

Cancer clinical trials

Anthem Blue Cross (Anthem) ensures that members have access to and receive:

- All phases of federally approved cancer clinical trials.
- Routine patient care through plan providers while participating in the cancer clinical trial inside the plan service area.
- Medically necessary, non-emergent care not related to the cancer clinical trial when the member is outside the plan's service area while participating in a cancer clinical trial.

Coverage:

- Cancer clinical trial is defined as a research study with cancer patients to determine if a new cancer treatment or drug is safe and therapeutic. Cancer clinical trial phases I through IV describe the order of increased efficacy of the treatment or drug:
 - A cancer clinical trial must:
 - Be approved by one of the following federal agencies:
 - National Institutes of Health (NIH)
 - Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
 - United States Department of Defense
 - United States Veterans' Administration
 - Involve a drug that is exempt under federal regulations from a new drug application.
 - Not have endpoints defined exclusively to test toxicity but must have a therapeutic intent.
- Anthem covers the routine care associated with the cancer clinical trial:
 - Routine patient care is defined as care associated with the provision of healthcare services including drugs, items, devices, and services that would otherwise be covered under the health plan coverage or contract if those drugs, items, devices, and services are not provided by the approved clinical trial program (Health and Safety Code, Section 1370.6).
 - Financial responsibility for associated routine care is indicated on the Division of Financial Responsibility DOFR) of the applicable PMG agreement.
- Experimental treatment outside of an eligible clinical trial is not included in routine patient care associated with the cancer clinical trial.
- Anthem does not cover the clinical trial drug itself as it is provided by the institution conducting the clinical trial.
- Reference Anthem's [member handbook](#) for more information on the distinction between cancer clinical trials and experimental/investigational treatment.

Authorizations:

- Authorization determinations rendered by Anthem and/or Anthem's delegated groups for participation in cancer clinical trials shall be processed in accordance with utilization review procedures within the time frames established by state and federal regulations.

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If you have any questions regarding cancer clinical trials, please contact your Provider Relationship Management representative.



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