



MedStar Family Choice

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PROVIDER ALERT- UPDATED

MedStar Family Choice Maryland

Dear Prescriber:

As you are aware from a prior provider alert sent out September 2025, MedStar Family Choice made the decision to prefer biosimilars for the products listed in table below in the medical drug formulary effective November 1, 2025.

Effective July 1, 2026, prior authorization will be required for the below biosimilar products.

This applies to the following place of services (POS); Office- 11, On Campus Outpatient Hospital-22, Public Health Clinic- 71, Home – 12.

Chemical Name (Drug Class)	HCPCS	Preferred Products	Non-Preferred Products
Aflibercept (VEGF Inhibitor)	Q5147	Pavblu	Eylea (J0178)
Bevacizumab (VEGF Inhibitor)	Q5118	Zirabev	Avastin (J9034) Mvasi (Q5107) Vegzelma (Q5129)
Infliximab (TNF inhibitor)	Q5121	Avsola	Remicade (J1745) Renflexis (Q5104) Inflectra (Q5103)
Pegfilgrastim (Hematopoietic agent)	Q5108	Fulphila	Neulasta (J2506) Fylnetra (Q5130) Nyvepria (Q5122) Stimufend (Q5127) Udenyca (Q5111)
Ranibizumab (VEGF Inhibitor)	Q5128	Cimerli	Lucentis (J2778) Byooviz (Q5124)
Rituximab (Anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody)	Q5123 Q5119	Riabni Ruxience	Rituxan (J9312) Truxima (Q5115)
Tocilizumab (IL-6 antagonist)	Q5135	Tyenne	Actemra (J3262) Tofidence (Q5133)



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Trastuzumab (HER2 receptor antagonist)	Q5114 Q5113	Ogivri Herzuma	Herceptin (H9355) Kanjinti (Q5117) Ontruzant (Q5112) Trazimera (Q5116)
Denosumab (RANKL inhibitor)	Q5136 Q5157	Jubbonti/Wyost Stoboclo/Osenvelt	Prolia/Xgeva (J0897)
Ustekinumab (IL-23 inhibitor)	Q5100 Q5099	Yesintek Steqeyma	Stelara (J3357, J3358) Otulfi (Q9999) Selarsdi (Q9998) Wezlana (Q5137) Pyzchiva (Q9996, Q9997)

MedStar Family Choice will continue to cover any existing non-preferred medical drug services that were already approved prior to November 1, 2025.

If you have questions regarding these coverage changes, please contact MedStar Family Choice Maryland Provider Customer Service Department Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 800-261-3371 or reach out via email to: mfc-providerrelations2@medstar.net

Sincerely,
Health Plan Clinical Pharmacy Team