 (NDC# 73796-0267-25), or Omron 10 (NDC# 73796-0267-45) blood pressure monitor to their retail pharmacy. The pharmacy will dispense the monitor and educate on proper use at no cost to the patient.

## Site of Care Change

Effective October 1, 2021, coverage for Xolair (J2357) will be as a self-administered medication and must be processed through the pharmacy benefit manager. Patients currently receiving in-office treatments of Xolair will need to transition to self-administered medication under the pharmacy benefit for coverage.



## Monitoring Criteria for Rheumatoid Arthritis Medication - Process Outline to Obtain Covered Tests

This is a reminder of the process for coverage of diagnostic and monitoring tests Vectra DA, Methotrexate Polyglutamate (MTX) and Hydroxychloroquine levels (HCQ) for patients with rheumatoid arthritis.

In 2018 WEA Trust updated criteria to cover a multi-biomarker of disease activity for Vectra DA, and medication-level monitoring for Methotrexate Polyglutamate (MTX) and Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ). These tests are covered by using specific laboratories and a specific process which requires no billing by the provider.

Myriad Genetics is the laboratory used for Vectra DA and Exagen is the laboratory used for MTX and HCQ. When testing for any of these, please submit the test to the appropriate laboratory and use the applicable form. Each laboratory will bill WEA Trust. Shipping is prepaid. The forms can be obtained at the following websites:

### Myriad Genetics for Vectra DA:

<https://myriad.com/healthcare-professionals/professional-resources/order-a-test-kit/>

### Exagen for MTX and HCQ:

[https://1rn4xv3o8v9yy7scj1xot3b1-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/Univeral\\_LM1028\\_10-18\\_AVISE-Test-Requisition-1.pdf](https://1rn4xv3o8v9yy7scj1xot3b1-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/Univeral_LM1028_10-18_AVISE-Test-Requisition-1.pdf)

## Preauthorization Updates

Effective September 1, 2021, the following medications moved from excluded coverage to requiring preauthorization:

- » Cosela (J1999)
- » Pepaxto (J1999, J3490)
- » Danyelza (J9999)
- » Margenza (J9353)
- » Synagis (90378 with 96372)
- » Flolan (J1325)
- » Lumakras (J9999)
- » Rybrevant (J9999)
- » Truseltiq (J9999)
- » Istodax (J9315)
- » Rylaze (J3590)

Effective October 1, 2021, the following medications moved from excluded coverage to requiring preauthorization:

- » Ayvakit (J8999)
- » Balversa (J8999)
- » Blenrep (J9037)
- » Gavreto (J9999)
- » Inrebic (J8499)
- » Istodax (J9314, J9315, C9065)
- » Jelmyto (J9281)
- » Jemperli (J9999)
- » Padcev (J9177)
- » Pemazyre (J8999)
- » Qinlock (J8999)
- » Retevmo (J8999)
- » Rituxan (J9312)
- » Rozlytrek (J8999)
- » Rybrevant (J9999)
- » Supprelin LA (J9226)
- » Tepmetko (J9999)
- » Trastuzumab (J9355)
- » Truseltiq (J9999)
- » Tukysa (J8999)
- » Turalio (J8999)
- » Ukoniq (J8999)
- » Xpovio (J8999)
- » Zynlonta (J9999)
- » Artesunate (J3590)
- » Blenrep (J9037)
- » Cablivi (J3590)
- » Danyelza (J9999)
- » Enhertu (J9358)
- » Evenity (J3111)
- » Jelmyto (J9281)
- » Mircera (J0887/J0888)
- » Morijuvi (J9349)
- » Padcev (J9177)

- » Phesgo (J9316)
- » Polivy (J9309)
- » Sarclisa (J9227)
- » Trodelvy (J9317)
- » Zepzelca (J9223)

Effective October 1, 2021, the following medication moved from preauthorization required to covered:

- » Paricalcitol (J2501)

Effective October 1, 2021, the following medications moved from excluded coverage to covered:

- » Fetroja (J0699)
- » Cerianna (A9591)
- » Detectnet (A9592)
- » ExEm Foam (A9999)
- » Gallium ga-68 (A9587)
- » Recarbrio (J0742)
- » TissueBlue (A9999)
- » Vixelis (90697)

## Biosimilar Coverage

Effective October 1, 2021, the following medications moved from preferred to non-preferred:

- » Granix (J1447)
- » Zaxxio (Q5101)
- » Ziextenzo (Q5120)
- » Fulphila (Q5108)
- » Udenyca (Q5111)

Please find below a comprehensive biosimilar chart indicating our preferred, non-preferred, and excluded products.

**WEA Trust Biosimilars Chart**

Originator Product	Preferred/ Preauthorization Required	Effective Date	Non-Preferred/ Preauthorization Required	Excluded
Remicade (infliximab) - J1745	Renflexis - Q5104	4/2019		Remicade - J1745 Avsola - Q5121 Inflectra - Q5103
Neupogen (filgrastim) - J1442	Nivestym - Q5110	10/2021	*Granix - J1447 Zaxxio - Q5101 Neupogen - J1442	
Avastin (bevacizumab) - J9035	Mvasi - Q5107 Zirabev - Q5118	1/2020	Avastin - J9035	
Epogen (epoetin alfa) - J0885 Procrit (epoetin alfa) - J0885	Retacrit - Q5106 (covered without Preauthorization)	1/2020	Epogen - J0885 Procrit - J0885	
Herceptin (trastuzumab) - J9356	Kanjinti - Q5117 Herzuma - Q5113 Trazimera - Q5116 Ogivri - Q5114 Ontruzant - Q5112	1/2020	Herceptin - J9356	
Neulasta (pegfilgrastim) - J2505	Nyvepria - Q5122	10/2021	**Ziextenzo - Q5120 Fulphila - Q5108 Udenyca - Q5111	Neulasta - J2505 Neulasta OnPro - J2505
Rituxan (rituximab) - J9312	Truxima - Q5115 Ruxience - Q5119 Riabni - J3490	4/2020	Rituxan - J9312	

\* Granix, Zaxxio, Neupogen approval requires trial of Nivestym where indications align.

\*\* Fulphila, Udenyca, Ziextenzo approval requires trial of Nyvepria where indications align.



## PREVENTIVE CARE UPDATE



### New Age Recommendation for Lung Cancer Screening

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) announced it has expanded the recommended ages for lung cancer screening to adults who are 50 to 80 years old. It was previously recommended for adults ages 55 to 77 years. Beginning August 1, 2021, WEA Trust will cover lung cancer screening for adults aged 50 to 80 years old as a preventive service.

## CODE COVERAGE

### Multiple Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy Reimbursement Policy

WEA Trust has adopted the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) duplicative Practice Expense (PE) guidelines, including the pre-service and post-service activities. The duplicative components include cleaning the room and equipment, education, instruction, counseling, coordinating home care, greeting the patient, providing the gown, obtaining measurements (e.g., range of motion) and post-therapy patient assistance. CMS has established Relative Value Units (RVUs) for each component of a procedure: work expense, practice expense and malpractice expense. The procedure with the highest PE value is reimbursed at the contracted rate.

Effective January 1, 2022, to align with the CMS Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction (MPPR) Policy, WEA Trust will update our reimbursement policy regarding Multiple Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy procedures when more than one therapy procedure is provided to the same patient on the same day by the same provider. This applies to professional procedure codes identified in

the CMS National Physician Fee Schedule (NPFS) with a Multiple Procedure indicator of 5.

### Procedure Codes with Multiple Procedure Indicator “5”:

92507, 92508, 92521, 92522, 92523, 92524, 92526, 92597, 92607, 92609, 96125, 97012, 97016, 97018, 97022, 97024, 97026, 97028, 97032, 97033, 97034, 97035, 97036, 97110, 97112, 97113, 97116, 97124, 97140, 97150, 97161, 97162, 97163, 97164, 97165, 97166, 97167, 97168, 97530, 97533, 97535, 97537, 97542, 97750, 97755, 97760, 97761, 97763, G0281, G0283, G0329

This policy will affect professional claims with a date of service of January 1, 2022 and after.

The reimbursement will be as follows for the second and subsequent therapy procedure codes based on the contracted allowed amount:

- ▶ Therapy Procedure Code with the Highest Practice Expense (PE) Value Payable: 100%
- ▶ Therapy Procedure Code with the Second Highest Practice Expense (PE) Value: 22.95%
- ▶ All other Therapy Procedure Codes: 22.95%

### Occupational and Physical Therapy Assistant Reimbursement Policy

Effective January 1, 2022, WEA Trust will follow the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) final rule requiring modifiers for services performed by Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTA) and Physical Therapy Assistants (PTA) when the care exceeds 10% of the total care provided, or whenever the care is solely performed by an OTA or a PTA.

The ruling identifies modifier **CO** for services performed by an OTA and modifier **CQ** for services performed by a PTA. These modifiers are to be included on the claim and when applicable on the same line item where a GO or GP modifier may also be provided. The clinical documentation should indicate the actual time spent by the OTA or PTA. Modifiers **CO** and **CQ** will reduce reimbursement by 15% of the contracted allowed amount.

## PROVIDER NEWSLETTER NOTICE

### Important Update – Action Required

Please be advised WEA Trust will be moving towards an electronic-only delivery of the provider newsletter. We will discontinue mailing the provider newsletter to your physical location. However, the quarterly issues will be emailed directly to your inbox, as well as accessible on the WEA Trust website and Maddy Portal.

To ensure receipt of future provider newsletters via email, please subscribe by visiting [WEATrust.com/Provider/Provider-News](https://WEATrust.com/Provider/Provider-News) and following the below steps:

- » Click on the “Subscribe to our Provider Newsletter” link
- » Fill out the form (Note: The asterisk [\*] signifies required fields)
- » Click on the Email Opt In box
- » Click on the Subscribe button to complete

## CREDENTIALING

Contracted providers must complete the credentialing process and receive approval for network participation prior to rendering services to WEA Trust members. Coverage for services provided before the successful completion of the credentialing process will be denied and cannot be billed to the member.

## PROVIDER CHANGES

Network providers are responsible for notifying WEA Trust of any updates to their provider organization, business practice, or practitioners. Please use our Provider Update Form, found on our website at

[WEATrust.com/Provider/Update-Provider-Info](https://WEATrust.com/Provider/Update-Provider-Info).

Provide a minimum of 30 days’ prior notice for any such changes, including but not limited to:

- ▶ Change in ownership, operations, or incorporation status
- ▶ Change in Tax ID number or legal business name
- ▶ Acquisition of other medical practice or entity
- ▶ Change in accreditation, licensure, or eligibility status
- ▶ Change in billing or other contact information
- ▶ Change in service location
- ▶ Practitioner joining or leaving your organization
- ▶ Change in practitioner name, credentials, or specialty

## REMINDER



### Advanced Imaging Preauthorization

Advanced Imaging services, such as MRIs and CT Scans, require preauthorization when performed on the neck or spine only.

To see a complete list of services that require preauthorization visit

[WEATrust.com/Provider/Preauthorization](https://WEATrust.com/Provider/Preauthorization) or log onto the Maddy Portal.



## Let's Keep in Touch

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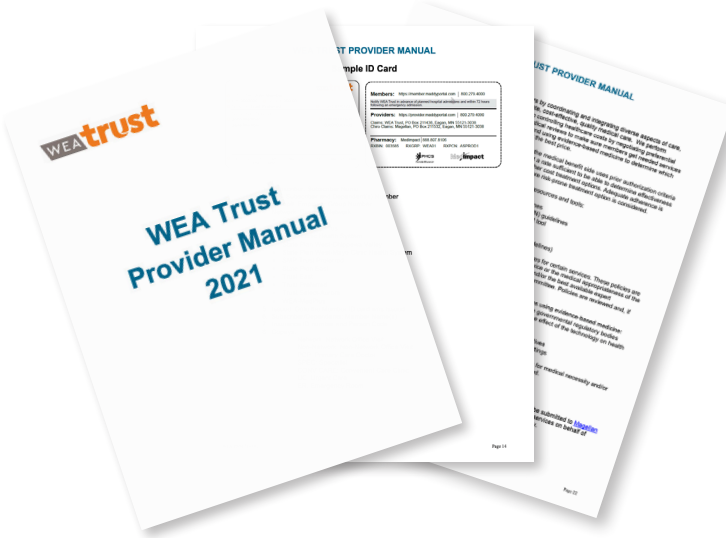
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## PROVIDER RESOURCES

### Provider IVR

The Provider Integrated Voice Response (IVR) is designed to get you the information you need, when you need it, quickly and easily. You can verify eligibility, benefits, services that require preauthorization and claim status. In addition, you can request a fax back of this information. When you access the IVR you will receive a series of prompts requesting the Member ID Number and Date of Birth. The Provider IVR is available at [800.279.4090](tel:800.279.4090). If you have additional questions, our knowledgeable Customer Service Representatives are ready to assist you.



### Provider Page

Under the 'Providers' section on the WEA Trust website you can find the Provider Manual, which provides you and your staff with an overview of WEA Trust plans, processes and procedures. You can also find the latest information on COVID-19 and telehealth coverage, provider forms, services that require preauthorization, and much more! Visit this site today at [WEATrust.com/Provider](http://WEATrust.com/Provider).

## Provider Portal

A screenshot of the Maddy Provider Portal interface. At the top is the 'maddy' logo. Below it is a photo of a smiling woman in a white lab coat talking to a patient. A banner below the photo reads 'Helping our provider network improve efficiency, quality, and the patient experience.' Below the banner is a sign-in form with fields for 'Username' and 'Password', and buttons for 'Sign in' and 'Create account'. There are also links for 'Join our Provider Network', 'Learn more about the Health Tradition Health Plan Provider Network', and 'Learn more about the WEA Trust Provider Network'. A section titled 'What else in the portal?' lists 'Review coverage policies' and 'Review clinical reimbursement and payment policies'. At the bottom, there are 'Online services' including 'Check member eligibility and benefits' and 'Review claim status'.

### Maddy Portal

Maddy is your go to for all of your provider health insurance needs. She's our online health portal that gives you access to information about WEA Trust benefits.

#### With Maddy You Can:

- ▶ Access member eligibility, benefits, claims and authorizations
- ▶ Submit authorization requests
- ▶ Contact customer service
- ▶ and more!

#### To Sign Up:

- » Visit [MaddyPortal.com](http://MaddyPortal.com)
- » Select "Providers"
- » Create an account username and password

#### Questions?

Contact our customer service team at [800.279.4090](tel:800.279.4090).







## BUSINESS ADDRESSES

### Correspondence Mailing Address:

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### Chiropractic Claims Address:

Magellan Healthcare  
P.O. Box 211532  
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## HOURS OF OPERATION

**Hours:** Monday – Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Provider Service

**Telephone:** 800.279.4090

**Fax:** 608.276.9119

**[WEAtrust.com](http://WEAtrust.com)**

## PREAUTHORIZATION

All services that require preauthorization under WEA Trust are located on our website at

[WEAtrust.com/Provider/Preauthorization](http://WEAtrust.com/Provider/Preauthorization). You can also locate this information through the Maddy Portal for Providers.

### Medical Preauthorization:

**Maddy Portal:** [MaddyPortal.com](http://MaddyPortal.com)

**Form:** Preauthorization/Prior-Auth Request Form

**Fax:** 608.276.9119

**Urgent Fax:** 608.661.6706

### Behavioral Health Preauthorization:

**Form:** Preauthorization/Prior-Auth for Behavioral Health Form

**Fax:** 608.661.6706

### Oncology Preauthorization:

**Form:** Preauthorization/Prior-Auth Oncology Request

**Fax:** 608.467.5431

### OT/PT/ST Preauthorization:

**Website:** [www.hsminc.com/login](http://www.hsminc.com/login)



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 IMPORTANT UPDATES ENCLOSED



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