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TRASTUZUMAB (HERCEPTIN®) WILL REQUIRE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION APPROVAL

Dear Provider,

The following injectable drug will be added to the list of **non-Medicare** medical benefit drugs requiring prior authorization:

- Trastuzumab (Herceptin®)

Effective February 1, 2020, prior authorization approval will be required for trastuzumab (Herceptin®) before administration of this medication in a physician's office.

Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington, Options, Inc. requires prior authorization for a select group of injectable drugs that may be administered under the medical benefit in a physician's office or by home infusion. These reviews are intended to ensure consistent benefit adjudication as well as appropriate utilization in accordance with the Kaiser Permanente of Washington Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee's evidence-based criteria for coverage.

Prior Authorization Criteria:

- This injectable drug is covered for members who have had an inadequate response or intolerance to a trastuzumab biosimilar declared equivalent by the Kaiser Permanente of Washington Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee. Equivalent trastuzumab products include trastuzumab-anns (Kanjinti™).

Additional Information

A complete list of office-administered injectable drugs requiring prior authorization can be found on the Kaiser Permanente provider website at <https://wa-provider.kaiserpermanente.org/provider-manual> under the "Authorization & Clinical Review" section. Using the website search feature, search for the term "Non-Medicare Injectable Drugs Requiring Prior Authorization".

To request prior authorization review, please use the Referral Request online form located on the Kaiser Permanente provider website listed above. You can also fax your request to the Review Services department toll-free at 1-888-282-2685.

Thank you for the care you provide to our members, your patients. If you have any questions about this process, please call Review Services at 1-800-289-1363, Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. After business hours, please leave a voice message with your contact information. Messages received after normal business hours are returned on the next business day.

Sincerely,



Bruce Wilson, MD, Chair
Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee