Prior authorization for injectable/infusible drugs:  
Doxil (doxorubicin) and Sustol (granisetron)

On January 1, 2017, Anthem Blue Cross will change prior authorization (PA) requirements for two Part B injectable/infusible drugs for members enrolled in Anthem Blue Cross Cal MediConnect Plan (Medicare-Medicaid Plan). These drugs include: **Doxil (doxorubicin) and Sustol (granisetron)**. Federal and state law, as well as state contract language and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services guidelines, including definitions and specific contract provisions/exclusions, take precedence over these precertification rules and must be considered first when determining coverage.

**Non-compliance with new requirements may result in denied claims.** PA requirements will be added to the following codes:

- **Doxil (doxorubicin)**: for treatment of ovarian cancer after failure of platinum-based chemotherapy, AIDS related Kapoli Sarcoma after failure of prior systemic chemotherapy or intolerance to such therapy, Multiple Myeloma when used in combination with bortezomib and have received on prior therapy. Doxil may also be used for breast cancer, Hodgkin’s Lymphoma, Non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, sarcomas of soft tissue and uterine neoplasms. (Q2049 and Q2050)

Drugs billed with not otherwise classified (NOC) HCPCS J codes (J3490 and J3590):

- **Sustol (granisetron)**: indicated in combination with other antiemetics in adults for the prevention of acute and delayed nausea and vomiting associated with initial and repeat courses of moderately emetogenic chemotherapy (MEC) or anthracycline and cyclophosphamide (AC) combination chemotherapy (unlisted, no J code established at this time).

Please note, this drug is currently billed under the NOC J-codes J3490 and J3590. Since this code includes all drugs that are NOC, if the authorization is denied for medical necessity, the plan’s denial will be for the drug and not the HCPCS.

Not all PA requirements are listed here; however, detailed PA requirements are available to contracted providers by accessing the Provider Self-Service Tool at [www.Availity.com](http://www.Availity.com). Contracted and non-contracted providers unable to access Availity may call Provider Services at **1-855-817-5786**.