



**BlueCross BlueShield  
of Illinois**

# Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Provider Manual

## HMO Scope of Benefits Section

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## Lupron/Lupron Depot

### Benefit

Lupron is in benefit. When used as a self-injectable in the home setting, Lupron is provided through the prescription drug benefit. If Lupron is administered subcutaneously, it can be self-injected. However, when Lupron is given in the physician office (whether IM or SC), it is in benefit as an injectable medication for which the IPA is financially responsible. Lupron Depot is not classified as self-injectable. It must be given in the physician's office. Therefore, it is the financial responsibility of the IPA and is not covered by the prescription benefit.

### Interpretation

Lupron is used for palliative treatment of advanced prostate cancer and as an infertility treatment.

Lupron Depot is administered intramuscularly once a month to treat endometriosis or uterine fibroids. This method of treatment requires administration by a health care professional.

<b>Paid by</b>	Lupron for infertility treatment	<b>HMO</b>
	Lupron (home use, self-injectable)	<b>Prescription Drug benefit</b>
	Lupron given in the physician office	<b>IPA</b>
	Lupron Depot	<b>IPA</b>

### Benefit Variation

A small percentage of HMO members receive pharmacy benefits from non-BCBSIL vendors and coverage may vary. Some employer groups do not have self-injectable coverage.