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### Chemotherapy

#### Also known as

- 1. 5-Fluorouracil (5-FU)
- 2. Adrucil
- 3. Capecitabine
- 4. Chemo

#### Description

Chemotherapy is a type of treatment that includes a drug or combination of drugs to treat cancer. The goal is to stop or slow the growth of cancer cells.

#### See also

Similar, related, or easily confused documents.

- <u>Home IV Therapy</u> Medication received through an intravenous (IV) infusion, administered in the patient's home by a professional.
- <u>Pharmacogenetic Testing to Predict Toxicity to 5-Fluorouracil (5-FU) or Capecitabine-Based Chemotherapy</u> A laboratory test performed on a blood sample to identify individuals with an increased risk for toxicity to chemotherapy drugs 5-Fluorouracil (5-FU) and capecitabine.

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#### **Commercial**

#### Introduction

This section applies to all Commercial brands: Dean Health Plan (DHP), Mayo Medical Plan (MMP), Medica (including MHPS), and Prevea360.

# Benefits (all except MMP)

Quote chemotherapy benefits. If not listed, quote office visit or outpatient hospital benefits.

- Verify the specific drug for special benefit considerations, such as prior authorization requirements.
- **Home POS**: If received via home IV infusion, refer to **Home IV Therapy**.
- Pharmacy POS: Pharmacy benefits apply.

## Mayo Medical Plan (MMP)

Quote chemotherapy benefits. If not listed, quote office visit or outpatient hospital benefits.

- Verify the specific drug for special benefit considerations, such as prior authorization requirements.
- Home POS: If received via home IV infusion, refer to Home IV Therapy.
- Pharmacy POS: Pharmacy benefits apply.

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#### **Government Programs**

#### Introduction

This section applies to all Medicaid and Medicare products.

## AccessAbility (SNBC),

#### Medicaid only groups:

• See Medicaid below.

#### Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)

#### Medicare eligible groups:

- Quote chemotherapy benefits. If not listed, quote office visit or outpatient hospital benefits.
- Verify the specific drug for special benefit considerations, such as prior authorization requirements.
- **Home POS**: If received via home IV infusion, refer to <u>Home IV Therapy</u>.
- **Pharmacy POS**: Pharmacy benefits apply.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare is the primary payer.
- If no Medicare eligibility, Medicaid applies. See Medicaid below.

#### AccessAbility Enhanced (I-SNBC),

**DUAL (MSHO)** 

Quote chemotherapy benefits. If not listed, quote office visit or outpatient hospital benefits.

- Verify the specific drug for special benefit considerations, such as prior authorization requirements.
- Home POS: If received via home IV infusion, refer to Home IV Therapy.
- Pharmacy POS: Pharmacy benefits apply.
- Medica is the only payer.

#### Cost (Prime)

Quote outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies. Refer to EOC for coverage details.

• Follows Medicare guidelines.

#### **Med Advantage**

Quote outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies. Refer to EOC for coverage details.

- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medica is the only payer.

#### Med Supp (Select, Signature)

Quote chemotherapy benefits. If not listed, quote office visit or outpatient hospital benefits.

- Verify the specific drug for special benefit considerations, such as prior authorization requirements.
- Home POS: If received via home IV infusion, refer to Home IV Therapy.
- **Pharmacy POS**: Pharmacy benefits apply.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare supplement.
- Medicare is the primary payer.

#### Medicaid

Quote chemotherapy benefits. If not listed, quote office visit or outpatient hospital benefits.

- Verify the specific drug for special benefit considerations, such as prior authorization requirements.
- **Home POS**: If received via home IV infusion, refer to <u>Home IV Therapy</u>.
- **Pharmacy POS**: Pharmacy benefits apply.

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### **Individual and Family Business (IFB)**

#### Introduction

This section applies to all Individual and Family Business (IFB) brands: Dean Health Plan (DHP), Medica, Medica (formerly WellFirst), and Prevea360.

#### Benefits

Quote chemotherapy benefits. If not listed, quote office visit or outpatient hospital benefits.

- Verify the specific drug for special benefit considerations, such as prior authorization requirements.
- Home POS: If received via home IV infusion, refer to Home IV Therapy.
- **Pharmacy POS**: Pharmacy benefits apply.

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