

## *Provider Confirmation: Special Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically Ill*

Blue Medicare Advantage (BMA)

This form is used to make sure the member meets eligibility requirements for Special Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically Ill (SSBCI) as required by CMS. Full eligibility requirements can be found on the next page.

### Instructions

1. Complete and sign the provider information section below.
2. Submit this form by faxing it to **877-660-8362**.

The member named below has requested access to one or more SSBCI benefits, which by CMS guidelines requires the member to have a qualifying chronic condition and meet specific clinical requirements as outlined on the following pages.

Member information	
Member first and last name	
Date of birth	
Medicare beneficiary ID	
Member ID	

By signing below, I certify that the above-referenced patient is under my care and:

- Meets the defined criteria.
- Does not meet the defined criteria.

Provider information	
Provider first and last name	
Address	
Phone number	
Fax number	
NPI	

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### SSBCI qualifying conditions

Per CMS guidelines, members must have one of the eligible chronic conditions listed and have a condition that is **all** of the following:

- Life-threatening or significantly limits overall health or function
- Has a high risk of hospitalization or other adverse health outcomes
- Requires intensive care coordination

Meeting these conditions must be demonstrated by **one or more** of the following:

- One or more inpatient admissions (inclusive of behavioral health) related to the chronic condition in the last 12 months
- One or more urgent care or emergency room visits related to the chronic condition in the last 12 months
- Two or more outpatient visits related to the chronic condition (including primary care or specialty care visits) in the last 12 months
- Is a patient who requires home health visits related to the chronic condition
- Is a patient who has an impairment in daily living activities related to the chronic condition (bathing, dressing, toileting, transferring, and eating) or cognitive impairments
- Is a patient with a chronic condition and a need for one or more durable medical equipment (DME) in the outpatient setting (including but not limited to): group 3 power/manual wheelchair, noninvasive ventilation (NIV), wound vacuums, bipap machines, mechanical in-exsufflation devices, group 2 or group 3 mattresses.

### Eligible conditions include:

- Chronic alcohol use disorder and other substance use disorders
- Autoimmune disorders:
  - Polyarteritis nodosa
  - Polymyalgia rheumatica
  - Polymyositis
  - Dermatomyositis
  - Rheumatoid arthritis
  - Systemic lupus erythematosus
  - Psoriatic arthritis
- Scleroderma
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular disorders:
  - Cardiac arrhythmias
  - Coronary artery disease
  - Peripheral vascular disease
  - Valvular heart disease
- Chronic heart failure
- Dementia
- Diabetes mellitus:

- Prediabetes (fasting blood glucose: 100-125 mg/dl or Hgb A1C:5.7-6.4%)
- Overweight, obesity, and metabolic syndrome
- Chronic gastrointestinal disease:
  - Chronic liver disease
  - Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD)
  - Hepatitis B
  - Hepatitis C
  - Pancreatitis
  - Irritable bowel syndrome
  - Inflammatory bowel disease
- Chronic kidney disease (CKD):
  - CKD requiring dialysis/end-stage renal disease (ESRD)
  - CKD not requiring dialysis
- Severe hematologic disorders:
  - Aplastic anemia
  - Hemophilia
  - Immune thrombocytopenic purpura
  - Myelodysplastic syndrome
  - Sickle-cell disease (excluding sickle-cell trait)
  - Chronic venous thromboembolic disorder
- HIV/AIDS
- Chronic lung disorders:
  - Asthma
  - Chronic bronchitis
  - Cystic fibrosis
  - Emphysema
  - Pulmonary fibrosis
  - Pulmonary hypertension
- Chronic obstructive Pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Chronic and disabling mental health conditions:
  - Bipolar disorders
  - Major depressive disorders
  - Paranoid disorder
  - Schizophrenia
  - Schizoaffective disorder
  - Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
  - Eating disorders
  - Anxiety disorders
- Neurologic disorders:
  - Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
  - Cerebral palsy
  - Epilepsy
  - Extensive paralysis (hemiplegia, quadriplegia, paraplegia, monoplegia)
  - Huntington's disease
  - Multiple sclerosis
  - Parkinson's disease
  - Polyneuropathy
  - Fibromyalgia
  - Chronic fatigue syndrome
  - Spinal cord injuries
  - Spinal stenosis
  - Stroke-related neurologic deficit
  - Traumatic brain injury
- Stroke
- Post-organ transplantation care
- Immunodeficiency and immunosuppressive disorders

- Conditions that may cause cognitive impairment:
  - Alzheimer’s disease
  - Intellectual and developmental disabilities
  - Traumatic brain injuries
  - Disabling mental illness associated with cognitive impairment
  - Mild cognitive impairment
- Conditions that may cause similar functional challenges and require similar services:
  - Spinal cord injuries
  - Paralysis
  - Limb loss
  - Stroke
  - Arthritis
- Chronic conditions that impair vision, hearing (deafness), taste, touch, and smell
- Conditions that require continued therapy services in order for individuals to maintain or retain functioning
- Other:
  - Hypertension
  - Osteoporosis
  - Chronic back pain