

Medical Policy: Medical Policy for the Treatment of Cancer

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VCHCP has adopted the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Guidelines for the treatment of cancer by site.

Treatment Authorization Requests for services will be approved if the treatment protocol and/or testing requested is contained within the most recent NCCN guidelines. See <a href="http://www.nccn.org">http://www.nccn.org</a> for details of the guidelines.

Requests submitted outside of these guidelines will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by a physician reviewer. In such cases, the requestor must submit all pertinent information regarding the case for the referral to be considered for approval.

**Note:** Non-FDA approved medications are not a covered benefit per the VCHCP Evidence of Coverage (EOC).

**Note:** Off-label uses of medication must meet requirements of the VCHCP Coverage of Prescription Medication for Off-Label Use policy.

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