

August 2021

# BlueBlast<sup>SM</sup>

*News Providers Can Use*



 **Healthy Blue<sup>SM</sup>**  
BlueChoice<sup>®</sup> HealthPlan of SC

Healthy Connections 

IN THIS ISSUE

All Providers

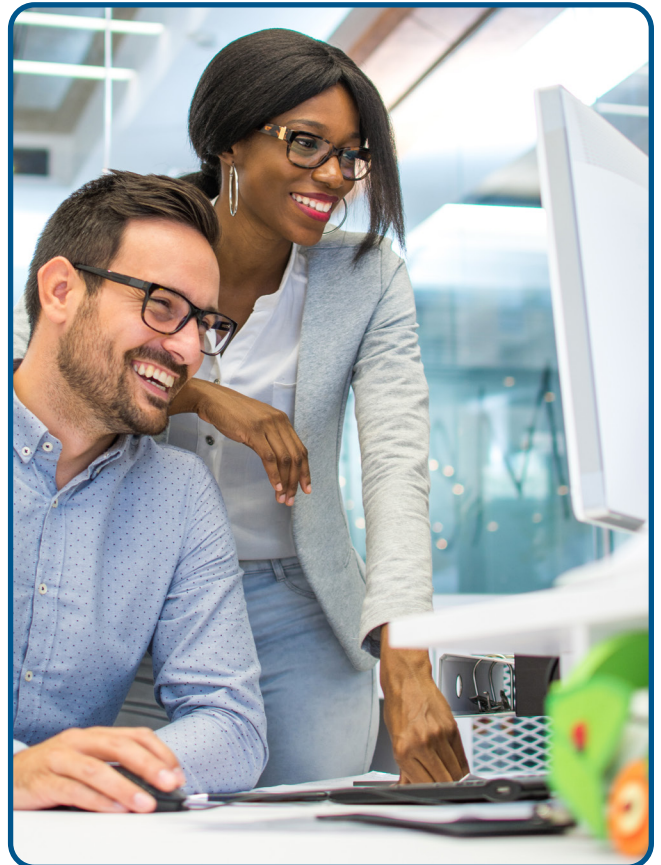
2021 Healthy Blue Annual Provider Training	2
Reminder: Credentialing for Medicaid and Requirement for Medicaid ID Numbers	2
Interactive Care Reviewer (ICR) Tool	3
Reminder: 2021 Quality Incentive Program	3
New Specialty Pharmacy Medical Step Therapy Requirements	4
Prior Authorization Required for Specialty Pharmacy Drugs	4

## 2021 Healthy Blue Annual Provider Training

Registration is **NOW OPEN** for the 2021 Healthy Blue Annual Provider Training. The sessions will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams, and you can choose to attend one of the following dates:

- Oct. 5
- Oct. 6
- Oct. 7
- Oct. 12
- Oct. 13
- Oct. 14

All sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and will provide you with changes and new initiatives for the upcoming year. You do not want to miss out. [Sign up](#) for one of the free sessions today. We look forward to your participation!



## Reminder: Credentialing for Medicaid and Requirement for Medicaid ID Numbers

Providers must first apply to be an approved Medicaid provider through the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS). If approved, you will be assigned a Medicaid ID number, and this information should be included on your credentialing application.

Sometimes providers submit their credentialing applications prior to obtaining their Medicaid ID numbers from SCDHHS. Although this will not delay the credentialing process for all other networks, it will prevent you from joining the Medicaid network, as this information is required. Keep in mind Healthy Blue does not send out reminders for Medicaid ID numbers; we rely on providers to send the information to us as soon as they receive it.

 [fb.me/HealthyBlueSC](https://fb.me/HealthyBlueSC)

 [@CoachBlueSC](https://www.instagram.com/CoachBlueSC)

 [@HealthyBlueSC](https://twitter.com/HealthyBlueSC)

## Interactive Care Reviewer (ICR) Tool

The Interactive Care Reviewer (ICR) is a new tool that you can access through Availity® intended to improve the overall efficiency of the preapproval process. It allows physicians and facilities to submit requests and inquire on medical and behavioral health preapprovals, both outpatient and inpatient. Availity is an independent company providing a secure portal on behalf of BlueChoice HealthPlan.

**NOTE:** At this time, you may not submit preapproval requests related to transplant services through the ICR tool. Be sure to follow the same preapproval process you use today.

There are many advantages to using the ICR, some of which include:

- Quickly determining if preapproval is needed.
- Reducing the need to submit faxes.
- Receiving a comprehensive view of all your preapproval requests.
- Having inquiry capabilities.
- Accessing the tool almost anywhere.



## Reminder: 2021 Quality Incentive Program

To improve the health of our members, Healthy Blue has designated the following incentives for 2021:

- Notification of pregnancy: \$200  
> Available once per pregnancy
- Well-child visit: \$30
- Centering: up to \$475
- Screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment (SBIRT): \$24, \$48  
> Available once per year for screening and twice for brief intervention
- CPT® Category II reimbursement: \$20 per code
- Sports physicals: \$30

# New Specialty Pharmacy Medical Step Therapy Requirements

Effective for dates of service on and after Aug. 1, 2021, Healthy Blue will include the specialty pharmacy drugs and corresponding codes from current clinical criteria noted below in our medical step therapy precertification review process. Step therapy review applies upon prior authorization initiation or renewal in addition to the current medical necessity review.

Clinical Criteria	Status	Drug	HCPCS Code(s)
ING-CC-0174	Preferred	Fumaric acid derivative: generic dimethyl fumarate	J8499
ING-CC-0182	Preferred	Infed <sup>®</sup>	J1750
ING-CC-0182	Preferred	Venofer <sup>®</sup>	J1756
ING-CC-0182	Preferred	Ferrlecit <sup>®</sup>	J2916
ING-CC-0182	Nonpreferred	Injectafer <sup>®</sup>	J1439
ING-CC-0182	Nonpreferred	Feraheme <sup>®</sup>	Q0138 (non-ESRD use)
ING-CC-0182	Nonpreferred	Monoferic <sup>®</sup>	J1437
ING-CC-0174	Nonpreferred	Kesimpta <sup>®</sup>	J3590, C9399

The clinical criteria are publicly available on our provider website at [www.HealthyBlueSC.com](http://www.HealthyBlueSC.com).

Visit the [Clinical Criteria](#) website to search for specific clinical criteria.



Clinical Criteria	HCPCS or CPT Code(s)	Drug
ING-CC-0182	J1756	Venofer <sup>®</sup>
ING-CC-0182	J2916	Ferrlecit <sup>®</sup>
ING-CC-0182	J1750	Infed <sup>®</sup>
ING-CC-0182	J1439	Injectafer <sup>®</sup>
ING-CC-0182	Q0138	Feraheme <sup>®</sup>
ING-CC-0182	J1437	Monoferic <sup>®</sup>

## Prior Authorization Required for Specialty Pharmacy Drugs

Effective for dates of service on and after Aug. 1, 2021, the following specialty pharmacy codes from current or new clinical criteria documents will require prior authorization.

Visit the [Clinical Criteria](#) website to search for specific clinical criteria. Please note: These codes are specific to agents for iron deficiency anemia. The clinical criteria indicated on the left can be found [here](#).



BlueChoice HealthPlan is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association. BlueChoice HealthPlan has contracted with Amerigroup Partnership Plan LLC, an independent company, for services to support administration of Healthy Connections. Amerigroup Corporation, an independent company, administers utilization management services for BlueChoice HealthPlan.

Some links in this newsletter lead to third-party sites. Those organizations are solely responsible for the content and privacy policies on these sites.

The codes listed are for informational purposes only and are not intended to suggest or guide reimbursement. If applicable, refer to your provider contract or health plan contact for reimbursement information.

To report fraud, call our confidential Fraud Hotline at 877-725-2702. You may also call the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Fraud Hotline at 888-364-3224 or email [fraudres@scdhhs.gov](mailto:fraudres@scdhhs.gov).