

Biomarker Testing Coverage

Bright HealthCare covers biomarker testing for Illinois members* for the purposes of diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management or ongoing monitoring or a member's disease or condition when the test is supported by medical and scientific evidence.

DEFINITIONS

- **Biomarker** means a characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biological processes, pathological processes, or pharmacological responses to a specific therapeutic intervention, including gene mutations or protein expression.
- **Biomarker Testing** means the analysis of a patient's tissue, blood, or fluid biospecimen for the presence of a biomarker. This may include single-analyte tests, multi-plex panel tests and partial or whole genome sequencing.

AUTHORIZATION PROCESS

AIM Specialty Health conducts utilization management review of requests for biomarker testing for Bright Health Members.

To submit authorization request for biomarker testing, use AIM Specialty Health's [Provider Portal](#) or call AIM at (833) 305-1802, Monday-Friday 7am-7pm CT, excluding holidays.

EXCEPTION PROCESS

Members subject to coverage restrictions for biomarker testing may be eligible for an exception.

1. An exception request for coverage of biomarker testing may be requested by the treating provider.
2. To request an exception to benefit coverage limitations, the provider should include the following additional information with the authorization request:
 - A letter of explanation from the referring provider outlining the specific needs of the member.
 - Relevant medical records.
 - Other materials in support of the request including, but not limited to, peer-reviewed studies, clinical trial protocols, clinical evidence-based research, peer opinion, etc.
3. To submit the authorization request, through AIM Specialty Health's [Provider Portal](#) or call AIM at (833) 305-1802, Monday-Friday 7am-7pm CT, excluding holidays.
4. Additional questions may be directed to Bright HealthCare's Utilization Management team by contacting Provider Services at (866) 239-7191