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## **Prior authorization of drugs used in the outpatient hospital setting**

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem) will simplify the current process for authorization of drugs when administered in the outpatient hospital. Effective January 1, 2017, providers will be able to request prior authorization for outpatient drugs by contacting Provider Services at **1-800-558-1443**, selecting the prompt for “other” and then the prompt for “pharmacy.”

Providers may continue to use the precertification tool on the Anthem provider website to verify prior authorization requirements.

Anthem previously managed drugs administered in the facility setting via a postservice clinical claims review process that required the submission of medical records to support medical necessity. Professional claims for drugs will continue to be submitted to ForwardHealth fee-for-service according to the current drug carve-out policy.

The information in this bulletin may be an update or change to your provider manual. Find the most current manual at:

**<https://mediproviders.anthem.com/wi>**

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