Priority Health Choice

Medical Drug Prior Authorization Criteria

This document contains prior authorization criteria for physician-administered medications administered in outpatient, non-emergent settings. These medications are covered under the medical benefit of Priority Health Choice Medicaid, Medicaid CSHCS, and Healthy MI plans.

What is a prior authorization?

When a medication requires prior authorization, it means that certain clinical criteria must be met before the medication can be covered. Clinical prior authorizations should be completed *prior* to administration of the drug.

How to know when a physician-administered medication requires prior authorization

To know when a medication requires prior authorization, use the Medical Benefit Drug List (MBDL), posted on the Medicaid Approved Drug List (ADL). Prescribers should use the Medicaid Medical Authorization form, along with the criteria in this document, to request prior authorization. Providers are responsible for understanding if a drug HCPCS codes is included in the fee schedule applicable to their claims and whether the NDC dispensed is payable per MDHHS policy.

Not all physician-administered medications are covered by this plan

There are certain physician-administered drugs that are not covered. Some medications are carved-out to Fee-For-Service Medicaid. MDHHS maintains <u>a list</u> of these drugs. Providers should contact Fee-For-Service Medicaid regarding coverage of carve-out drugs. Additionally, medications that are excluded from coverage by the members Certificate of Coverage will not be covered.



Drug Name	HCPCS Code	Criteria
Actemra IV (tocilizumab)	J3262	Approved Diagnosis: Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) Polyatricular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (PJIA) Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (SJIA) Giant Cell Arteritis Cytokine Release Syndrome Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 2 years Continuation authorization: 2 years Continuation authorization: 2 years Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none Age Limitation: age 2 years or older Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis Initial Criteria: Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND Must provide de patient's current weight, AND Must provide de patient's current weight, AND Must provide decumentation confirming diagnosis, AND Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND The IV formulation of Acterna is being used for treatment; AND A maximum of 4 doses is requested Continuation Criteria: Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND Must provide documentation showing the patient has experienced improvement or maintained stable clinical status Additional Information: The subcutaneous form of this drug will not be covered under the medical benefit. Refer to the Approved Drug List (ADL) for coverage under the pharmacy benefit. This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center. Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.



Adakveo (crizanlizumab-tmca)	J3262	Approved Diagnosis: Sickle Cell Disease
,		Approval Timeframe:
		Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none
		Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis
		Age Limitation: Must be age 16 years or older
		Initial Criteria:
		 Documentation confirming diagnosis, AND Must provide the patient's current weight, AND Documented 6-month trial with hydroxyurea, or record of contraindication or intolerance, AND
		Documentation of at least two vaso-occlusive crises (VOCs) in the last year
		Continuation Criteria: • Documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
		 Must provide the patient's current weight, AND Documentation showing the patient has experienced a reduction in vaso-occlusive crises while on Adakveo therapy.
		Additional Information: Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy. This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.



Adzynma
(ADAMTS13,
ecombinant-krhn)

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Approved Diagnosis:

congenital thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (cTTP)

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 6 months

Continuation authorization: 12 months

<u>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</u> Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a specialist for the disease state

Age Limitation: Must be age 18 years and older

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Must have a diagnosis of congenital thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (cTTP) confirmed by genetic testing; AND
- Documentation of ADAMTS13 activity must be provided and is less than 10%; AND
- Documentation of current weight; AND
- Initial dosing frequency for prophylactic use is not to exceed every 2 weeks

Continuation Criteria:

 Documentation showing patient has demonstrated a beneficial response to therapy (e.g. decrease in acute and subacute TTP events, improvement in platelet count from baseline, decrease in microangiopathic hemolytic anemia episodes)

- This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.



Aldurazyme (laronidase)

Approved Diagnosis:

- Mucopolysaccharidosis I (MPS I)
 - Hurler form
 - o Hurler-Scheie form
 - o Scheie form with moderate to severe symptoms

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 6 monthsContinuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
- · Documentation of patient's current weight

Continuation Criteria:

- Continuation criteria only applies if the member is not able to safely receive the medication by home infusion, AND
- Documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
- · Documentation of patient's current weight, AND
- Documentation showing the patient has demonstrated a beneficial response to therapy compared to pretreatment baseline in one or more of the following:
 - Stabilization, OR
 - improvement in FVC and/or 6MWT

Additional Information:

 This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 – Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered by home infusion. Home infusion agencies must bill the drug to the pharmacy benefit. Note: if this medication is new to the patient, Priority Health may cover up to 3 months of treatment at an outpatient hospital infusion center until safety has been established.



Alpha-1 Proteinase Inhibitor – human

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Approved Diagnosis:

• congenital alpha1-antitrypsin deficiency

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 1 yearContinuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: 18 years and older

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- · Documentation of clinically evident emphysema, AND
- Documentation of patient's current weight, AND
- A predicted FEV1 value between 30% and 65%, AND
- Patient must be a non-smoker, AND
- Labs confirming baseline serum alpha1-antitrypsin (AAT) level less than 11 mmol/L
 - o 11 mmol/L is equal to 80 mg/dL if measured by radial immunodiffusion
 - o 11 mmol/L is equal to 50 mg/dL if measured by nephelometry

Continuation Criteria:

- · Documentation of clinically evident emphysema, AND
- Documentation of patient's current weight, AND
- A predicted FEV1 value between 30% and 65%, AND
- Patient must be a non-smoker, AND
- Pretreatment baseline labs must be included showing serum alpha1-antitrypsin (AAT) level less than 11 mmol/L, AND
- Current labs must be included showing serum alpha1-antitrypsin (AAT) level greater than 11 mmol/L

- This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.



Amvuttra
(vutrisiran)

Approved Diagnosis:

• polyneuropathy of hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis (hATTR-PN) in adults

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 1 yearContinuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: Must be at least 18 years of age

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis of hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis (hATTR) with polyneuropathy AND
- Documentation of genetic testing that confirms a transthyretin (TTR) mutation AND
- Must have presence of clinical signs and symptoms of the condition (e.g., motor disability, peripheral/autonomic neuropathy, etc.) AND
- Must have documentation of one of the following:
 - o Baseline polyneuropathy disability (PND) score ≤ IIIb; OR
 - Baseline FAP Stage 1 or 2 AND
- Patient has not had a liver transplant

Continuation Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis AND
- Documentation that the patient has experienced a positive clinical response to Amvuttra compared to baseline (e.g., improved neurologic improvement, motor function, quality of life, slowing of disease progression) AND
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.

- This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered in an outpatient hospital infusion center.
- Amvuttra will not be covered in combination with tafamidis (Vyndaqel, Vyndamax), Onpattro, Wainua or Tegsedi



Benlysta IV (belimumab)

J0490

Approved Diagnosis:

- Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)
- Lupus nephritis

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 24 weeksContinuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: Must be age 5 years or older

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis of active, autoantibody-positive systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) with one of the following:
 - o Anti-nuclear antibody (ANA) titer ≥ 1:80; **OR**
 - Anti-double-stranded DNA (anti-dsDNA) level ≥ 30 IU/mL; AND
- Must have a SELENA-SLEDAI score of 6 or more while on treatment with standard therapy (e.g., corticosteroids, immunosuppressants, hydroxychloroquine) for at least 12 weeks each before starting Benlysta; AND
- Must not have central nervous system manifestations; AND
- Must not be using in combination with any other biologic drug (e.g. rituximab) or Lupkynis (voclosporin); AND
- · Documentation of patient's current weight

Lupus nephritis

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis of biopsy-proven lupus nephritis Class III through V; AND
- Be autoantibody-positive with one of the following:
 - Anti-nuclear antibody (ANA) titer ≥ 1:80, OR
 - Anti-double-stranded DNA (anti-dsDNA) level ≥ 30 IU/mL; AND
- Have active renal disease requiring use of standard therapy (e.g., corticosteroids, immunosuppressants); AND
- Not have an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) <30 mL/min/1.73m2

Continuation Criteria:

Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis; AND
- Documentation of patient's current weight; AND
- · Patient must meet 3 of the following:
 - Must have a SELENA-SLEDAI score point reduction of 4 or more based on a 30day assessment; OR
 - Must have a Physician Global Assessment change indicating showing no disease progression (worsening) compared to baseline treatment with Benlysta; OR
 - Must have a British Lupus Assessment Group (BILAG) score of zero in Category A (very active disease) –and– a score of one or less in Category B (moderately active, in any organ system in the last 4 weeks); OR
 - A reduction in dose of steroid therapy; OR
 - A negative seroconversion or a 20% reduction in autoantibody levels from baseline; OR
 - Free of significant clinical flares that require steroid boost treatment with Renlysta

Lupus nephritis

 Must have evidence of efficacy (defined as urinary protein creatinine ratio ≤0.7, eGFR ≤20% below the pre-flare or at least 60mL/min/1.73m2), and no use of rescue therapy for treatment failure

- The subcutaneous form of this drug will not be covered under the medical benefit. Refer to the Approved Drug List (ADL) for coverage under the pharmacy benefit.
- This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.



Botulinum Toxin	
Botox	J0585
Dysport	J0586
Myobloc	J0587
Xeomin	J0588

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Approved Diagnosis:

- **Bladder Dysfunction**
 - Overactive Bladder
 - Detrusor Overactivity associated with a Neurologic Condition
- Chronic Migraine
- Spasticity or Dystonia associated with:
 - Cerebral Palsy
 - Demyelinating diseases of the CNS and copus callosum including Leukodystrophy
 - Esophageal achalasia
 - Facial nerve VII disorder (facial myokymia, Melkersson's syndrome, facial/hemifacial spasms)
 - Hereditary spastic paraplegia
 - Laryngeal spasm, Laryngeal adductor spastic dysphonia or stradulus
 - Multiple Sclerosis
 - Neuromyelitis optica
 - Orofacial dyskinesia
 - Schilder's disease
 - Strabismus
 - Cervical Dystonia
 - Focal hand dystonia (i.e. organic writer's cramp)
 - Jaw-closing oromandibular dystonia
 - Lingual dystonia
 - Spastic hemiplegia due to stroke or brain injury
 - Torsion dystonia, idiopathic and symptomatic
 - Torticollis
- Primary Axillary Hyperhidrosis
- Palmar Hyperhidrosis
- Blepharospasm
- **Anal Fissures**
- Ptyalism/sialorrhea

Approval Timeframe:

- Initial authorization: 2 years
- Continuation authorization: 2 years

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

Documentation confirming diagnosis

Anal Fissures

- Documentation of minimum 8-week trial, and subsequent therapeutic fail, with:
 - nitroglycerin ointment, OR
 - topical diltiazem
- Patient declines, or is not a candidate for surgical intervention

Detrusor Overactivity associated with a Neurologic Condition

- Documentation of the underlying neurological condition that is the cause of detrusor activity (e.g. spinal cord injury or multiple sclerosis)
- Documentation of trail, and subsequent therapeutic failure with an anticholinergic drug
- Requested dose must not exceed 200 units intramuscularly for each treatment, once every 90 days

Primary Axillary Hyperhidrosis

Documentation that the patient is unable to achieve satisfactory results using aluminum chloride (generic for Drysol) or other extra-strength (more than 20%) antiperspirants or be intolerant to these therapies because of severe rash.

Palmar Hyperhidrosis

Documentation that the patient is unable to achieve satisfactory results using aluminum chloride (generic for Drysol).



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Chronic Migraine

- Documentation that headaches are disabling and occur on 15 days or more each month, lasting four hours each day or longer.
- Patient has tried and failed at least one-month of any two of the following oral medications:
 - Antidepressants (e.g., amitriptyline, nortriptyline)
 - o Beta blockers (e.g., propranolol, metoprolol, timolol)
 - Anti-epileptics (e.g., valproate, topiramate)

Overactive bladder

- Documentation of therapeutic trial and failure with two or more anticholinergic drugs.
- Maximum dose is 100 units intramuscularly for each treatment, once every 90 days

Ptyalism/sialorrhea

• Documentation of therapeutic trial and failure on anticholinergic therapy.

Continuation Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis
- Documentation showing the patient has demonstrated a beneficial response to therapy
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.

- No authorization required when drug is billed by a provider with one of the following specialties: Rehabilitation Medicine, Physical Medicine & Rehab, or Neurology
- The following conditions are not covered:
 - Botulinum toxin for the treatment of anal spasm, irritable colon, biliary dyskinesia, craniofacial wrinkles or any treatment of other spastic conditions not listed as covered on this prior authorization form are considered experimental (including the treatment of smooth muscle spasm).
 - o Botulinum toxin for patients receiving aminoglycosides
 - Botulinum toxin for patients with chronic paralytic strabismus, except to reduce antagonistic contractor with surgical repair
 - Treatment exceeding accepted dosage parameters unless supported by individual medical record review as well as treatments where the goal is to improve appearance rather than function.
 - Use of botulinum toxin A or botulinum toxin B for all other conditions not listed as a covered benefit.
 - Plantar hyperhidrosis
 - o Cluster, tension, and cervicogenic headaches
- If approved, authorization will be for one dose every 90 days for two years. It is usually
 not considered medically necessary to give botulinum toxin injection more frequently
 than every 90 days. An exception is for migraine prophylaxis, which will be authorized for
 one dose every 84 days. The maximum cumulative dose should generally not exceed 400
 units in a 3-month interval when treating one or more indications. Requests exceeding
 400 units in a 3-month interval must be explained by the provider and are subject to
 Priority Health's medical necessity review.



Brineura (celiponase alfa)	J0567	Approved Diagnosis: Late-infantile neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis type 2 (CLN2) disease
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		Initial authorization: 6 months Options in a substitute of months Options in a
		Continuation authorization: 6 months
		Prescriber Specialty Requirement: Must be prescribed by a neurologist
		Age Limitation: none
		<u>Dose & Frequency:</u> Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis
		Initial Criteria:
		 Must have a diagnosis of late-infantile neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis type 2 (CLN2) disease which was confirmed by tripeptidyl peptidase 1 (TPP1) deficiency (testing must be included with submission); AND
		 Patient must be symptomatic; AND Treatment is being given to slow the loss of ambulation in a patient with a baseline
		motor-language CLN2 clinical rating scale (CRS) greater than or equal to 3
		Continuation Criteria:
		 Patient must meet all of the initial requirements; AND Patient has a score of 1 or higher in the motor domain of the CLN2 clinical rating scale;
		AND Clinical documentation, including chart notes, of disease stability or improvement must
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Briumvi (Ublituximab-xiiy)	J2329	Approved Diagnosis: Primary Progressive MS Relapsing-remitting MS
		Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 2 years Continuation authorization: 2 years
		Prescriber Specialty Requirement: Neurologist or specialist in MS
		Age Limitation: age 18 years and older
		<u>Dose & Frequency:</u> Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis
		Initial Criteria: Documentation confirming diagnosis of: Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis (PPMS) Relapsing-Remitting [RRMS] or Secondary Progressive multiple sclerosis
		Continuation Criteria: Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.
		Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.
		Briumvi will not be approved in combination with any other disease modifying therapy for multiple sclerosis



Byooviz (ranibizumab-nuna)

05124

Approved Diagnosis:

- Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD)
- Macular edema following retinal vein occlusion (RVO)
- Diabetic macular edema (DME)
- Diabetic retinopathy (DR)
- Myopic Choroidal Neovascularization (mCNV)

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 1 yearContinuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis
- Patients currently receiving treatment with Byooviz and who have demonstrated an adequate response are not required to try Avastin.

Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD):

- Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
 effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid
 - Avastin is not required if patient has serous pigment epithelial detachment (PED), hemorrhagic PED, subretinal hemorrhage, or posterior uveal bleeding syndrome.

Macular edema following retinal vein occlusion (RVO)

Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid

Diabetic macular edema (DME)

Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid

Diabetic retinopathy (DR)

Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid

Myopic Choroidal Neovascularization (mCNV)

 Byooviz for mCNV may be authorized for a maximum of 1 injection per month up to a maximum of 3 months

Continuation Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis
- Documentation showing the disease response as indicated by
 - o stabilization of visual acuity, or
 - o improvement in BCVA score when compared to baseline.
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.



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Cerezyme (imiglucerase)	J1786	Approved Diagnosis: • Diagnosis of Non-neuropathic Gaucher's disease, chronic, symptomatic
(g.a.o., a.o.)		Approval Timeframe:
		Initial authorization: 6 months
		Continuation authorization: 1-year
		Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none
		Age Limitation: none
		<u>Dose & Frequency:</u> Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis
		Initial Criteria:
		Documentation confirming diagnosis
		Documentation of patient's current weight
		Continuation Criteria: Continuation criteria only applies if the member is not able to safely receive the
		medication by home infusion Documentation confirming diagnosis
		 Documentation showing the patient has demonstrated a beneficial response to therapy compared to pretreatment baseline in one or more of the following: clinically significant
		reduction in spleen or liver volume, increase in platelet or hemoglobin values
		 Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred
		after initiation of drug therapy.
		Additional Information:
		 This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 – Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered by home infusion. Home
		infusion agencies must bill the drug to the pharmacy benefit. Note: if this medication is
		new to the patient, Priority Health may cover up to 3 months of treatment at an outpatient hospital infusion center until safety has been established.
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Cimerli (ranibizumab-eqrn)

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Approved Diagnosis:

- Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD)
- Macular edema following retinal vein occlusion (RVO)
- Diabetic macular edema (DME)
- Diabetic retinopathy (DR)
- Myopic Choroidal Neovascularization (mCNV)

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 1 yearContinuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis
- Patients currently receiving treatment with Cimerli and who have demonstrated an adequate response are not required to try Avastin.

Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD):

- Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
 effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid
 - Avastin is not required if patient has serous pigment epithelial detachment (PED), hemorrhagic PED, subretinal hemorrhage, or posterior uveal bleeding syndrome.

Macular edema following retinal vein occlusion (RVO)

Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid

Diabetic macular edema (DME)

Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid

Diabetic retinopathy (DR)

 Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid

Myopic Choroidal Neovascularization (mCNV)

 Cimerli for mCNV may be authorized for a maximum of 1 injection per month up to a maximum of 3 months

Continuation Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis
- Documentation showing the disease response as indicated by
 - o stabilization of visual acuity, or
 - o improvement in BCVA score when compared to baseline.
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.



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J0717

Approved Diagnosis:

- Non-radiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis
- Ankylosing Spondylitis
- Crohn's Disease
- Plaque Psoriasis
- **Psoriatic Arthritis**
- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (pJIA)

Approval Timeframe:

- Initial authorization: 2 years
- Continuation authorization: 2 years

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation:

- pJIA: age 2 years or older
- All other indications: age 18 years or older

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
- Must provide the patient's current weight, AND
- Must have a documented trial and documented therapeutic failure with infliximab unless prescribed for non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis

Continuation Criteria:

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
- Must provide the patient's current weight, AND
- Must provide documentation showing the patient has experienced improvement or maintained stable clinical status

- This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.



Cinqair (reslizumab)

J2786

Approved Diagnosis:

• Severe, Eosinophilic Asthma

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 1 yearContinuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: 18 years or older

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- · Documentation of patient's current weight
- Labs confirming peripheral blood eosinophil count of > 150 cells/mcL in the past 12 months
- Must have been compliant on all the following therapies for at least 3 consecutive months each:
 - High-dose inhaled corticosteroid (ICS)*
 - Long-acting beta agonist (LABA)
 - One additional asthma controller medication (e.g., leukotriene receptor antagonist, Spiriva)
- Documentation showing the member experienced ≥ 2 asthma exacerbations in the previous year that required at least ONE of the following:
 - Systemic steroids (or an increase in the current steroid maintenance dose) for at least 3 days
 - o Hospitalization and/or ED visit
- · Must not currently use tobacco products
- Must not use in combination with other biologics (e.g., Nucala, Dupixent, Fasenra, or Xolair)

Continuation Criteria:

- · Must have been compliant on therapy with Cinqair
- Documentation of patient's current weight
- Documentation showing the patient has experienced improvement or maintained stable clinical status.
- Must not currently use tobacco products
- Must not use in combination with other biologics (e.g., Nucala, Dupixent, Fasenra, Xolair, or Texpire)
- Documentation showing patient has had a positive clinical response (e.g., decrease in exacerbation frequency, improvement in asthma symptoms, decrease in oral corticosteroid use)

Additional Information:

 This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.



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Cosela (trilaciclib)	J1448	Approved Diagnosis: • Extensive small cell lung cancer (SCLC)
		Approval Timeframe:
		Initial authorization: 12 months
		Continuation authorization: 12 months
		Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none
		Age Limitation: none
		<u>Dose & Frequency:</u> Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis
		Initial Criteria:
		 Documentation confirming diagnosis of extensive small cell lung cancer (SCLC) Patient is currently receiving
		o platinum/etoposide +/- immune checkpoint inhibitor; or
		o a topotecan-containing regimen
		 The patient has previously experienced severe neutropenia while using one of the regimens described above, despite use of G-CSF products (i.e. filgrastim, pegfilgrastim).
		Continuation Criteria:
		 Documentation showing that the patient has demonstrated a beneficial response to therapy.
		 Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.
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Approved Diagnosis: J0584 Crysvita X-linked hypophosphatemia (XLH) (burosumab-twza) Tumor-induced osteomalacia (TIO) **Approval Timeframe:** Initial authorization: 12 months Continuation authorization: 12 months Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none Age Limitation: See diagnosis specific age limits below Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis **Initial Criteria:** X-linked hypophosphatemia (XLH) Patient must be age 6 months or older; AND Documentation of diagnosis confirmed by one of the following must be included Genetic testing (PHEX-gene mutation); or Serum fibroblast growth factor-23 (FGF23) level > 30 pg/mL; AND Must have baseline serum phosphorus level below lower limit of laboratory reference range with current hypophosphatemia; AND Documentation confirming the patient is exhibiting clinical signs and symptoms of XLH (e.g. rickets, growth retardation, musculoskeletal pain, bone fractures, etc.). Tumor-induced osteomalacia (TIO) Patient must be age 2 years or older; AND Must be used for treatment of FGF23-related hypophosphatemia in tumor-induced osteomalacia (TIO) associated with phosphaturic mesenchymal tumors that cannot be curatively resected or localized; AND Must have baseline serum phosphorus level below lower limit of laboratory reference range with current hypophosphatemia. **Continuation Criteria:** The patient is compliant in taking the medication as scheduled Must have experienced normalization of serum phosphate while on therapy (documentation of laboratory levels must be submitted) Documentation must be submitted showing patient experienced a positive clinical response to therapy (e.g. enhanced height velocity, improvement in skeletal deformities, reduction in bone fractures) **Additional Information:** This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.



Dalvance (dalbavancin)	J0875	Approved Diagnosis:
Duopa (carbidopa 5 mg/levodopa 20 mg enteral suspension)	J7340	Approved Diagnosis: Parkinson's disease Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 1 year Continuation authorization: 1 year Prescriber Specialty Requirement: Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a neurologist. Age Limitation: none Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis Initial Criteria: Documentation of therapeutic failure after a one-month trial with carbidopa/levodopa ER tablet given at multiple daily dosing Continuation Criteria: Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy



Approved Diagnosis: Hunter syndrome (Mucopolysaccharidosis II) Approved Timeframe: Initial authorization: 6 months Continuation authorization: 7 year Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none Age Limitation: none Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis Initial Criteria: Documentation confirming diagnosis of Hunter syndrome (Mucopolysaccharidosis II) Documentation of patient's current weight Continuation Criteria: Continuation criteria only applies if the member is unable to safely receive the medication by home influsion Documentation on forming diagnosis Documentation on forming diagnosis Documentation of patient's current weight Documentation showing that the patient has demonstrated a beneficial response to therapy compared to pretrustment baseline in one or more of the following: Continuation: Continuation



Elelyso (taliglucerase alfa)	J3060	Approved Diagnosis:
		Continuation authorization. Tyear
		Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none
		Age Limitation: none
		Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis
		Initial Criteria:
		 Documentation confirming diagnosis of Gaucher's Disease (Type 1) Documentation of patient's current weight
		 Continuation Criteria: Continuation criteria only applies if the member is unable to safely receive the medication by home infusion Documentation confirming diagnosis Documentation of patient's current weight Documentation showing that the patient has demonstrated a beneficial response to therapy compared to pretreatment baseline in one or more of the following:
		Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 – Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered by home infusion. Home infusion agencies must bill the drug to the pharmacy benefit. Note: if this medication is new to the patient, Priority Health may cover up to 3 months of treatment at an outpatient hospital infusion center until safety has been established.



Elfabrio (pegunigalsidase alfa-iwxj)

J2508

Approved Diagnosis:

Fabry disease

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 6 months Continuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement:

Must be prescribed by a nephrologist, cardiologist, specialist in metabolic disorders or genetics

Age Limitation: 18 years and older

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

- Documentation of patient's current weight
- Documentation confirming diagnosis of Fabry disease (e.g., alpha-Gal A activity in leukocytes or plasma, mutation analysis of the alpha-Gal A gene)
- The patient is either a:
 - Classically affected male (i.e., male with very low or undetectable levels of alpha-galactosidase A [alphaGal A]): OR
 - Female carrier or male with atypical presentations (i.e., with marginal levels of alpha-Gal A) with clinical manifestations of Fabry disease (e.g., renal, neurologic, cardiovascular) present

Continuation Criteria:

Continuation criteria only applies if the member is unable to safely receive the medication by home infusion:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis
- Documentation of patient's current weight
- Documentation showing a continued response to treatment (e.g., reduction in plasma glycosphingolipid GL-3 levels compared to baseline)
- Patient has remained compliant with > 50 percent of treatments
- Patient regularly attends follow-up visits
- Patient has not developed ESRD, without an option for renal transplantation, in combination with advanced heart failure (New York Heart Association class IV)
- Patient does not have end-stage Fabry disease or other comorbidities with a life expectancy of < 1 year
- Patient has not experienced severe cognitive decline

Additional Information:

This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered by home infusion. Home infusion agencies must bill the drug to the pharmacy benefit. Note: if this medication is new to the patient, Priority Health may cover up to 3 months of treatment at an outpatient hospital infusion center until safety has been established.



Empaveli (pegcetacoplan)	J7799 C9399	Approved Diagnosis: Paroxysmal Noctumal Hemoglobinuria (PNH) Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 6 months Hematology/Oncology Age Limitation: 18 years and older Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis Initial Criteria: Documentation confirming diagnosis must be submitted; AND Must have flow cytometric confirmation ± 10% granulocyte clone cells; OR Have symptoms of thromboembolic complications (abdominal pain, shortness of breath, chest pain, end organ damage Continuation Criteria: Documentation confirming diagnosis; AND Must have a decrease disabling symptoms; AND Hemoglobin levels must be stablized; AND Patient has experienced an improvement in fatigue and quality of life Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 – Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered by home infusion. Home infusion agencies must bill the drug to the pharmacy benefit. Note: if this medication is new to the patient, Priority Health may cover up to 3 months of treatment at an outpatient hospital infusion center until safety has been established.



Enjaymo
(sutimlimab-jome)

Approved Diagnosis:

• Cold Agglutinin Disease (CAD)

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 6 monthsContinuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a hematologist

Age Limitation: 18 years and older

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis of cold agglutinin disease (CAD); AND
- Documentation of the patient's current weight and baseline hemoglobin level must be submitted; AND
- Documentation of at least one blood transfusion within 6 months of starting Enjaymo;
 AND
- Patient's hemoglobin must be ≤ 10 g/dL; AND
- Must be a presence of one or more symptoms associated with CAD (e.g., symptomatic anemia, acrocyanosis, Raynaud's phenomenon, hemoglobinuria, disabling circulatory symptoms, or a major adverse vascular event); AND
- Must have a documented trial and failure with a rituximab-containing regimen

Continuation Criteria:

- Must have documented clinical benefit from use of Enjaymo as evidenced by:
 - an increase in baseline Hgb level; AND
 - o no blood transfusions 5 weeks from initiation of therapy

Additional Information:

 This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 – Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered by home infusion. Home infusion agencies must bill the drug to the pharmacy benefit. If this medication is new to the patient, and if requested, Priority Health may cover up to 3 months of treatment at an outpatient hospital infusion center until safety has been established.



Entyvio IV
vedolizumab)

Approved Diagnosis:

- Crohn's disease
- **Ulcerative Colitis**

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 14 weeks Continuation authorization: 2 years

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: 18 years and older

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

Mild Crohn's disease

- Must have documented therapeutic failure with one of the following:
 - Corticosteroids
 - Mesalamine 0
 - Olsalazine
 - Sulfasalazine 0
 - Azathioprine
 - 6-mercaptopurine (6-MP)
 - Methotrexate; AND
- Must have documented therapeutic failure with infliximab

Moderate to Severe Crohn's disease

- Patient has moderate to severe Crohn's disease; AND
- Must have documented prior use of corticosteroids for treatment of Crohn's disease; AND
- Must have documented therapeutic failure with infiximab

Mild to Moderate Ulcerative Collitis

- Must have documented therapeutic failure with two of the following:
 - 6-mercaptopurine (6-MP) 0
 - Azathioprine
 - Balsalazide 0
 - Corticosteroids
 - Mesalamine
 - 0 Sulfasalazine: AND
- Must have documented therapeutic failure with infliximab

Severe Ulcerative Collitis

- Patient has frequent loose bloody stools (≥6 per day) with severe cramps and evidence of systemic toxicity; AND
- Must have documented prior use of corticosteroids for treatment of Ulcerative Collitis;
- Must have documented therapeutic failure with infliximab

Continuation Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis; AND
- Must have a positive clinical response to Entyvio as indicated by one of the following; decrease in bowel movements per day, no blood in stool, decrease in oral corticosteroid use, or decrease in inflammatory markers such as fecal calprotectin, C-reactive protein.

Additional Information:

This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.



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Epoprostenol Sodium Flolan Veletri	J1325	Approved Diagnosis: Pulmonary arterial hypertension Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 1 year Continuation authorization: 2 years Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none Age Limitation: none Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis Initial Criteria: Documentation confirming diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension to improve exercise capacity and delay clinical worsening Patient must have a World Health Organization group 1 classification of pulmonary arterial hypertensial hypertensial organization group 1 classification of pulmonary arterial hypertension to demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.



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Evenity (romosozumab-aqqg)	J3111	Approved Diagnosis: • Postmenopausal osteoporosis
(Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 1 year (12 total doses) Continuation authorization: N/A
		Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none
		Age Limitation: none
		Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis
		Initial Criteria:
		Documentation confirming diagnosis of postmenopausal osteoporosis Documentation of a T-score less than or equal to -3 Documentation of previous low-impact fracture Must have a documented therapeutic failure** with an oral bisphosphonate (or documented intolerance or contraindication) despite a minimum, compliant 2-year trial Must have a documented therapeutic failure** (or documented intolerance or
		contraindication) with zoledronic acid (generic Reclast) after a minimum 12-month trial
		Additional Information: **Therapeutic failure is defined by: new fracture while on treatment, or reduction in bone mineral density (BMD) per recent DEXA scan. If member has a new fracture while on a bisphosphonate, only a trial of one bisphosphonate (oral or IV) is required This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.



Evkeeza (evinacumab-dgnb)

J1305

Approved Diagnosis:

• Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia (HoFH)

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 12 monthsContinuation authorization: 12 months

<u>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</u> Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a cardiologist, endocrinologist, or board-certified lipidologist

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Documentation must be submitted confirming diagnosis of Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia (HoFH), by one or more of the following:
 - Presence of two mutant alleles at the LDL receptor, Apolipoprotein B, or PCSK9 gene: or
 - An untreated LDL-C greater than 500 mg/dL (13 mmol/L) before treatment or greater than 300 mg/dL (7.76 mmol/L) despite treatment, and either have cutaneous or tendinous xanthoma before age 10 years or untreated LDL-C levels consistent with heterozygous familiar hypercholesterolemia in both parents (greater than 190 mg/dL)
- Documentation of compliant use with at least one high-intensity statin (rosuvastatin at least 20 mg daily or atorvastatin at least 40 mg daily) in combination with ezetimibe AND a PCSK9 inhibitor (e.g. Repatha/evolocumab) for at least 8 consecutive weeks with failure to achieve LDL-C goal.
 - o Patient must continue to receive maximally tolerated statin therapy or have a contraindication to or intolerance of statin therapy
 - o If one high-intensity statin is not tolerated, a trial of a second statin is required
- Requires documentation of failure to reach LDL-C goal using LDL apheresis
- Not covered in combination with Nexletol (bempedoic acid), Nexlizet (bempedoic acid/ezetimibe), Juxtapid (lomitapide), or a PCSK9 inhibitor (Repatha, Praluent).

Continuation Criteria:

- Documentation must be submitting showing improved and maintained an improved LDL compared to baseline.
- Not covered in combination with Nexletol (bempedoic acid), Nexlizet (bempedoic acid/ezetimibe), Juxtapid (lomitapide), or a PCSK9 inhibitor (Repatha, Praluent).
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.

Additional Information:

 This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.



Eylea Eylea HD (aflibercept)

J0178 J0177

Approved Diagnosis:

- Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD)
- Macular edema following retinal vein occlusion (RVO)
- Diabetic macular edema (DME)
- Diabetic retinopathy
- Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 1 yearContinuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis
- Patients currently receiving treatment with Eylea and who have demonstrated an adequate response are not required to try Avastin.

Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD):

- Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
 effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid
 - Avastin is not required if patient has serous pigment epithelial detachment (PED), hemorrhagic PED, subretinal hemorrhage, or posterior uveal bleeding syndrome.

Macular edema following retinal vein occlusion (RVO)

Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid

Diabetic macular edema (DME) with baseline visual acuity 20/50 or worse

 Documentation of baseline best-corrected visual acuity (BCVA) score must be included with request

Diabetic macular edema (DME) with baseline visual acuity better than 20/50

Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid

Diabetic retinopathy

Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid

Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)

• Diagnosis of Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)

Continuation Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis
- Documentation showing the disease response as indicated by:
 - stabilization of visual acuity, or
 - o improvement in BCVA score when compared to baseline.



Fabrazyme (agalsidase beta)

J0180

Approved Diagnosis:

Fabry disease

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 6 months Continuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement:

Must be prescribed by a nephrologist, cardiologist, specialist in metabolic disorders or genetics

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Documentation of patient's current weight
- Documentation confirming diagnosis of Fabry disease
 - (e.g. alpha-Gal A activity in leukocytes or plasma, mutation analysis of the alpha-Gal A gene)
- The patient is either a:
 - Classically affected person assigned male at birth (i.e. a person assigned male at birth with very low or undetectable levels of alpha-galactosidase A [alphaGal A]), **OR**
 - A person assigned female at birth who is a carrier, or a person assigned male at birth with atypical presentations (i.e. with marginal levels of alpha-Gal A) with clinical manifestations of Fabry disease (e.g. renal, neurologic, cardiovascular) present

Continuation Criteria:

- Continuation criteria only applies if the member is unable to safely receive the medication by home infusion
- Documentation confirming diagnosis
- Documentation of patient's current weight
- Documentation showing a continued response to treatment (e.g. reduction in plasma glycosphingolipid GL-3 levels compared to baseline)
- Patient has remained compliant with >50 percent of treatments
- Patient regularly attends follow-up visits
- Patient has not developed ESRD, without an option for renal transplantation, in combination with advanced heart failure (New York Heart Association class IV)
- Patient does not have end-stage Fabry disease or other comorbidities with a life expectancy of <1 year
- Patient has not experienced severe cognitive decline

Additional Information:

This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered by home infusion. Home infusion agencies must bill the drug to the pharmacy benefit. Note: if this medication is new to the patient, Priority Health may cover up to 3 months of treatment at an outpatient hospital infusion center until safety has been established.



Fasenra prefilled syringe (benralizumab)

J0517

Approved Diagnosis:

- For treatment of moderate to severe asthma with an eosinophilic phenotype
- For the treatment of Eosinophilic Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (EGPA)

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 1 year

Continuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement:

- Must be prescribed by, or in consultation (consultation notes must be submitted) with:
 - a pulmonologist
 - an allergist
 - an immunologist 0
 - a rheumatologist

Age Limitation: see below

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

Moderate to severe asthma with an eosinophilic phenotype

- Patient must be age 6 years or older
- Must have an eosinophilic count ≥150 cells/mcL in the past 12 months; AND
- Patient must have been compliant on all the following therapies for at least 3 months:
 - High-dose inhaled corticosteroid (ICS)
 - Long-acting beta agonist (LABA)
 - One additional asthma controller medication (e.g., leukotriene receptor antagonist, Spiriva); AND
- Patient must have had ≥ 2 asthma exacerbations in the previous year that required at least one of the following:
 - Systemic steroids (or an increase in the current steroid maintenance dose) for at least 3 days
 - Hospitalization and/or ED visit; AND
- Must not currently use tobacco products; AND
- Must not use in combination with other biologics (e.g., Nucala, Dupixent, Cinqair, or

Eosinophilic Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (EGPA)

- Patient must be age 18 years or older; AND
- Have a diagnosis of eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (EGPA)

Continuation Criteria:

- Must have been compliant on therapy with Fasenra, AND
- Must not currently use tobacco products; AND
- Must not use in combination with other biologics (e.g., Nucala, Dupixent, Cinqair, Xolair, or Tezspire); AND
- Documentation showing patient has had a positive clinical response (e.g., decrease in exacerbation frequency, improvement in asthma symptoms, decrease in oral corticosteroid use)

- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy
- Fasenra will not be approved if used in combination with other biologics (ex. Dupixent, Cingair, Xolair, Tezspire, Nucala)
- Fasenra Syringes will only be approved under the medical benefit. Please reference the patient's pharmacy benefits for coverage of Fasenra Pen Autoinjector
- This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.



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Gamifant (emapalumab-lzsg)	J9210	Approved Diagnosis: Primary hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH) Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 3 months Continuation authorization: 3 months Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none Age Limitation: none Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis Initial Criteria: Documentation confirming diagnosis must be submitted; AND Patient must have previously tried and experienced clinical failure with conventional therapy (e.g. etoposide, dexamethasone, cyclosporine) Continuation Criteria: Documentation confirming diagnosis must be submitted; AND Patient must have previously tried and experienced clinical failure with conventional therapy (e.g. etoposide, dexamethasone, cyclosporine); AND Documentation showing objective evidence of response to therapy (i.e. normalization of HLH abnormalities) must be submitted; AND Request must include an update and/or plan for hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.
Givlaari (givosiran)	J0223	Approved Diagnosis: Acute hepatic porphyria, including: Acute intermittent porphyria (AIP) Hereditary coproporphyria (HCP) Variegate porphyria (VP) ALA dehydratase deficient porphyria. Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 6 months Continuation authorization: up to 6 months Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none Age Limitation: Must be age 18 years or older Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis Initial Criteria: Documentation confirming diagnosis must be submitted; AND Patient must have active disease, defined as 2 documented porphyria attacks within the past 6 months (including hospitalization, urgent care visits or, IV hemin administration at home). Continuation Criteria: Documentation confirming stabilization of the disease or absence of disease progression (reduction in attacks from baseline) Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.



Ilaris (canakinumab)

J0638

Approved Diagnosis:

- Cryopyrin-Associated Periodic Syndromes (CAPS)
 - Familial Cold Autoinflammatory Syndrome (FCAS)
 - Muckle-Wells Syndrome (MWS)
- Periodic Fever Syndromes
 - Familial Mediterranean Fever (FMF)
 - Hyper ImmunoglobulinD Syndrome (HIDS)
 - Mevalonate Kinase Deficiency (MKD)
 - Tumor Recrosis Receptor-Associated Periodic Syndrome (TRAPS)
- Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (SJIA)
- Adult-Onset Still's Disease (AOSD) i
- Gout Flares

Approval Timeframe:

- Initial authorization:
 - CAPS, FCAS, MWS, FMF, HIDS, MKD, TRAPS, SJIA, AOSD = 1 year
 - Gout = single dose for 12 weeks
- Continuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: See below

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

Documentation confirming diagnosis

Cryopyrin-Associated Periodic Syndromes (CAPS)

Patient must be 4 years or older

Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (SJIA) and Adult-Onset Still's Disease (AOSD)

Patient must be 2 years or older

Gout Flares

- Has had three or more flares in the last 12 months; AND
- Patient has tried lifestyle modifications such as reduced alcohol consumption, discontinuing or changing other medications known to precipitate gout attacks when possible; AND
- Patient has tried and failed or has had an intolerance/contraindication with an adequate course of conventional therapy including colchicine, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), AND systemic corticosteroids.

Continuation Criteria:

- Continuation criteria only applies if member is unable to safely receive the medication by
- For gout flares requiring treatment beyond the initial dose, patient must be established on maintenance therapy with urate-lowering agents such as allopurinol, febuxostat, and/or
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.

Additional Information:

This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered by home infusion. Home infusion agencies must bill the drug to the pharmacy benefit. Note: if this medication is new to the patient Priority Health may cover up to 3 months of treatment at an outpatient hospital infusion center until safety has been established.



Ilumya (tildrakizumab)	J3245	Approved Diagnosis: Plaque Psoriasis
(,		Approval Timeframe:
		<u>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</u> Prescriber is a specialist or has consulted with a specialithe disease being treated
		Age Limitation: age 18 years and older
		<u>Dose & Frequency:</u> Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis
		 Initial Criteria: Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND Must provide the patient's current weight, AND Must have a documented trial, and subsequent therapeutic failure, with infliximab Enbrel®
		Continuation Criteria:
		Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services a Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infucenter. Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmace therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has or after initiation of drug therapy.
		Ilumya will not be covered in combination with another biologic drug.



Immune Globulin	
Primary Immunodeficiency	
Cutaquig	J1551
Cuvitru	J1555
Flebogamma	J1572
Gammagard liquid	J1569
Gammaplex	J1557
Gamunex	J1561
Hizentra	J1559
HyQvia	J1575
Octagam	J1568
Privigen	J1459
Xembify	J1558

Approved Diagnosis:

- Hypogammaglobulinemia, unspecified
- Selective IgM immunodeficiency
- Other selective immunoglobulin deficiencies
- X-linked agammaglobulinemia
- X-linked immunodeficiency with hyper IGM
- Combined immunodeficiency (SCID)
- Common variable hypoglobulinemia
- Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome

Approval Timeframe:

- Initial authorization: to be determined by clinical reviewer, up to 1 year
- Continuation authorization: to be determined by clinical reviewer, up to 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis. Dose approved will be based on adjusted body weight if

- BMI is 30 kg/m2; or
- if actual body weight is 20% higher than his or her ideal body weight (IBW)

Initial Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis. Diagnosis of the disorder must be reasonably certain, and based on a thorough history and examination, and appropriate laboratory testing (e.g. electromyography (EMG), spinal fluid tests, serum tests and biopsy findings; AND
- Documentation of the patient's current weight; AND
- Must provide documentation of previous treatment failures; AND
- Patient's IgG level is less than 200 mg/dL; OR
- Patient has a history of multiple hard to treat infections. Multiple hard to treat infections means:
 - four or more ear infections within 1 year;
 - two or more serious sinus infections within 1 year;
 - two or more months of antibiotics with little effect;
 - two or more pneumonias within 1 year;
 - recurrent or deep skin abscesses;
 - need for intravenous antibiotics to clear infections; or
 - two or more deep-seated infection including septicemia; AND
- The patient has a deficiency in producing antibodies in response to vaccination; AND
- Baseline titers were drawn before challenging with vaccination; AND
- Titers were draw between 4 and 8 weeks of vaccination (less than 70% of antigens are in protective range)

Continuation Criteria:

- Each continuation request for immune globulin previously approved by Priority Health must include clinical progress notes providing the patient's response to immune globulin
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.

Additional Information:

- This drug class is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires all intravenous immune globulin products to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center (this requirement does not apply to subcutaneous immune globulin).
- In some situations, IVIG may be used for medically necessary indications listed on this prior authorization form for a person that has rapidly progressive disease in which a clinical response could not be affected quickly enough using conventional agents. In these situations, give IVIG therapy along with conventional treatment(s), but continued administration of IVIG is not medically necessary when conventional therapy takes effect.

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Any metric assessment used for objective monitoring of progress is accepted, such as the Medical Research Council (MRC) scale (most commonly used for muscle strength), INCAT Disability scale, and activities of daily living (ADL) measurements. Changes in these measures must be clearly documented. Subjective or experiential improvement alone is generally insufficient to continue IVIG or to expect coverage.

- Clinical monitoring takes clear precedence over laboratory monitoring. If clinical improvement is evident, then laboratory Clinical monitoring takes clear precedence over laboratory monitoring. If clinical improvement is evident, then laboratory monitoring solely to guide IVIG therapy is not medically necessary.
- If improvement does not occur with IVIG, continued infusion may not be considered medically necessary.
- The use of intravenous immunoglobulin therapy is considered medically necessary by Priority Health for the conditions specified in the 'Approved Diagnosis' section of the prior authorization criteria.

Immune Globulin Secondary Immunodeficiency J1551 Cutaquiq Cuvitru J1555 Flebogamma J1572 Gammagard liquid J1569 Gammaplex J1557 Gamunex J1561 J1559 Hizentra HyQvia J1575 Octagam J1568 J1459 Privigen

Xembify

Approved Diagnosis:

For secondary immunodeficiency, immune globulin is covered when the patient's hypogammaglobulinemia is caused by;

- solid organ transplant
- extensive surgery
- allograft rejection
- hematological malignancy
- extensive burns
- collagen-vascular disease
- chronic lymphoid leukemia (CLL)

Approval Timeframe:

- Initial authorization: to be determined by clinical reviewer, up to 1 year
- Continuation authorization: to be determined by clinical reviewer, up to 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis. Dose approved will be based on adjusted body weight if

- BMI is 30 kg/m2; or
- if actual body weight is 20% higher than his or her ideal body weight (IBW)

Initial Criteria:

J1558

- Documentation confirming diagnosis. Diagnosis of the disorder must be reasonably certain, and based on a thorough history and examination, and appropriate laboratory testing (e.g. electromyography (EMG), spinal fluid tests, serum tests and biopsy findings;
- Documentation of the patient's current weight; AND
- Must provide documentation of previous treatment failures;

Chronic Lymphoid Leukemia (CLL)

- Patient has a history of multiple hard to treat infections. Multiple hard to treat infections means:
 - four or more ear infections within 1 year; 0
 - two or more serious sinus infections within 1 year;
 - two or more months of antibiotics with little effect;
 - two or more pneumonias within 1 year;
 - recurrent or deep skin abscesses;
 - need for intravenous antibiotics to clear infections; or
 - two or more deep-seated infection including septicemia; AND
- The patient has a deficiency in producing antibodies in response to vaccination; AND
- Baseline titers were drawn before challenging with vaccination; AND
- Titers were draw between 4 and 8 weeks of vaccination (less than 70% of antigens are in protective range)



Continuation Criteria:

- Each continuation request for immune globulin previously approved by Priority Health must include clinical progress notes providing the patient's response to immune globulin therapy.
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Additional Information:

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Immune Globulin

Approved Diagnosis:

- primary thrombocytopenia
- ITP in pregnancy and fetal alloimmune thrombocytopenia
- Neonatal alloimmune thrombocytopenia
- post-transfusion purpura
- autoimmune hemolytic anemia
- immune-mediated neutropenia
- anemia due to pure red cell aplasia secondary to chronic parvovirus B19 infection
- anemia due to pure red cell aplasia, immunologic subtype
- allogeneic bone marrow or stem cell transplant
- complications of transplanted solid organ (e.g. heart, kidney, liver, lung, pancreas) or bone marrow transplant
- human immunodeficiency virus infection (HIV)

Approval Timeframe:

- Initial authorization: to be determined by clinical reviewer, up to 1 year
- Continuation authorization: to be determined by clinical reviewer, up to 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis. Dose approved will be based on adjusted body weight if

- BMI is 30 kg/m2; or
- if actual body weight is 20% higher than his or her ideal body weight (IBW)



Initial Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis. Diagnosis of the disorder must be reasonably certain, and based on a thorough history and examination, and appropriate laboratory testing (e.g. electromyography (EMG), spinal fluid tests, serum tests and biopsy findings;
- Documentation of the patient's current weight; AND
- Must provide documentation of previous treatment failures; AND

Primary Thrombocytopenia

- For treatment of acute ITP, a rapid rise in platelet count must be medically necessary. Medically necessary means:
 - Immune globulin is used before surgery and the platelet count is less than 100.000/mm3: **OR**
 - Patient has acute bleeding and platelet count is less than 30,000/mm3; OR
 - Patient is at risk for intracerebral hemorrhage (i.e. platelet is less than 20,000/mm3
- For treatment of chronic ITP, the patient:
 - Must be age 10 or older; AND
 - Must have a platelet count less than 30,000/mm for children or less than 20,000/mm3 for adults; AND
 - Has illness present for more than six months; AND
 - Failed, has a contraindication to, or is intolerant to corticosteroid therapy

ITP in pregnancy and fetal alloimmune thrombocytopenia

- The patient is refractory to steroids with a platelet count less than 10,000/mm3 during her third trimester; OR
- the platelet count is less than 30,000/mm3 and associated with bleeding prior to vaginal delivery or C-section: OR
- The patient previously delivered infants with autoimmune thrombocytopenia; OR
- At 20 weeks gestation or later, cordocentesis reveals fetal platelets less than 20,000/ mm3; OR
- Screening reveals platelet alloantibodies

Neonatal alloimmune thrombocytopenia (immune globulin is not covered for routine use)

- The patient is severely thrombocytopenic (i.e. a platelet count less than 30,000/mm3) and/or symptomatic; AND
- The neonate failed, has a contraindication to, or is intolerant to platelet transfusion

Post-transfusion purpura

- platelet count is less than 10,000/mm3; OR
- the patient experienced bleeding complications due to thrombocytopenia

Autoimmune hemolytic anemia (immune globulin is not covered for routine use)

- the patient has warm-type AIHA; AND
- the patient has failed, has a contraindication to, or intolerance to corticosteroid therapy; AND
- the patient had a splenectomy or is the patient at high risk for post-splenectomy sepsis

<u>Immune-mediated neutropenia</u> (immune globulin not covered for routine use)

- The patient has a serious clinical infection related to neutropenia; AND
- The patient failed to respond to both (1) corticosteroids and (2) filgrastim or pegfilgrastim therapies

Anemia due to pure red cell aplasia secondary to chronic parvovirus B19 infection

- The patient has severe, refractory anemia; AND
- The patient has documented erythrovirus B19 viremia; AND
- The patient was evaluated for underlying conditions that could lead to aplasia

Anemia due to pure red cell aplasia, immunologic subtype

- The patient failed, has a contraindication to, or is intolerant to corticosteroid therapy; AND
- The patient has failed, has a contraindication to, or is intolerant to cyclosporine; AND
- The patient has failed, has a contraindication to, or is intolerant to cyclophosphamide

Allogeneic bone marrow or stem cell transplant

Immune globulin is used for prevention of acute graft-versus-host disease or infection (e.g. cytomegalovirus); AND



- The transplant was between 0 to 99 days before starting immune globulin
- Immune globulin is approved for allogeneic bone marrow or stem cell transplant for 3 months.

Complications of transplanted solid organ (e.g. heart, kidney, liver, lung, pancreas) or bone marrow transplant

- Immune globulin is being used to:
 - o suppress panel reactive anti-HLA antibodies prior to transplantation; **OR**
 - o treat antibody mediated rejection of solid organ transplantation; OR
 - o prevent cytomegalovirus-induced pneumonitis

Human immunodeficiency virus infection (HIV)

- immune globulin is covered for patients with HIV to reduce significant bacterial infections in patients age 13 or younger who also have evidence of a humoral immunologic defect* with presence of bacterial infections.
- Humoral immunologic defect means:
 - recurrent serious bacterial infections despite appropriate prophylactic antibiotic therapy; or
 - demonstrated antibody deficiency to common antigens (i.e. measles, pneumococcal, and/or H. flue type B vaccine) as demonstrated by poor antibody titers; or
 - bronchiectasis suboptimally responsive to antimicrobial and pulmonary therapy; or
 - HIV-associated thrombocytopenia despite antiretroviral therapy

Continuation Criteria:

- Each continuation request for immune globulin previously approved by Priority Health
 must include clinical progress notes providing the patient's response to immune globulin
 therapy.
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.

Primary Thrombocytopenia

 For renewals, achievement and maintenance of a platelet count equal to or greater than 50 x 10^9/L.

Allogeneic bone marrow or stem cell transplant

- the patient's IgG is less than or equal to 400 mg/dL; AND
- treatment duration does not exceed 360 days measured from the date of the transplant

- This drug class is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services
 and Equipment, which requires all intravenous immune globulin products to be infused in
 an outpatient hospital infusion center (this requirement does not apply to subcutaneous
 immune globulin).
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Neurological Conditions	
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Approved Diagnosis:

- Guillain-Barré syndrome
- Myasthenia gravis
- Eaton-Lambert syndrome
- Polyneuropathy (chronic inflammatory demyelinating)
- Multifocal motor neuropathy
- Stiff-man syndrome

Approval Timeframe:

- Initial authorization: to be determined by clinical reviewer, up to 1 year
- Continuation authorization: to be determined by clinical reviewer, up to 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis. Dose approved will be based on adjusted body weight if

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- if actual body weight is 20% higher than his or her ideal body weight (IBW)

Initial Criteria:

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- Documentation of the patient's current weight; AND
- Must provide documentation of previous treatment failures; AND

Guillain-Barre syndrome

- The patient has severe disease and is requiring aid to stand and/or walk; AND
- Immune globulin is started within 4 weeks of symptom onset
- A maximum of two doses are covered for this diagnosis (1 initial dose & 1 continuation dose)

Myasthenia gravis (MG)

- Immune globulin is not covered for routine use. Coverage is limited to patients with severe MG to treat acute, severe decompensation; defined as;
 - having myasthenic crisis (i.e. impending respiratory or bulbar compromise);
 - is experiencing disease exacerbation and/or decompensation, such as difficulty swallowing, acute respiratory failure, major functional disability responsible for the discontinuation of physical activity
- other treatments have been unsuccessful or are contraindicated; AND
- given concomitantly with either glucocorticoids or other immunosuppressive therapy (e.g. azathioprine, cyclosporine)

When immune globulin is used to bridge immunosuppressive therapies, immune globulin is only covered until the immunosuppressive therapy takes effect, and the patient is:

- unable to use or tolerate glucocorticoid therapy; AND
- being started on immunosuppressive therapies, such as azathioprine, mycophenolate, or cyclosporine

Eaton-Lambert syndrome

- The patient has failed, has a contraindication to, or has an intolerance to cholinesterase inhibitors used in combination with guanidine or an aminopyridine; AND
- The patient has failed, has a contraindication to, or has an intolerance to corticosteroid therapy and immunosuppressive therapy (e.g. azathioprine, cyclosporine)



Polyneuropathy (chronic inflammatory demyelinating)

- The patient had a progressive or relapsing course of disease over at least 2 months; AND
- The patient has abnormal or absent deep tendon reflexes in upper or lower limbs; AND
- Baseline strength and weakness (and current strength and weakness for continuation requests) is documented in the patient's medical record using an objective clinical measuring tool (e.g. INCAT, MRC, 6-minute timed walking test, Rankin, Modified Rankin);
- Electrodiagnostic testing indicates demyelination, documented by the following demvelination criteria:
- partial motor conduction block in two or more motor nerves or in one nerve plus one other demyelination criterion listed in (b)-(g) in one or more other nerves; b. distal CMAP duration increase in one or more nerves plus one other demyelination criterion listed in (a) or (c)-(g) in one or more other nerves; c. abnormal temporal dispersion conduction must be present in two or more motor nerves; d. reduced conduction velocity in two or more motor nerves; e. prolonged distal motor latency in two or more motor nerves; f. absent F wave in two or more motor nerves plus one other demyelination criterion listed in (a)-(e) or (g) in one or more other nerves; or prolonged F wave latency in two or more motor nerves

Multifocal motor neuropathy

- The patient has progressive, symptomatic multifocal motor neuropathy (characterized limb weakness or motor involvement having a motor nerve distribution in at least two nerves); AND
- Electrophysiological findings rule out other possible conditions that may not respond to immune globulin; AND
- Baseline strength and weakness (and current strength and weakness for continuation requests) is documented in the patient's medical record using an objective clinical measuring tool (e.g. INCAT, MRC, 6-minute timed walking test, Rankin, Modified Rankin)

Stiff-man syndrome

- Patient must have severe active illness, defined as; patient is positive for anti-glutamic acid decarboxylase (GAD) antibody
- A baseline physical examination is documented in the medical record
- Other treatment interventions have been unsuccessful or intolerable, meaning the patient failed, has a contraindication, or intolerance to:
 - two or more benzodiazepine therapies; and
 - baclofen; and
 - corticosteroid therapy



Continuation Criteria:

- Each continuation request for immune globulin previously approved by Priority Health must include clinical progress notes providing the patient's response to immune globulin
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.

Guillain-Barre syndrome

- A maximum of two doses are covered for this diagnosis (1 initial dose & 1 continuation dose); AND
- The second dose is covered when the patient has an inadequate response to the first dose of immune globulin and will be given within 3 weeks of the first dose.

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Immune Globulin

Approved Diagnosis:

- Dermatomyositis
- Polymyositis
- Systemic sclerosis dermatomyositis overlap syndrome
- Kawasaki disease
- severe vasculitic syndrome

Approval Timeframe:

- Initial authorization: to be determined by clinical reviewer, up to 1 year
- Continuation authorization: to be determined by clinical reviewer, up to 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis. Dose approved will be based on adjusted body weight if

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Initial Criteria:

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- Documentation of the patient's current weight; AND
- Must provide documentation of previous treatment failures; AND

Dermatomyositis and Polymyositis

- A baseline physical examination is documented in the medical record
- The condition is confirmed by biopsy; AND
- The patient has severe active disease state; AND
- The patient has muscle weakness in all upper and/or lower limbs; AND
- The patient failed, has a contraindication to, or intolerance to corticosteroid therapy; AND
- The patient failed, has a contraindication to, or intolerance to immunosuppressive therapies, such as azathioprine

Systemic sclerosis dermatomyositis overlap syndrome

- The patient failed, has a contraindication to, or intolerance to corticosteroid therapy; AND
- The patient failed, has a contraindication to, or intolerance to immunosuppressive therapies, such as azathioprine, methotrexate, cyclophosphamide, and cyclosporine; AND
- The prescriber must indicate in advance what objective clinical endpoints will be used to determine efficacy of immune globulin therapy (Priority Health will use this criteria to evaluate ongoing effectiveness of treatment.

Kawasaki disease

- Fever is present in patient for at least 5 days; AND
- Treatment is initiated within 10 days of onset of fever; AND
- Concomitant aspirin treatment be given with immune globulin

Severe vasculitic syndrome

- Provider must specify which syndrome the patient has:
 - systemic (polyarteritis nodosa)
 - Churg-Strauss Vasculitis
 - livedoid vasculitis (atrophie blanche)

Continuation Criteria:

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Dermatomyositis and Polymyositis

A baseline physical examination is documented in the medical record. Requests for continuation of therapy must show documented improvement over baseline per physical exam and improvement in CPK.

Additional Information:

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Immune Globulin

Approved Diagnosis:

- Toxic epiderma necrolysis
- Stevens-Johnson Syndrome, with or without toxic epidermal necrolysis overlap syndrome
- Pyoderma gangrenosum, but only when the patient:
 - failed, has a contraindication to, or intolerance to corticosteroid therapy
 - failed, has a contraindication to, or intolerance to cyclosporine
 - first tried two of the following other treatments:
 - conventional immunosuppressive medications (in addition to cvclosporine)
 - Dapsone
 - minocycline
 - TNF-alpha inhibitors
- Autoimmune mucocutaneous blistering disease
- Mucous membrane pemphigold without ocular involvement Mucous membrane pemphigold with ocular involvement
- Epidermolysis bullosa
- linear IgA dermatosis

Approval Timeframe:

- Initial authorization: to be determined by clinical reviewer, up to 1 year
- Continuation authorization: to be determined by clinical reviewer, up to 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis. Dose approved will be based on adjusted body weight if

- BMI is 30 kg/m2; or
- if actual body weight is 20% higher than his or her ideal body weight (IBW)

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Xembify

Initial Criteria:

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- Documentation of the patient's current weight; AND
- Must provide documentation of previous treatment failures; AND
- A baseline physical examination is documented in the medical record (requests for continuation of therapy must show documented improvement over baseline per physical exam); AND
- The patient's condition:
 - is rapidly progressing, extensive, or debilitating; and
 - has been confirmed by a biopsy; AND
- The patient failed, has a contraindication to, or intolerance to corticosteroid therapy; AND
- The patient failed, has a contraindication to, or intolerance to immunosuppressive therapies, such as azathioprine

- Each continuation request for immune globulin previously approved by Priority Health must include clinical progress notes providing the patient's response to immune globulin
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Kanuma (sebelipase alfa)	J2840	Approved Diagnosis: Iysosomal acid lipase (LAL) deficiency Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 1 year Continuation authorization: 2 years Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none Age Limitation: none Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis Initial Criteria: Documentation of diagnosis of Wolman disease or Cholesteryl ester storage disease (CESD) (later-onset disease) Diagnosis must be confirmed by genetic testing with evidence of LIPA mutation (genetic testing results must be submitted) Continuation Criteria: Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy. Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.
Kimyrsa (oritavancin)	J2406	Approved Diagnosis:



Korsuva (difelikefalin acetate)	J0879	Approved Diagnosis: moderate to severe, treatment-resistant pruritis in patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD)
		Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 3 months Continuation authorization: 1 year
		Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none
		Age Limitation: none
		<u>Dose & Frequency:</u> Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis
		Initial Criteria: Documentation confirming diagnosis of moderate to severe, treatment-resistant pruritis in patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD) on hemodialysis at least 3 days per week; AND Documentation showing any existing hyperparathyroidism, hyperphosphatemia, and/or hypermagnesemia has been treated to optimal target values; AND Must first have a therapeutic trial and failure of at least 4 weeks with THREE of the following therapies: topical analgesic (e.g. capsaicin, pramoxine) oral antihistamine (e.g. hydroxyzine, diphenhydramine) gabapentin or pregabalin montelukast Phototherapy (UVA or UVB)
		Continuation Criteria:
		 Documentation confirming diagnosis of moderate to severe, treatment-resistant pruritis in patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD) on hemodialysis at least 3 days per week; AND
		 Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.



Approved Diagnosis: J2507 **Krystexxa** treatment-failure gout (TFG) (pegloticase) **Approval Timeframe:** Initial authorization: 3 months Continuation authorization: 1 year **Prescriber Specialty Requirement:** none Age Limitation: none **Dose & Frequency:** Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis **Initial Criteria:** Documentation confirming diagnosis of chronic, treatment-failure gout (TFG) Patient must have three or more flares in the last 12 months Patient must first try allopurinol using a daily dose of 900 mg for 6 months (or probenecid or febuxostat if allopurinol is contraindicated) and be unable to maintain a serum uric acid level less than or equal to 6 mg/dL Patient must have gout tophus or gouty arthritis Patient has tried lifestyle modifications such as reduced alcohol consumption, discontinuing or changing other medications known to precipitate gout attacks when possible); AND Patient must not have: unstable angina 0 uncontrolled arrhythmia non-compensated heart failure uncontrolled blood pressure (a blood pressure higher than 150/95 mmHg) received an organ transplant glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency a need to receive dialysis **Continuation Criteria:** After 3 months of Krystexxa therapy, the patient's serum uric acid level must remain at or below 6ma/dL Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy. **Additional Information:** This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.



Leqvio (inclisiran)

J1306

Approved Diagnosis:

- Heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH)
- Very high risk clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD)

Approval Timeframe:

- Initial authorization: 1 year
- Continuation authorization:

<u>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</u> Must be prescribed by a cardiologist, endocrinologist, or board-certified lipidologist

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Documentation confirming one of the following diagnoses:
 - Heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH) confirmed by one or more of the following:
 - Genetic testing
 - Score of "Definite Familial Hypercholesterolemia" on the Simon-Broome criteria
 - Score greater than 8 based on the WHO Dutch Lipid Clinic Network diagnostic criteria
 - Very high risk clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) defined by the 2018 AHA/ACC Guideline on the Management of Blood Cholesterol; AND
- Patient's most recent LDL-C laboratory report must be submitted with authorization request
- Must try and fail two formulary PCSK9 inhibitors (Repatha AND Praluent)
- Requires documentation of compliant use with at least one high-intensity statin
 (rosuvastatin at least 20 mg daily or atorvastatin at least 40 mg daily) in combination with
 ezetimibe for at least 8 consecutive weeks with failure to achieve LDL-C less than 70
 mg/dL in patients with history of CVD, or LDL-C less than 100 mg/dL in patients without
 history of CVD
 - o If one high-intensity statin is not tolerated, a trial of a second statin is required
- Patient must continue to receive maximally tolerated statin therapy or have a contraindication to, or intolerance of, statin therapy
- Patient must not be using in combination with a PCSK9 inhibitor, Nexletol (bempedoic acid), or Nexlizet (bempedoic acid/ezetimibe)

Continuation Criteria:

 Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.

Additional Information:

 This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered in an outpatient hospital infusion center.



Lucentis (ranibizumab)

J2778

Approved Diagnosis:

- Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD)
- Macular edema following retinal vein occlusion (RVO)
- Diabetic macular edema (DME)
- Diabetic retinopathy (DR)
- Myopic Choroidal Neovascularization (mCNV)

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 1 yearContinuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis
- Patients currently receiving treatment with Lucentis and who have demonstrated an adequate response are not required to try Avastin.

Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD):

- Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid
 - Avastin is not required if patient has serous pigment epithelial detachment (PED), hemorrhagic PED, subretinal hemorrhage, or posterior uveal bleeding syndrome.

Macular edema following retinal vein occlusion (RVO)

Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid

Diabetic macular edema (DME)

Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid

Diabetic retinopathy (DR)

 Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid

Myopic Choroidal Neovascularization (mCNV)

 Lucentis for mCNV may be authorized for a maximum of 1 injection per month up to a maximum of 3 months

Continuation Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis
- Documentation showing the disease response as indicated by
 - o stabilization of visual acuity, or
 - o improvement in BCVA score when compared to baseline.
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.



Lumizyme (alglucosidase alfa)

J0221

Approved Diagnosis:

· Pompe disease

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 3 monthsContinuation authorization: 1 year

<u>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</u> must be prescribed by or in consultation with a physician who specializes in the treatment of inherited metabolic disorders.

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis of Pompe disease (acid alpha-glucosidase [GAA] deficiency) that is supported by enzyme assay or DNA testing (documentation must be submitted)
- Documentation of patient's current weight
- Documented baseline values for one or more of the following:
 - Infantile-onset disease: muscle weakness, motor function, respiratory function, cardiac involvement, percent predicted forced vital capacity (FVC), and/or 6minute walk test (6MWT); OR
 - o Late-onset (non-infantile) disease: FVC and/or 6 MWT

Continuation Criteria:

Continuation criteria only applies if the member is not able to safely receive the medication by home infusion,

- Documentation that patient cannot safely receive the medication by home infusion; AND
- Documentation confirming diagnosis of Pompe disease (acid alpha-glucosidase [GAA] deficiency) that is supported by enzyme assay or DNA testing (documentation must be submitted); AND
- · Documentation of patient's current weight; AND
- Patient has demonstrated a beneficial response to therapy compared to pretreatment baseline in one or more of the following: (Baseline and current values must be submitted)
 - Infantile-onset disease: muscle weakness, motor function, respiratory function, cardiac involvement, percent predicted forced vital capacity (FVC), and/or 6minute walk test (6MWT); OR
 - Late-onset (non-infantile) disease: FVC and/or 6 MWT; AND
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.

- This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered by home infusion. Home infusion agencies must bill the drug to the pharmacy benefit. Note: if this medication is new to the patient, Priority Health may cover up to 3 months of treatment at an outpatient hospital infusion center until safety has been established.
- For adult patients, doses should be rounded down to the nearest vial size within 10% of the calculated dose
- Lumizyme will not be covered in combination with Nexviazyme®



Macugen (pegaptanib sodium)	J2503	Approved Diagnosis: Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD)
,		Approval Timeframe:
		Initial authorization: 1 yearContinuation authorization: 1 year
		Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none
		Age Limitation: none
		<u>Dose & Frequency:</u> Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis
		Initial Criteria: Documentation confirming Diagnosis of Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD): Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
		effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid Avastin is not required if patient has serous pigment epithelial detachment (PED), hemorrhagic PED, subretinal hemorrhage, or posterior uveal bleeding syndrome Patients currently receiving treatment with Macugen and who have
		demonstrated an adequate response and who started within the immediate three months are not required to try Avastin
		Continuation Criteria:
		Disease response as indicated by: stabilization of visual acuity or
		 improvement in BCVA score when compared to baseline.
		 Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred
		after initiation of drug therapy.



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Naglazyme (galsulfase)	J1458	Approved Diagnosis: • Maroteaux-Lamy syndrome
(gareanace)		Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 6 months Continuation authorization: 1 year
		Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none
		Age Limitation: none
		<u>Dose & Frequency:</u> Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis
		Initial Criteria: Documentation confirming diagnosis of Maroteaux-Lamy syndrome, AND Documentation of the patient's current weight
		Continuation Criteria: Continuation criteria only applies if the member is not able to safely receive the medication by home infusion;
		 Documentation that patient cannot safely receive the medication by home infusion; AND Documentation confirming diagnosis; AND Documentation of patient's current weight; AND
		 Documentation showing the patient has demonstrated a beneficial response to therapy by at least one of the following: Disease stabilization
		o Improvement in 12-minute walk test
		Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 – Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered by home infusion. Home infusion agencies must bill the drug to the pharmacy benefit. Note: if this medication is new to the patient, Priority Health may cover up to 3 months of treatment at an outpatient hospital infusion center until safety has been established.



Nexviazyme
(avalglucosidase
alfa-ngpt)

J0219

Approved Diagnosis:

• late-onset Pompe disease

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 3 monthsContinuation authorization: 1 year

<u>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</u> must be prescribed by or in consultation with a physician who specializes in the treatment of inherited metabolic disorders.

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis of late-onset Pompe disease (acid alphaglucosidase[GAA] deficiency) that is supported by enzyme assay or DNA testing (documentation must be submitted)
- Documentation of patient's current weight
- Documented baseline values for FVC and/or 6 MWT

Continuation Criteria:

Continuation criteria only applies if the member is not able to safely receive the medication by home infusion;

- Documentation that the patient cannot safely receive the medication by home infusion
- Documentation confirming diagnosis of late-onset Pompe disease (acid alphaglucosidase[GAA] deficiency) that is supported by enzyme assay or DNA testing (documentation must be submitted)
- Patient has demonstrated a beneficial response to therapy compared to pretreatment baselinein FVC and/or 6 MWT (Baseline and current values must be submitted)
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.

- This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered by home infusion. Home infusion agencies must bill the drug to the pharmacy benefit. Note: if this medication is new to the patient, Priority Health may cover up to 3 months of treatment at an outpatient hospital infusion center until safety has been established.
- For adult patients, doses should be rounded down to the nearest vial size within 10% of the calculated dose.
- Nexviazyme® will not be covered in combination with Lumizyme®



Nplate (romiplostim)	J2796	Approved Diagnosis:
		Approval Timeframe:
		 Initial authorization: 3 months Continuation authorization: 1 year
		Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none
		Age Limitation: none
		<u>Dose & Frequency:</u> Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis
		Initial Criteria: Documentation confirming diagnosis; AND
		Documentation of the patient's current weight
		 Chronic immune (idiopathic) thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP) platelet count <30,000/microL; AND
		significant bleeding symptoms
		severe, persistent or recurrent ITP • platelet count <20,000/microL; AND
		 an insufficient response to corticosteroids, immunoglobulin, or splenectomy, OR patient is not a candidate for splenectomy or immunoglobulin therapy
		Continuation Criteria: Documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
		 Documentation comming diagnosis, AND Documentation of patient's current weight, AND Documentation showing the patient has demonstrated a beneficial response to therapy
		by one of the following: O Platelet count has increased to at least 50,000/microL; OR
		 If platelet count is less than 50,000/microL, must have documented response to therapy (i.e., reduction in clinically significant bleeding events)
		Additional Information:
		 Nplate (romiplostim) is not covered in combination with another thrombopoietin receptor agonist [e.g., Promacta (eltrombopag)] AND cannot be used in an attempt to normalize platelet counts



Nulibry (fosdenopterin hydrobromide)	C9399 J3490	Approved Diagnosis: Reduce the risk of mortality in patients with molybdenum cofactor deficiency (MoCD) Type A Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 6 months Continuation authorization: 12 months Prescriber Specialty Requirement: specialist in inborn errors of metabolism Age Limitation: none Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis Initial Criteria: Documentation must be submitted confirming diagnosis of MoCD Type A by genetic testing Must be prescribed by a specialist in inborn errors of metabolism Continuation Criteria: Documentation of a positive clinical response to Nulibry (neurological function, gross motor function, developmental milestones, etc.) Documentation showing patient is tolerating therapy Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.
Ocrevus (ocrelizumab)	J2350	Approved Diagnosis:
Ocrevus Zunovo (ocrelizumab and hyaluronidase-ocsq)	J2351	Approval Timeframe:



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Omvoh (mirikizumab-mrkz)	J2267	Approved Diagnosis: Ulcerative Colitis
,		Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 3 months (3 doses) Continuation authorization: N/A
		<u>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</u> Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist
		Age Limitation: Must be age 18 years or older
		<u>Dose & Frequency:</u> Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis
		Initial Criteria:
		 Documentation confirming diagnosis of moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis (UC); AND
		 Must have a documented trial and documented therapeutic failure with Humira; AND Must provide documentation of patient's current weight
		Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.
		 When used for ulcerative colitis, three IV induction doses given at weeks 0, 4, and 8 will be covered under the medical benefit. Subsequent maintenance doses will be covered under the pharmacy benefit. Refer to the Medicaid Approved Drug List for coverage



Onpattro
(patisiran)

J0222

Approved Diagnosis:

• Hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis (hATTR) with polyneuropathy

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 12 monthsContinuation authorization: 12 months

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: Must be age 18 years or older

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis must be submitted; AND
- Genetic testing confirms a transthyretin (TTR) mutation (e.g., V30M); AND
- Must have presence of clinical signs and symptoms of the condition (e.g., motor disability, peripheral/autonomic neuropathy, etc.); AND
- Must have documentation of one of the following:
 - o Baseline polyneuropathy disability (PND) score ≤ IIIb
 - o Baseline FAP Stage 1 or 2; AND
- Patient is not receiving Onpattro in combination with tafamidis (Vyndaqel, Vyndamax),
 Wainua, Amvuttra or Tegsedi; AND
- Patient has not had a liver transplant

Continuation Criteria:

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
- Documentation that the patient continues to have one of the following:
 - o Polyneuropathy disability (PND) score ≤ IIIb, or
 - o FAP Stage 1 or 2; AND
- Documentation that the patient has experienced a positive clinical response to Onpattro compared to baseline (e.g., improved neurologic improvement, motor function, quality of life, slowing of disease progression); AND
- Patient is not receiving Onpattro in combination with tafamidis (Vyndaqel, Vyndamax) or Tegsedi; AND
- Patient has not had a prior liver transplant

Additional Information:

 This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.



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Opfolda (miglustat)	J1202	Approved Diagnosis:
Orbactiv (oritavancin)	J2407	Approved Diagnosis: Acute bacterial skin and skin structure infection (ABSSSI) Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 1 month Continuation authorization: N/A Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none Age Limitation: 18 years or older Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis Initial Criteria: Documentation of culture and sensitivity results must be sent to Priority Health showing the patient's infection is not susceptible to alternative antibiotic treatments Must have documented methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) acute bacterial skin and skin structure infection (ABSSSI) that is resistant to all other MRSA sensitive antibiotics or be unable to tolerate alternatives.



Orencia IV (abatacept)

J0129

Approved Diagnosis:

- Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)
- Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (PJIA)
- Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA)
- Prophylaxis of acute graft versus host disease (aGVHD)

Approval Timeframe:

- Initial authorization: 2 years
- Continuation authorization: 2 years

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation:

- RA: age 18 years and older
- PJIA: age 2 years and older
- PsA: age 18 years and older
- aGVHD: age 2 years and older

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) & Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA)

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
- Must provide the patient's current weight, AND
- Must have a documented trial and documented therapeutic failure with infliximab

Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
- Must provide patient's current weight

Prophylaxis of acute graft versus host disease (aGVHD)

- must be used in combination with a calcineurin inhibitor and methotrexate; AND
- the member is undergoing hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) from a matched or 1 allele-mismatched unrelated-donor

Continuation Criteria:

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
- Must provide the patient's current weight, AND
- Must provide documentation showing the patient has experienced improvement or maintained stable clinical status
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.

- The subcutaneous form of this drug will not be covered under the medical benefit. Refer to the Approved Drug List (ADL) for coverage under the pharmacy benefit.
- This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.



Approved Diagnosis: J0224 **Oxlumo** Primary Hyperoxaluria Type 1 (PH1) with AGXT (alanine:glyoxylate aminotransferase (lumasiran) gene) mutation Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 12 months Continuation authorization: 12 months Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none Age Limitation: none Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis **Initial Criteria:** Documentation must be submitted confirming diagnosis of PH1 with AGXT mutation Patient must not have history of kidney or liver transplant Documentation showing the patient has made efforts to increase fluid intake to at least 3 L/m2 BSA per day. Patient has completed a trial of at least 3 consecutive months with pyridoxine resulting in no significant improvement observed (e.g. <30% reduction in urine oxalate concentration after at least 3 months of therapy) **Continuation Criteria:** Documentation must be submitted confirming diagnosis of PH1 with AGXT mutation Patient must not have history of kidney or liver transplant Documentation that the patient is tolerating therapy and there was an improvement in urinary oxalate excretion from baseline. Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy. **Additional Information:** This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.



Pavblu (aflibercept-ayyh)

Q5147

Approved Diagnosis:

- Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD)
- Macular edema following retinal vein occlusion (RVO)
- Diabetic macular edema (DME)
- Diabetic retinopathy
- Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 1 year

Continuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis
- Patients currently receiving treatment with Pavblu and who have demonstrated an adequate response are not required to try Avastin

Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD):

- Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
 effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid
 - Avastin is not required if patient has serous pigment epithelial detachment (PED), hemorrhagic PED, subretinal hemorrhage, or posterior uveal bleeding syndrome

Macular edema following retinal vein occlusion (RVO)

Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid

Diabetic macular edema (DME) with baseline visual acuity 20/50 or worse

 Documentation of baseline best-corrected visual acuity (BCVA) score must be included with request

Diabetic macular edema (DME) with baseline visual acuity better than 20/50

Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid

Diabetic retinopathy

Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid

Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)

• Diagnosis of Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)

Continuation Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis
- Documentation showing the disease response as indicated by:
 - o stabilization of visual acuity, or
 - o improvement in BCVA score when compared to baseline



PiaSky (crovalimab-akkz)	J1307	Approved Diagnosis: Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria (PNH)
		Approval Timeframe:
		Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none
		Age Limitation: 13 years or older
		<u>Dose & Frequency:</u> Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis
		Initial Criteria: Patient must have a body weight of >40 kg Documentation must be submitted confirming diagnosis of PNH by both of the following: Flow cytometry analysis confirming presence of PNH clones AND Laboratory results, signs, and/or symptoms attributed to PNH (e.g. LDH >1.5 × ULN, Hb <10 g/dL, abdominal pain, anemia, dyspnea, extreme fatigue, unexplained/unusual thrombosis, etc.)
		Continuation Criteria: Documentation of positive clinical response to PiaSky therapy including an increased or stabilization of Hb levels, reduction in transfusions, or improvement in hemolysis.
		Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered by home infusion. Home infusion agencies must bill the drug to the pharmacy benefit. Note: if this medication is new to the patient, Priority Health may cover up to 3 months of treatment at an outpatient hospital infusion center until safety has been established. PiaSky will not be covered in combination with another complement inhibitor for the treatment of PNH (Empaveli, Soliris, Ultomiris, Fabhalta, Voydeya)



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J1203

Approved Diagnosis:

late-onset Pompe disease

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 1 yearContinuation authorization: 1 year

<u>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</u> Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a specialist for the condition (such as genetic and metabolic specialist, neurologist, cardiologist, pediatrician)

Age Limitation: 18 years or older

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Must have a diagnosis of late-onset Pompe disease (LOPD) that is supported by enzyme assay or DNA testing (supporting documentation must be submitted to Priority Health)
- Documentation of the patient's current weight must be submitted
- Documentation of baseline percent-predicted forced vital capacity (FVC) and 6-minute walk test (6MWT) must be submitted
- Pombiliti must be used in combination with Opfolda
- Patient must not require the use of invasive or noninvasive ventilation support for > 6 hours/day while awake

Continuation Criteria:

 Documentation of response to therapy, as evidenced by an improvement, stabilization, or slowing of progression of percent-predicted FVC and/or 6MWT

- This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered in an outpatient hospital infusion center.
- Pombiliti is not covered in combination with Lumizyme or Nexviazyme



Prolia (denosumab)

J0897

Approved Diagnosis:

- Osteoporosis
- Increase bone mass in patients with cancer

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 1 yearContinuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Must have a diagnosis of osteoporosis (a person assigned male at birth or
 postmenopausal person assigned female at birth with T-score of ≤-2.5 or T-score > -2.5
 with fragility fracture); AND
 - Must have a documented treatment failure or ineffective response** to a minimum of a 12-month trial with an oral bisphosphonate (e.g., alendronate, risedronate or ibandronate) OR zoledronic acid (generic Reclast); OR
 - Must have a documented contraindication* to BOTH oral bisphosphonates (e.g., alendronate, risedronate or ibandronate) AND zoledronic acid (generic Reclast); OR
- Must have prostate cancer and used to increase bone mass in a person assigned male at birth taking androgen deprivation therapy or have breast cancer and used to increase bone mass in a person assigned female at birth taking adjuvant aromatase inhibitor therapy; AND
 - Must have a documented treatment failure or ineffective response** to a minimum of a 12-month trial with an oral bisphosphonate (e.g., alendronate, risedronate or ibandronate) OR zoledronic acid (generic Reclast); OR
 - Must have a documented contraindication* to BOTH oral bisphosphonates (e.g., alendronate, risedronate or ibandronate) AND zoledronic acid (generic Reclast)

*Contraindication to oral bisphosphonate therapy include the following:

- Documented inability to sit or stand upright for at least 30 minutes; OR
- Documented pre-existing gastrointestinal disorder such as inability to swallow, esophageal stricture, or achalasia

**Ineffective response is defined as one of the following:

- Decrease in T-score in comparison to previous T-score from DEXA scan; OR
- New fracture while on therapy

Continuation Criteria:

- Must have a positive clinical response to Prolia as one of the following:
 - o T-score is stable or improved while using Prolia; **OR**
 - o No new fractures have occurred while using Prolia; AND
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.

- This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered in an outpatient hospital infusion center.
- Prolia is not covered in combination with other injectable drugs for the treatment of osteoporosis (e.g., Evenity, Tymlos, Forteo).



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Qutenza (capsaicin)	J7336	Approved Diagnosis: Neuropathic pain associated with postherpetic neuropathy Pain associated with diabetic peripheral neuropathy Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 1 year Continuation authorization: 1 year Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none Age Limitation: age 18 years or older Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis Initial Criteria: Must have tried ALL the following for at least a period of 3 months Gabapentin Lyrica One generic tricyclic antidepressant (amitriptyline, amoxapine, doxepin, imipramine, nortriptyline, protriptyline, or trimipramine) Oxycodone CR or morphine CR or Lidocaine 5% Patch
Radicava (edaravone)	J1301	Approved Diagnosis:



Reblozyl (luspatercept-aamt)	J0896	Approved Diagnosis:
Remodulin (treprostinil)	J3285	Approved Diagnosis:



Rethymic (allogeneic processed thymus tissue-agdc)	C9399 J3590	Approved Diagnosis:
Rezzayo (rezafungin)	J0349	Approved Diagnosis: Candidemia invasive candidiasis Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: Maximum of 4 weeks Continuation authorization: N/A Prescriber Specialty Requirement: Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, an oncologist, infectious disease specialists, or an internal medicine specialists Age Limitation: 18 years or older Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis Initial Criteria: Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis: Must have documentation of culture & sensitivities that support that the patient has limited or no alternative options for the treatment of candidemia and invasive candidiasis, including ruling out the use of oral fluconazole Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.



 Documentation showing lesions (external and/or internal) and symptoms are present Continuation Criteria: Continuation criteria only applies if the member is not able to safely receive the medication by home infusion Documentation that patient cannot safely receive the medication by home infusion Documentation of improvement in the number and/or size of lesions Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy. Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414- Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered by home infusion. Home infusion agencies must bill the drug to the pharmacy benefit. Note: if this medication is 			
	(plasminogen,	J2998	 Plasminogen deficiency type 1 (hypoplasminogenemia) Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 12 weeks Continuation authorization: 12 months Prescriber Specialty Requirement: Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist Age Limitation: none Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis Initial Criteria: Genetic testing confirming diagnosis of PLGD type 1 (supporting documentation must be submitted to Priority Health) Documentation of patient's baseline plasminogen activity level (≤45%) must be submitted Documentation showing lesions (external and/or internal) and symptoms are present Continuation Criteria: Continuation criteria only applies if the member is not able to safely receive the medication by home infusion Documentation that patient cannot safely receive the medication by home infusion Documentation of improvement in the number and/or size of lesions Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy. Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414- Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered by home infusion. Home infusion agencies must bill the drug to the pharmacy benefit. Note: if this medication is new to the patient, Priority Health may cover up to 3 months of treatment at an outpatient



Rystiggo (rozanolixizumabnoli)

J9333

Approved Diagnosis:

generalized Myasthenia Gravis (gMG)

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 6 months

Continuation authorization: 12 months

Prescriber Specialty Requirement:

Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis:
 - Anti-acetylcholine receptor antibody [AChR-Ab]; OR
 - Anti-muscle-specific tyrosine kinase [MuSK] anti-body positive disease; AND
- Documentation of Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America (MGFA) Clinical Classification Class II-IV; AND
- Documentation of Myasthenia Gravis Activities of Daily Living (MG-ADL) total score greater than or equal to 3; AND
- Documentation of baseline quantitative myasthenia gravis (QMG) total score; AND
- Documentation of progressive disease on a therapeutic trial of at least TWO of the following over the course of at least 12 months:
 - Azathioprine
 - cyclosporine
 - mycophenolate mofetil
 - tacrolimus
 - methotrexate
 - cyclophosphamide; AND
- Patient has required 2 or more courses of plasamapheresis / plasma exchanges and/or intravenous immune globulin for at least 12 months without symptom control; AND
- Documented trial and clinical failure of Vyvgart IV (may bypass if MuSK anti-body positive)

Continuation Criteria:

- . Must have documented response as evidenced by BOTH of the following:
 - Improved MG-ADL total score from baseline (≥ a 2-point reduction)
 - Improved (QMG) total score from baseline (≥ a 3-point improvement)

- This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.
- Rystiggo will not be covered in combination with Intravenous/Subcutaneous Immune Globulin, Soliris, Ultomiris, or Vyvgart.



Scenesse (afamelanotide implant)	J7352	Approved Diagnosis:
Signifor LAR (pasireotide)	J2502	Approved Diagnosis:



Simponi ARIA (golimumab)

J1602

Approved Diagnosis:

- Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)
- Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (PJIA)
- Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA)
- Ankylosing Spondylitis (AS)

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 2 years

Continuation authorization: 2 years

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: age 2 years or older

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
- Must provide the patient's current weight, AND
- Must have a documented trial and documented therapeutic failure with infliximab

Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (PJIA)

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
- Must provide patient's current weight

Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA)

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
- Must provide patient's current weight, AND
- Must have a documented trial and documented therapeutic failure with infliximab

Ankylosing Spondylitis (AS)

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
- Must provide patient's current weight, AND
- Must have a documented trial and documented therapeutic failure with infliximab

Continuation Criteria:

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
- Must provide the patient's current weight, AND
- Must provide documentation showing the patient has experienced improvement or maintained stable clinical status

- The subcutaneous form of this drug will not be covered under the medical benefit. Refer to the Approved Drug List (ADL) for coverage under the pharmacy benefit.
- This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.



Sivextro IV (tedizolid)	J3090	Approved Diagnosis: • Bacterial skin and skin structure infections due to gram-positive organisms
, ,		Approval Timeframe: • Initial authorization: 6 doses
		Continuation authorization: N/A
		Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none
		Age Limitation: none
		<u>Dose & Frequency:</u> Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis
		Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis



Skyrizi IV (risankizumab-rzaa) J2327 Approved Diagnosis:
Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 2 months, total of 3 doses Continuation authorization: N/A Prescriber Specialty Requirement: prescribed by, or in consultation with, a gastroenterologist or rheumatologist Age Limitation: age 18 years or older Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis Initial Criteria: Documentation confirming diagnosis; AND Must have a documented trial and documented therapeutic failure with Humira Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center. When used for Crohn's disease OR Ulcerative Colitis, three IV induction doses will be covered under the medical benefit. Subsequent maintenance doses will only be covered
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Soliris (eculizumab)

J1299

Approved Diagnosis:

- Atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome (aHUS)
- Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH)
- Refractory generalized myasthenia gravis (MG)
- Neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD)

Approval Timeframe:

- Initial authorization: 6 months (12 weeks for myasthenia gravis)
- Continuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: see below

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

• Documentation confirming diagnosis

Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH)

- Must have flow cytometric confirmation ≥10% granulocyte clone cells; OR
- Have symptoms of thromboembolic complications (abdominal pain, shortness of breath, chest pain, end organ damage)

Atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome (aHUS)

 Shiga toxin-related HUS and Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (TTP) must be ruled out

Refractory generalized myasthenia gravis (MG)

- Must meet all the following criteria with documentation provided:
 - o Anti-acetylcholine receptor antibody (AChR-Ab) positive disease
 - Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America (MGFA) Clinical Classification Class
 II IV
 - Myasthenia Gravis Activities of Daily Living (MG-ADL) total score greater than or equal to 6
 - Provide baseline quantitative myasthenia gravis (QMG) total score
 - Progressive disease on a therapeutic trial of at least TWO or more of the following over the course of 12 months:
 - Azathioprine
 - Cyclosporine
 - mycophenolate mofetil
 - tacrolimus
 - methotrexate
 - cyclophosphamide
 - Patient has required 2 or more courses of plasamapheresis/plasma exchanges and/or intravenous immune globulin for at least 12 months without symptom control; AND
 - Patient has documented trial and clinical failure of Vyvgart; AND
 - o Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist

Neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD)

- Documentation confirming diagnosis of neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD)
- Must be anti-aquaporin-4 (AQP4) antibody positive (documentation must be provided)
- Must have had at least one attack requiring rescue therapy in the last year or two attacks requiring rescue therapy in the last 2 years.
- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist
- Must have progressive disease on a therapeutic trial of rituximab, inebilizumab (Uplizna)
 AND satralizumab (Enspryng).
- Expanded Disability Status Scale (EDSS*) score of ≤7.

Continuation Criteria:

Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH)

- Must have a decrease in disabling symptoms
- Hemoglobin levels must be stabilized
- Patient has experienced an improvement in fatigue and quality of life





Spravato	
(esketamine)	

S0013 C9399 J3490

Approved Diagnosis:

Treatment-resistant depression (TRD) in adults with major depressive disorder (MDD)

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 12 weeks

Continuation authorization: 6 months

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a psychiatrist

Age Limitation: age 18 years or older

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Treatment-resistant depression (TRD) in adults with major depressive disorder (MDD)

- Diagnosis of Major Depressive Disorder without psychotic features, with baseline score, prior to starting Spravato, from one of the following:
 - Baseline score on the 17-item Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression (HAMD17);
 - Baseline score on the 16-item Quick Inventory of Depressive Symptomatology (OIDS-C16): OR
 - Baseline score on the 10-item Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale (MADRS); AND
- Evidence of Treatment Resistant Depression defined as failure (no greater than 25% improvement in depression symptoms or scores) of at least:
 - Three different antidepressants, each from a different pharmacologic class (for example, selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors [SSRIs], serotoninnorepinephrine reuptake inhibitors [SNRIs], tricyclic antidepressants [TCAs], monoamine oxidase inhibitors [MAOIs], bupropion, mirtazapine, serotonin modulators) and each used at therapeutic dosages for at least 12 weeks in the current episode of depression, according to the prescribing physician; AND
 - One augmentation therapy for at least 6 weeks (includes but not limited to lithium, antipsychotics, or anticonvulsants). AND
- Spravato will be used in combination with at least one oral antidepressant that has not previously been tried; AND
- Spravato will be used with cognitive behavioral therapy or interpersonal psychotherapy weekly for at least 8 weeks of treatment.

Continuation Criteria:

- Must maintain an 85% adherence rate to therapy consisting of Spravato and at least one oral antidepressant, which will be verified based on Priority Health's medication fill history for the patient: AND
- Documentation of remission or a positive clinical response to Spravato; AND
- Submission of baseline and recent (within the last month) scoring on at least one of the following assessments demonstrating remission or clinical response (i.e., score reduction from baseline) as defined by the:
 - Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression (HAMD17; remission defined as a score of no greater than 7); OR
 - Quick Inventory of Depressive Symptomatology (QIDS-C16; remission defined as a score of no greater than 5); OR
 - Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale (MADRS; remission defined as a score of no greater than 12).

- Intolerance to an antidepressant or augmentative therapy is not considered a therapeutic failure.
- Therapy may be discontinued if the patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.



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Stelara IV (ustekinumab)	J3358	Approved Diagnosis:
Supprelin LA (histrelin acetate implant)	J9226	Approved Diagnosis: Central Precocious Puberty (CPP) Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 1 year Continuation authorization: 1 year Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none Age Limitation: Initial Criteria: Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis Initial Criteria: Documentation confirming diagnosis Continuation Criteria: Documentation confirming diagnosis Must provide documentation showing the patient has experienced improvement or maintained stable clinical status Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be given in an outpatient hospital infusion center. Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.



Syfovre (pegcetacoplan intravitreal injection)	J2781	Approved Diagnosis:
Sylvant (siltuximab)	J2860	Approved Diagnosis:



Synagis (palivizumab)

90378

Approved Diagnosis:

- Prematurity
- Chronic Lung Disease
- Heart Disease
- Neuromuscular Disease, congenital airway anomaly, or pulmonary abnormality
- Immunocompromised

Approval Timeframe:

- Initial authorization: maximum of 5 doses per RSV season (typically October 1 to May 1)
- Continuation authorization: will be determined by clinical reviewer

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: Patient must be age 24 months or younger

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

For patients age 0 to 12 months:

- Children who have not had a dose of Beyfortis[™] (nirsevimab) in the current RSV season;

 AND
- Mother did not receive vaccination against RSV in the 2nd or 3rd trimester; AND Prematurity
- Documentation confirming that patient was born at 28 weeks, 6 days gestation or earlier during their first RSV season

Chronic Lung Disease

- Documentation confirming that patient was born at 31 weeks, 6 days gestation or earlier
- Documentation confirming that patient required more than 21% oxygen for at least 28 days after birth
- NICU discharge summary must be included

Heart Disease

- Documentation confirming that patient has hemodynamically significant cyanotic CHD
- Documentation confirming that patient has acyanotic CHD and is receiving medication for CHF
- NICU discharge summary must be included

Neuromuscular Disease / Congenital Airway Anomaly / Pulmonary Abnormality

- Documentation confirming that disease impairs patient's ability to clear secretions from the lower airways
- Please note, routine use in cystic fibrosis and Down Syndrome is not recommended lmmunocompromised
- Documentation confirming that patient will be profoundly immunocompromised because
 of chemotherapy or other conditions during the RSV season.

For patients age 12 to 24 months:

Children who have not had a dose of Beyfortis™ (nirsevimab) in the current RSV season;
 AND

Chronic Lung Disease

- Documentation confirming that patient was born at 31 weeks, 6 days gestation or earlier
- Documentation confirming that patient required 28+ days of supplemental oxygen after birth
- Documentation that the patient continues to require medical support (supplemental oxygen, chronic corticosteroids, or diuretic therapy) within 6 months of the start of their second RSV season

Immunocompromised

Documentation confirming that patient will be profoundly immunocompromised because
of chemotherapy or other conditions during the RSV season.

Continuation Criteria:

Considered in a case by case basis. If any infant or young child receiving monthly Synagis
prophylaxis experiences a breakthrough RSV hospitalization, monthly prophylaxis should
be discontinued because of the extremely low likelihood of a second RSV hospitalization
in the same season (<0.5%).

- The recommended dose of Synagis is 15mg/kg body weight administered intramuscularly
- This medication may be approved under either the pharmacy benefit or the medical benefit (not both)



Tepezza (teprotumumab-trbw) Approval Timeframe: • Initial authorization: 6 months (total of 8 doses per lifetime) • Continuation authorization: N/A Prescriber Specialty Requirement: Prescriber must be (or working in consultation with) an ophthulmologist Age Limitation: Patient must be age 18 years or older Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis Initial Criteria: • Documentation confirming diagnosis of Grave's disease and documentation that the patient has active moderate to severe FED not sight-threatening but has an appreciable impact on daily file; with documentation of one or more of the following: • Documentation confirming diagnosis of Grave's disease and documentation that the patient has active moderate to severe FED not sight-threatening but has an appreciable impact on daily file; with documentation of one or more of the following: • Documentation or severe so fit-tissue involvement • Documentation or flaborator yeastla indicating that the patient is euthyroid prior to starting Tepezza therapy • Documentation of liboratory results indicating that the patient is euthyroid prior to starting Tepezza ferrapy • Documentation of liboratory results indicating that the patient is euthyroid prior to starting Tepezza ferrapy • Documentation of liboratory results indicating that the patient is euthyroid prior to starting Tepezza ferrapy • Documentation of liboratory results indicating that the patient is euthyroid prior to starting Tepezza ferrapy • Pailute of an adequate inclined a systemic indication and cosmetic soft insure area from your results indicating the properties of countain discrete following or irradiation of TED piot to the start of therapy: • Failute of an adequate rial of a systemic corticosteroid (a numbality dose of at least 60 mg), unless contrandicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced (e.g. poorly-controlled diabetes) • Additional Information: • The recommended dose is an intravenous infusion of 20 mg/kg every three weeks f



Testopel (testosterone 75mg pellet)

S0189 J3490

Approved Diagnosis:

- Hypogonadism
- Gender Dysphoria

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 1 yearContinuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

Hypogonadism

- Patient has evidence of hypogonadism, shown by both of the following:
 - Clinical signs and symptoms consistent with androgen deficiency (requests for coverage to treat fatigue and decreased libido with no other symptoms is not a covered benefit); AND
 - A serum total testosterone test result of 300 ng/dL or less on two different dates in the previous 12 months (lab results must be submitted with request);
 AND
- Must first try injectable testosterone enanthate or injectable testosterone cypionate (e.g.
 testosterone enanthate 150 to 200 mg every two weeks) for a minimum of two months
 with failure to improve symptoms and failure to increase total serum testosterone above
 300ng/dL
 - If patient experiences fluctuations in energy, mood, or libido, after two months or more, the dosage can be changed (e.g. testosterone enanthate 100 mg once a week); AND
- After a trial and failure with generic injectable testosterone, must then first try generic
 topical testosterone for a minimum of two months with failure to improve symptoms and
 failure to increase total serum testosterone above 300ng/dL

Gender Dysphoria

- Patient has been diagnosed with Gender Dysphoria and documentation of diagnosis must be submitted; AND
- Must have first tried generic injectable testosterone, either testosterone enanthate or testosterone cypionate; AND
- After a trial with generic injectable testosterone, must have then first tried generic topical testosterone

Continuation Criteria:

 Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.

Additional Information:

 "Needle phobia" or "needle fatigue" is not considered an intolerance or contraindication to injectable testosterone therapy.



Tezspire
(tezepelumab-ekko)

J2356

Approved Diagnosis:

add-on maintenance treatment of severe asthma

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 1 year Continuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: Patient must be 12 years or older

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Patient must not currently use tobacco products; AND
- Patient must have been compliant on all the following therapies for at least 3 months:
 - High-dose inhaled corticosteroid (ICS)
 - Long-acting beta agonist (LABA)
 - One additional asthma controller medication (e.g. leukotriene receptor antagonist, Spiriva); AND
- Patient must have had ≥ 2 asthma exacerbations in the previous year that required at least one of the following:
 - Systemic steroids (or an increase in the current steroid maintenance dose) for at least 3 days
 - Hospitalization and/or ED visit; AND
- Patient must have tried and failed one preferred biologic (Xolair, Dupixent,, Fasenra,
- Must not use in combination with other biologics (e.g., Nucala, Dupixent, Cinqair, or Xolair)

Continuation Criteria:

- Documentation showing patient has had a positive clinical response (e.g., decrease in exacerbation frequency, improvement in asthma symptoms, decrease in oral corticosteroid use); AND
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.

Additional Information:

Tezspire will not be covered in combination with other biologic drug therapy



Tofidence (tocilizumab-bavi)

Q5133

Approved Diagnosis:

- Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)
- Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (PJIA)
- Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (SJIA)
- Giant Cell Arteritis
- Cytokine Release Syndrome

Approval Timeframe:

- Initial authorization: 2 years
- Continuation authorization: 2 years

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: age 2 years or older

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
- Must provide the patient's current weight, AND
- Must have a documented trial and documented therapeutic failure with infliximab

Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (Polyarticular & Systemic)

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
- Must provide patient's current weight

Giant Cell Arteritis

· Patient has tried one systemic corticosteroid

Cytokine Release Syndrome

- Patient is experiencing a severe or life-threatening T-cell induced reaction; AND
- The IV formulation of Tofidence is being used for treatment; AND
- A maximum of 4 doses is requested

Continuation Criteria:

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
- Must provide the patient's current weight, AND
- Must provide documentation showing the patient has experienced improvement or maintained stable clinical status

- Any subcutaneous form of this drug will not be covered under the medical benefit. Refer
 to the Approved Drug List (ADL) for coverage under the pharmacy benefit.
- This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.



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Tremfya IV (guselkumab)	J1628	Approved Diagnosis: Ulcerative Colitis
		Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 2 months, total of 3 doses Continuation authorization: N/A
		Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none
		Age Limitation: Patient must be 18 years or older
		<u>Dose & Frequency:</u> Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis
		Initial Criteria:
		 Documentation confirming diagnosis of moderate to severe active ulcerative colitis; AND Must have a documented trial and documented therapeutic failure with Humira
		Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.
		 When used for Ulcerative Colitis, three IV induction doses will be covered under the medical benefit. Subsequent maintenance doses will only be covered under the pharmacy benefit – see Medicaid Approved Drug List for coverage details



Tyenne IV (tocilizumab-aazg)

Q5135

Approved Diagnosis:

- Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)
- Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (PJIA)
- Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (SJIA)
- Giant Cell Arteritis
- Cytokine Release Syndrome

Approval Timeframe:

- Initial authorization: 2 years
- Continuation authorization: 2 years

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: age 2 years or older

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
- Must provide the patient's current weight, AND
- Must have a documented trial and documented therapeutic failure with infliximab

Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (Polyarticular & Systemic)

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
- Must provide patient's current weight

Giant Cell Arteritis

· Patient has tried one systemic corticosteroid

Cytokine Release Syndrome

- Patient is experiencing a severe or life-threatening T-cell induced reaction; AND
- The IV formulation of Tyenne is being used for treatment; AND
- A maximum of 4 doses is requested

Continuation Criteria:

- Must provide documentation confirming diagnosis, AND
- Must provide the patient's current weight, AND
- Must provide documentation showing the patient has experienced improvement or maintained stable clinical status

- The subcutaneous form of this drug will not be covered under the medical benefit. Refer
 to the Approved Drug List (ADL) for coverage under the pharmacy benefit.
- This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.



Tysabri (natalizumab)	J2323	Approved Diagnosis: Relapsing—Remitting Multiple Sclerosis Crohn's disease
		Approval Timeframe:
		Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none
		Age Limitation: Patient must be 18 years or older
		<u>Dose & Frequency:</u> Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis
		Initial Criteria: Relapsing—Remitting Multiple Sclerosis Patient must have had a documented therapeutic trial and inadequate response to at least TWO other disease modifying therapies for MS, one of which must be: Glatiramer dimethyl fumarate fingolimod; OR teriflunomide
		Moderate to Severe active Crohn's disease Patient has prior use of corticosteroids; AND Patient must have a documented trial and documented therapeutic failure with both Humira and infliximab
		Must have a positive clinical response to Tysabri® as evidenced by experiencing disease stability or improvement Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.
		Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 – Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center. Tysabri will not be covered in combination with another biologic drug or in combination with other drugs for the treatment of Multiple Sclerosis (e.g., Ocrevus, Gilenya, Betaseron).





Ultomiris (ravulizumab-cwvz)

J1303

Approved Diagnosis:

- Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH)
- Atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome (aHUS)
- Refractory generalized myasthenia gravis (MG)
- Neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD)

Approval Timeframe:

• Initial authorization: 6 months

Continuation authorization: 1 year

<u>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</u> for refractory generalized myasthenia gravis (MG) only, must be prescribed by a neurologist

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH)

- Must have received meningococcal vaccine at least two weeks before starting Ultomiris treatment; AND
- Must have flow cytometric confirmation ≥10% granulocyte clone cells or have symptoms
 of thromboembolic complications (abdominal pain, shortness of breath, chest pain, end
 organ damage)

Atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome (aHUS)

- Must have received meningococcal vaccine at least two weeks before starting Ultomiris treatment; AND
- Shiga toxin-related HUS and Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (TTP) must be ruled out

Refractory generalized myasthenia gravis (MG)

- Anti-acetylcholine receptor antibody (AChR-Ab) positive disease; AND
- Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America (MGFA) Clinical Classification Class II IV;
 AND
- Myasthenia Gravis Activities of Daily Living (MG-ADL) total score greater than or equal to 6; AND
- Provide baseline quantitative myasthenia gravis (QMG) total score; AND
- Progressive disease on a therapeutic trial of at least TWO of the following over the course
 of at least 12 months: azathioprine, cyclosporine, mycophenolate mofetil, tacrolimus,
 methotrexate, cyclophosphamide; AND
- Patient has required 2 or more courses of plasamapheresis/plasma exchanges and/or intravenous immune globulin for at least 12 months without symptom control; AND
- Must have documented trial and clinical failure of Vyvgart;

Neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD)

- Documentation confirming diagnosis of neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD)
- Must be anti-aquaporin-4 (AQP4) antibody positive (documentation must be provided)
- Must have had at least one attack requiring rescue therapy in the last year or two attacks requiring rescue therapy in the last 2 years
- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist
- Must have progressive disease on a therapeutic trial of rituximab, inebilizumab (Uplizna)
 AND satralizumab (Enspryng).
- Expanded Disability Status Scale (EDSS*) score of ≤7



Continuation Criteria:

Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH)

- Must have a decrease disabling symptoms
- Hemoglobin levels must be stabilized
- Patient has experienced an improvement in fatigue and quality of life

Atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome (aHUS)

Must have decreased signs of thrombotic microangiopathy (normalization of platelet counts and LDH levels, reduction in serum creatinine)

Refractory generalized myasthenia gravis (MG)

Must have documented response as evidenced by BOTH of the following: improved MG-ADL total score from baseline, AND improved (QMG) total score from baseline.

Neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD)

Documentation of a decrease in relapse rate

- This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered by home infusion. Home infusion agencies must bill the drug to the pharmacy benefit. Note: if this medication is new to the patient, Priority Health may cover up to 3 months of treatment at an outpatient hospital infusion center until safety has been established.
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.
- Ultomiris will not be covered in combination with Soliris, Intravenous/subcutaneous Immune Globulin, Rystiggo, or Vyvgart



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Uplizna (inebilizumab-sdon)	J1823	Approved Diagnosis: • Neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD)
		Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 1 year Continuation authorization: 1 year
		Prescriber Specialty Requirement: Neurologist
		Age Limitation: none
		<u>Dose & Frequency:</u> Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis
		Initial Criteria: Documentation provided confirming diagnosis of NMOSD and anti-aquaporin-4 (AQP4) antibody positive Must have had at least one attack requiring rescue therapy in the last year or two attacks requiring rescue therapy in the last 2 years Must have progressive disease on a therapeutic trial of rituximab AND satralizumab (Enspryng) Must have expanded Disability Status Scale (EDSS) score of ≤7
		Continuation Criteria:
		Documentation of a decrease in relapse rate
		 Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 – Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.



Vabysmo

(faricimab-svoa)

J2777

Approved Diagnosis:

- Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD)
- Diabetic macular edema (DME)
- Macular edema following retinal vein occlusion (RVO)

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 1 yearContinuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis
- Patients currently receiving treatment with Vabysmo and who have demonstrated an adequate response are not required to try Avastin.

Neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration (AMD):

- Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
 effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid; AND
- Must try Lucentis (ranibizumab), biosimilars of Lucentis, or aflibercept for at least 3
 consecutive months with failure to effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or
 reduce fluid:
 - Avastin is not required if patient has serous pigment epithelial detachment (PED), hemorrhagic PED, subretinal hemorrhage, or posterior uveal bleeding syndrome.

Diabetic macular edema (DME) with baseline visual acuity 20/50 or worse

- Documentation of baseline best-corrected visual acuity (BCVA) score must be included with request
- Must try Lucentis (ranibizumab), biosimilars of Lucentis, or aflibercept for at least 3
 consecutive months with failure to effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or
 reduce fluid

Diabetic macular edema (DME) with baseline visual acuity better than 20/50

- Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to
 effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid; AND
- Must try Lucentis (ranibizumab), biosimilars of Lucentis, or aflibercept for at least 3
 consecutive months with failure to effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or
 reduce fluid

Macular edema following retinal vein occlusion (RVO)

- Must first try Avastin (bevacizumab) for at least 3 consecutive months with failure to effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or reduce fluid; AND
- Must try Lucentis (ranibizumab), biosimilars of Lucentis, or aflibercept for at least 3
 consecutive months with failure to effectively improve baseline visual acuity and/or
 reduce fluid

Continuation Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis
- Documentation showing the disease response as indicated by:
 - stabilization of visual acuity, or
 - o improvement in BCVA score when compared to baseline



Vibativ (telavancin)	J3095	Approved Diagnosis: Acute bacterial skin and skin structure infection (ABSSSI) Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 1 month Continuation authorization: N/A Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none Age Limitation: 18 years or older Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis Initial Criteria: Documentation of culture and sensitivity results must be sent to Priority Health showing the patient's infection is not susceptible to alternative antibiotic treatments Must have documented methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) acute bacterial skin and skin structure infection (ABSSSI) that is resistant to all other MRSA sensitive antibiotics or be unable to tolerate alternatives.
Vpriv (velaglucerase alfa)	J3385	Approved Diagnosis: Non-neuropathic Gaucher's disease Approval Timeframe: Initial authorization: 6 months Continuation authorization: 1 year Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none Age Limitation: none Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis Initial Criteria: Documentation confirming diagnosis of chronic Non-neuropathic Gaucher's disease Continuation Criteria: Continuation criteria only applies if the member is unable to safely receive the medication by home infusion Documentation confirming diagnosis of chronic Non-neuropathic Gaucher's disease Patient has demonstrated a beneficial response to therapy compared to pretreatment baseline in one or more of the following: clinically significant reduction in spleen or liver volume increase in platelet hemoglobin values Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy. Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 – Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be administered by home infusion. Home infusion agencies must bill the drug to the pharmacy benefit. Note: if this medication is new to the patient, Priority Health may cover up to 3 months of treatment at an outpatient hospital infusion center until safety has been established.



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Vyepti (eptinezumab-jjmr)	J3032	Approved Diagnosis: • Migraine Prevention Approval Timeframe: • Initial authorization: 3 months • Continuation authorization: 1 year Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none Age Limitation: 18 years or older Dose & Frequency: Limited to initial dosing of 100mg given every 3 months. • For patients not responsive to the 100mg dose, a single authorization can be made for a 300mg dose which will be assessed for efficacy beyond that observed for the 100mg dose Initial Criteria: • Must experience 4 or more migraines per month • Must have tried and failed at least 1 agent in 2 of the following groups of prophylactic treatment options (minimum of 28 days for each): • Blood pressure agents: Propranolol, timolol, or metoprolol • Antidepressant agents: Amitriptyline or nortriptyline • Antiepileptic drugs: Topiramate or valproic acid and its derivatives • Trial and failure, or intolerance to Almovigis, Emgalityly, and Ajovy® for 3 continuous months each and not achieving adequate reduction in migraines. • Not covered in combination with any other branded prophylactic agent Continuation Criteria: • Must demonstrate effectiveness (>50% reduction in monthly migraine days) Additional Information: • This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.
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Vyvgart Hytrulo (efgartigimod alfa and hyaluronidaseqvfc)

J9334

Approved Diagnosis:

- generalized Myasthenia Gravis (gMG)
- Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP)

Approval Timeframe:

- Initial authorization:
 - gMG: 100 days (Limited to 2 cycles = 4 doses per cycle)
 - CIDP: 3 months
- Continuation authorization: 12 months

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a neurologist/ neuromuscular specialist

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

Generalized Myasthenia Gravis (gMG)

- Documentation confirming anti-acetylcholine receptor antibody (AChR-Ab) positive disease; AND
- Documentation of Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America (MGFA) Clinical Classification Class II-IV: AND
- Documentation of Myasthenia Gravis Activities of Daily Living (MG-ADL) total score greater than or equal to 5; AND
- Must provide baseline quantitative myasthenia gravis (QMG) total score; AND
- Documentation confirming patient had progressive disease on a therapeutic trial of at least TWO of the following over the course of at least 12 months: azathioprine, cyclosporine, mycophenolate mofetil, tacrolimus, methotrexate, cyclophosphamide; AND
- Patient has required 2 or more courses of plasamapheresis/plasma exchanges and/or intravenous immune globulin for at least 12 months without symptom control.

Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP)

- The patient had a progressive or relapsing course of disease over at least 2 months; AND
- The patient has abnormal or absent deep tendon reflexes in upper or lower limbs; AND
- Baseline strength and weakness (and current strength and weakness for continuation requests) is documented in the patient's medical record using an objective clinical measuring tool (e.g. INCAT, MRC, 6-minute timed walking test, Rankin, Modified Rankin);
- Electrodiagnostic testing indicates demyelination, documented by the following demvelination criteria:
 - partial motor conduction block in two or more motor nerves or in one nerve plus one other demyelination criterion listed in (b)-(g) in one or more other
 - distal CMAP duration increase in one or more nerves plus one other demyelination criterion listed in (a) or (c)-(g) in one or more other nerves;
 - abnormal temporal dispersion conduction must be present in two or more motor nerves:
 - reduced conduction velocity in two or more motor nerves;
 - prolonged distal motor latency in two or more motor nerves;
 - absent F wave in two or more motor nerves plus one other demyelination criterion listed in (a)-(e) or (g) in one or more other nerves; OR
 - prolonged F wave latency in two or more motor nerves; AND
- Patient has tried and failed on at least a 3-month trial of immunoglobulin (IG) OR has a documented intolerance/contraindication to IG



Continuation Criteria: Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy Generalized Myasthenia Gravis (gMG) Must have documented response as evidenced by **BOTH** of the following: improved MG-ADL total score from baseline (≥ a 2-point reduction) improved (QMG) total score from baseline (≥ a 3-point improvement) Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP) Documentation of significant clinical improvement in neurologic symptoms or stabilization of disease (measurement of response may include nerve conduction studies, objective clinical measurement tools (e.g. INCAT, Medical Research Council [MRC] sum score, grip strength, etc.) or physical exam showing improvement in neurological strength and sensation **Additional Information:** This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion Vyvgart will not be covered in combination with Intravenous/Subcutaneous Immune Globulin, Soliris, Rystiggo, or Ultomiris



Vyvgart
(efgartigimod alfa-
fcab)

J9332

Approved Diagnosis:

generalized Myasthenia Gravis (gMG)

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: 100 days (Limited to 2 cycles = 4 doses per cycle)

Continuation authorization: 12 months

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a neurologist

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Documentation confirming anti-acetylcholine receptor antibody (AChR-Ab) positive disease; AND
- Documentation of Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America (MGFA) Clinical Classification Class II-IV; AND
- Documentation of Myasthenia Gravis Activities of Daily Living (MG-ADL) total score greater than or equal to 5; AND
- Must provide baseline quantitative myasthenia gravis (QMG) total score; AND
- Documentation confirming patient had progressive disease on a therapeutic trial of at least TWO of the following over the course of at least 12 months: azathioprine, cyclosporine, mycophenolate mofetil, tacrolimus, methotrexate, cyclophosphamide; AND
- Patient has required 2 or more courses of plasamapheresis/plasma exchanges and/or intravenous immune globulin for at least 12 months without symptom control.

Continuation Criteria:

- Must have documented response as evidenced by **BOTH** of the following:
 - improved MG-ADL total score from baseline (≥ a 2-point reduction)
 - improved (QMG) total score from baseline (≥ a 3-point improvement)

- This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion
- Vyvgart will not be covered in combination with Intravenous/Subcutaneous Immune Globulin, Soliris, Rystiggo, or Ultomiris



Xenpozyme (olipudase alfa-rpcp)

J0218

Approved Diagnosis:

• acid sphingomyelinase deficiency (ASMD) type A/B or type B

Approval Timeframe:

• Initial authorization: 6 months

Continuation authorization: 12 months

<u>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</u> Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a specialist familiar with the treatment of lysosomal storage disorders

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis must be submitted which includes:
 - ASM biochemical enzyme assay demonstrating low ASM enzyme activity (<10% of controls)
- Documentation supporting the request must be submitted which includes the patient's current weight
- For adults, diffusion capacity of the lungs for carbon monoxide (DLco) ≤70% of predicted normal
- Spleen volume ≥6 multiples of normal (MN) for adults or ≥5 MN for patients less than 18 years old

Continuation Criteria:

- Documentation of a clinical response to therapy compared to pretreatment baseline in one or more of the following:
 - o reduction in spleen or liver volume
 - o increase in platelet count
 - o improvement in lung function (e.g., DLco); OR
 - o improvement in symptoms (shortness of breath, fatigue, etc.).

- Xenpozyme will not be covered if:
 - Patient has acute or rapidly progressive neurologic abnormalities
 - Patient requires use of invasive ventilatory support or requires noninvasive ventilatory support while awake and for greater than 12 hours a day
 - Patient's platelet count is <60 × 103/μL
 - Patient has an international normalized ratio (INR) >1.5
 - Patient's alanine aminotransferase (ALT) or aspartate aminotransferase (AST) is >250 IU/L or total bilirubin is >1.5 mg/dL
- This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center.



Xiaflex (collagenase, clostridium histolyticum)	J

J0775

Approved Diagnosis:

- Dupuytren's contracture
- Peyronie's disease

Approval Timeframe:

Initial authorization: See specific durations under criteria

Continuation authorization: N/A

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: none

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

- Documentation confirming diagnosis of Dupuytren's contracture with:
 - Flexion contracture of at least one finger, other than the thumb, of greater than or equal to 20 degrees at the MP or PIP joints; AND
 - Patient must be free of chronic muscular, neurological, or neuromuscular disorders affecting the hands; AND
 - Xiaflex is an alternative to surgical intervention. For coverage consideration, please provide the medical reason that surgery would not be an option for the patient.

NOTE: Maximum dose is 3 injections per cord every 4 weeks, with a maximum of 2 injections per hand per visit (which may be administered as either 1 injection per cord on 2 cords affecting 2 different joints OR 2 injections on 1 cord affecting 2 joints).

- Documentation confirming diagnosis of Peyronie's disease with:
 - Penile curvature of 30 degrees or more for 12 months or longer; AND
 - Erections must be painful

NOTE: Priority Health covers up to 4 treatment cycles for Peyronie's disease. Each treatment cycle consists of two Xiaflex injections given one to three days apart. Each subsequent treatment cycle must be six-weeks apart and is only authorized if the patient's penile curvature is 15 degrees or more.

Additional Information:

Priority Health considers Peyronie's disease cosmetic in the absence of painful erections.



Xolair (omalizumab)

J2357

Approved Diagnosis:

- Asthma
- Chronic Urticaria
- Chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyp (CRSwNP)
- IgE-mediated food allergy

Approval Timeframe:

- Initial authorization: see below
- Continuation authorization: 1 year

Prescriber Specialty Requirement: none

Age Limitation: see below

Dose & Frequency: Limited to FDA approved dose & frequency by diagnosis

Initial Criteria:

Moderate to Severe Persistent Asthma

- Must be at least 6 years of age
- Initial authorization for 1 year
- Must have been compliant on all of the following therapies for at least 3 months:
 - High-dose inhaled corticosteroid (ICS)*
 - Long-acting beta agonist (LABA)
 - One additional asthma controller medication (e.g., leukotriene receptor antagonist, Spiriva)
- Compliant use of the above medications must not be effective as demonstrated by at least one of the following:
 - Oral or systemic steroid treatment or an increase in the current oral steroid maintenance dose
 - o Hospitalization and/or ED visit
 - o Increasing need for short-acting beta2-agonist
- Must have a positive skin test or in-vitro reactivity to a perennial aeroallergen (lab results must be submitted)
- Must be within the recommended dosing range based on current weight and baseline IgE level
- Must not currently use tobacco products
- Must not use Xolair in combination with other biologics (e.g., Fasenra, Cinqair, Nucala)

Chronic Urticaria:

- Must be age 12 or older
- Initial authorization for 1 year
- Must first try two or more H1 antihistamines OR
- Must first try one H1 antihistamine and one or more of the following:
 - H2 antihistamine
 - Oral corticosteroid
 - o Leukotriene modifier

Chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyp (CRSwNP)

- Must be age 18 or older
- Initial authorization for 6 months
- Baseline Nasal Polyps Score (NPS) of at least 5, with a unilateral score of at least 2 for each nostril
- Must be within the recommended dosing range based on current weight and baseline IgE level
- Symptomatic disease that is persistent for a minimum of 12 weeks, including all of the following:
 - Nasal obstruction
 - Rhinorrhea (anterior/posterior)
 - Diminished or loss of smell
- Member must have tried and failed all of the following:
 - At least one prior treatment course with a systemic corticosteroid
 - o Minimum 3 months compliant treatment with an intranasal glucocorticoid
 - Minimum 1-month trial with either a non-sedating antihistamine or antileukotriene agent (e.g., montelukast)



Xolair (omalizumab)	J2357	IgE-mediated food allergy Must be at least one year of age Must have a confirmed diagnosis of an IgE-mediated food allergy Must be prescribed by or in consultation with an allergist or immunologist Must be used in conjunction with a food allergen-avoidant diet Must be within the recommended dosing range based on current weight and baseline IgE level
		Continuation Criteria: Moderate to Severe Persistent Asthma Peak flow improvement by:
		 Chronic Urticaria: Adherence to therapy Reduction in the symptom of urticaria documented by the prescriber (chart notes supporting symptom reduction must be submitted) Chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyp (CRSwNP) Adherence to therapy including Xolair and intranasal steroid Reduction in the symptom of rhinosinusitis with nasal polyp documented by the prescriber (chart notes supporting symptom reduction must be submitted to Priority Health) including, but not limited to:
		 IgE-mediated food allergy Continue food allergen-avoidant diet; AND Continue to be prescribed by or in consultation with an allergist or immunologist Additional Information: This drug is included in Priority Health's medical policy 91414 - Infusion Services and Equipment, which requires medications to be infused in an outpatient hospital infusion center. This criteria applies to all Xolair formulations

