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DESCRIPTION:

Intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) (Asceniv®, Carimune NF®, Gammagard® Liquid, Gammagard® S/D, Gammagard® S/D Less IgA, Gammaplex®, Gammaked™, Gamunex®-C, Octagam®, Panzyga®, Privigen®, and Bivigam®) is an antibody-containing solution obtained from the pooled plasma of healthy blood donors that contains antibodies to greater than 10 million antigens. IVIG has been used to correct immune deficiencies in patients with either inherited or acquired immunodeficiencies and has also been investigated as an immunomodulator in diseases thought to have an autoimmune component. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved and off-label indications are listed below.

Subcutaneous immune globulin (SCIG) (Cutaquig®, Cuvitru™, Gammagard® Liquid, Gammaked™, Gamunex®-C, Hizentra®,HyQvia®, Xembify®) are FDA approved for the use in primary immunodeficiency. Hizentra is also FDA approved as maintenance therapy for chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP).

POSITION STATEMENT:

Site of Care: If intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) is administered in a hospital-affiliated outpatient setting, additional requirements may apply depending on the member's benefit. Refer to 09-J3000-46: Site of Care Policy for Select Specialty Medications.

Comparative Effectiveness

The Food and Drug Administration has deemed the drug(s) or biological product(s) in this coverage policy to be appropriate for self-administration or administration by a caregiver (i.e., not a healthcare

professional). Therefore, coverage (i.e., administration) in a provider-administered setting such as an outpatient hospital, ambulatory surgical suite, or emergency facility is not considered medically necessary. This statement applies to Cutaquig®, Cuvitru™, Hizentra®, HyQvia®, Xembify®, and the following immune globulin products only when administered subcutaneously: Gammagard® Liquid, Gammaked™, Gamunex®-C.

I. **Initiation of intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) and subcutaneous immune globulin (SCIG) meets the definition of medical necessity** when **ALL** of the following are met:

   a. When used for the treatment of an indication in Table 1 and **ALL** of the indication-specific criteria are met

   b. The initial dose will not exceed the FDA label or compendia supported maximum and will be titrated to the minimum effective dose and frequency to sustain clinical response

   c. For Cuvitru, Cutaquig, and Xembify only, the member has inadequate response, contraindication or intolerance to Hizentra

Table 1

Indications and Criteria	
Primary Immunodeficiency	
Agammaglobulinemia	When **ONE** of the following criteria is met - documentation must be submitted: 1. Serum IgG level <200 mg/dL 2. Extremely low (<2%) or absent B cell count (CD19+) Approval duration: 6 months
Ataxia telangiectasia	When **BOTH** of the following are met - documentation must be submitted: 1. Lack of protective antibody titers* 2. Recurrent difficult to treat bacterial infections Approval duration: 6 months
Common Variable Immune Deficiency (CVID)	When **ALL** of the following criteria are met - documentation must be submitted: 1. Serum IgG less than 600 mg/dL 2. Lack of protective antibody titers* 3. Recurrent, difficult to treat bacterial infections Approval duration: 6 months
DiGeorge Syndrome	When the following is met: 1. Serum IgG less than 600 mg/dL **OR** documented T cells (CD3) are severely low or absent (<300/microL) - documentation must be submitted Approval duration: 6 months
Dedicator of cytokinesis 8 (DOCK-8) deficiency	When **BOTH** of the following are met - documentation must be submitted: 1. Lack of protective antibody titers* 2. Recurrent difficult to treat bacterial infections Approval duration: 6 months

Functional Immunodeficiency	When **ALL** of the following criteria are met - documentation must be submitted: 1. Serum IgG less than 600 mg/dL 2. Lack of protective antibody titers* 3. Recurrent, difficult to treat bacterial infections Approval duration: 6 months
Hyper-IgE syndrome	When **BOTH** of the following are met - documentation must be submitted: 1. Lack of protective antibody titers* 2. Recurrent difficult to treat bacterial infections Approval duration: 6 months
Hyper-IgM syndrome or CD40 ligand (CD40L) deficiency	When **ALL** of the following criteria are met - documentation must be submitted: 1. Serum IgG less than 600 mg/dL 2. Lack of protective antibody titers* 3. Recurrent, difficult to treat bacterial infections Approval duration: 6 months
Hypogammaglobulinemia	When **ALL** of the following criteria are met - documentation must be submitted: 1. Serum IgG less than 600 mg/dL 2. Lack of protective antibody titers* 3. Recurrent, difficult to treat bacterial infections Approval duration: 6 months
IgG subclass deficiency	When **ALL** of the following are met - documentation must be submitted: 1. Deficiency of one or more IgG subclasses§ greater than 2 standard deviations below the age-specific mean (confirmed by 2 measurements at least 1 month apart) 2. Lack of protective antibody titers* 3. Recurrent difficult to treat bacterial infections Approval duration: 6 months
Nuclear factor kappa-B essential modulator (NEMO) syndrome	When **ALL** of the following criteria are met - documentation must be submitted: 1. Serum IgG less than 600 mg/dL 2. Lack of protective antibody titers* 3. Recurrent, difficult to treat bacterial infections Approval duration: 6 months
Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Syndrome (SCID)	When the following is met: 1. Serum IgG less than 600 mg/dL **OR** documented T cells (CD3) are severely low or absent (<300/microL) - documentation must be submitted Approval duration: 6 months
Specific antibody deficiency (SAD)	When **BOTH** of the following are met - documentation must be submitted: 1. Lack of protective antibody titers* or response to pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine diminishes within 6 months 2. Recurrent difficult to treat bacterial infections Approval duration: 6 months
Transient hypogammaglobulinemia of infancy	When **BOTH** of the following are met - documentation

	must be submitted: 1. Serum IgG less than 600 mg/dL 2. Recurrent difficult to treat bacterial infections Approval duration: 6 months
Warts, hypogammaglobulinemia, immunodeficiency, and myelokathexis (WHIM) syndrome	When **BOTH** of the following criteria are met - documentation must be submitted: 1. Serum IgG less than 600 mg/dL 2. Recurrent, difficult to treat bacterial infections Approval duration: 6 months
Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome	When **ONE** of the following is met - documentation must be submitted: 1. Lack of protective antibody titers* 2. Recurrent, difficult to treat bacterial infections Approval duration: 6 months
Secondary Immunodeficiency	
Acquired hypogammaglobulinemia conditions including: • Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)/Small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL) • Acute Lymphocytic (lymphoblastic) Leukemia (ALL) • Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML) • Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML) • Multiple Myeloma (MM) • Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	Serum IgG level less than 500 mg/dL on 2 or more occasions and when one of the following is met - documentation must be submitted: 1. Lack of protective antibody titers* 2. Recurrent difficult to treat bacterial infections Approval duration: 6 months
Allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) or bone marrow transplantation (BMT)	HSCT or BMT when used for prevention of infection and either of the following criteria are met: 1. First 100 days post-transplant, 2. More than 100 days post-transplant and one of the following is met: a. Viral infection (e.g., CMV, EBV, RSV) b. Serum IgG level less than 400 mg/dL BMT when used for graft-versus-host disease (GVHD)and **ALL** of the following criteria are met: 1. Member has an inadequate response or contraindication to corticosteroids 2. First 100 days post-transplant 3. Serum IgG level less than 400 mg/dL Approval duration: 6 months
Chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy induced hypogammaglobulinemia	When used for hypogammaglobulinemia that developed following the use of CAR T-cell therapy (e.g.,tisagenlecleucel, axicabtagene ciloleucel) Approval duration: 6 months
High-risk, preterm, low-birth-weight neonates	Prevention or adjunct treatment for infection Approval duration: 3 months
HIV-infected children	When used for prevention of bacterial infection and **ALL** of the following are met: 1. Member is 13 years of age or less 2. CD4+ count is greater than 200/µL

	3. IVIG will be used in conjunction with antiretroviral treatment 4. Member's IgG level is less than 400 mg/dL Approval duration: 6 months
Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor-related toxicity	When used for **ONE of the** following toxicities that developed after use of a checkpoint inhibitor (e.g., atezolizumab, avelumab, durvalumab, ipilimumab, nivolumab, pembrolizumab): 1. Severe pneumonitis if member has an inadequate response to corticosteroids (grade 3 or 4 – see Table 2) 2. Myasthenia gravis (grade 3 or 4) 3. Guillain-Barré syndrome (grade 2, 3 or 4) 4. Severe peripheral neuropathy (grade 3 or 4) 5. Encephalitis with severe or progressing symptoms or if oligoclonal bands are present 6. transverse myelitis 7. Severe inflammatory arthritis if member has an inadequate response to corticosteroids 8. Severe bullous dermatitis (grade 3 or 4), Stevens-Johnson syndrome, or toxic epidermal necrolysis 9. Myalgia or myositis if member has an inadequate response to corticosteroids 10. Severe myocarditis, pericarditis, arrhythmias, impaired ventricular function or conduction abnormalities if member has an inadequate response to corticosteroids Approval duration: 3 months
Solid organ transplants	When used for **ONE** following: 1. Allosensitized† members awaiting solid organ transplant 2. Treatment of antibody mediated rejection Approval duration: 3 months
Hematology	
Acute idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP)	When **EITHER** of the following criteria are met: 1. Member's PLT count is less than 30,000 2. Member's PLT count is less than 100,000 and the member is scheduled to undergo a major surgical procedure (e.g., splenectomy) Approval duration: 6 months
Chronic ITP	Treatment when **ALL** of the following criteria are met: 1. Duration greater than 6 months 2. Member has an inadequate response or contraindication to corticosteroid treatment 3. Member's platelet count is less than 30,000 4. Other causes of thrombocytopenia (e.g., concurrent illness/disease) have been ruled out Approval duration: 1 year
HCV-associated thrombocytopenia	Treatment when **ALL** of the following criteria met: 1. Member's platelet count is less than 30,000

	2. Member has an inadequate response to antiviral therapy or member has contraindication to antivirals Approval duration: 6 months
HIV-associated thrombocytopenia	Treatment when **ALL** of the following criteria are met: 1.Member's platelet count is less than 30,000 2.Member has an inadequate response or contraindication to antiretroviral therapy (e.g., high dose zidovudine monotherapy or highly active antiretroviral therapy [HAART]) 3. Member has an inadequate response or contraindication to corticosteroid treatment Approval duration: 6 months
Fetal or neonatal Alloimmune Thrombocytopenia (FAIT, NAIT)	Treatment of ante-natal FAIT/NAIT when **both** of the following criteria are met: 1. Prior FAIT birth 2. Detectable maternal antibodies to paternal platelet antigen† are present Approval duration 1 year Treatment of post-natal FAIT/NAIT when **ALL** of the following criteria are met: 1. Other causes of thrombocytopenia have been ruled out (e.g., infection, disseminated intravascular coagulation) 2. Member's platelet count is less than 50,000 3. Detectable maternal antibodies to paternal platelet antigen† are present 4. Thrombocytopenia persists after transfusion of anti-negative compatible platelets Approval duration: 6 months
ITP in pregnancy	Treatment of ITP when **ONE** of the following criteria are met: 1. To treat symptomatic bleeding 2. To increase platelet count to minimize bleeding risk associated with a procedure (e.g., epidural, C-section) 3. Member's PLT count is less than 50,000 4. History of splenectomy Approval duration: 1 year
Post-transfusion purpura**	Acute treatment only (i.e., IVIG is administered within 2-14 days post-transfusion) Approval duration: 30 days
Neonatal isoimmune hemolytic disease**	When used for acute treatment in conjunction with phototherapy Approval duration: 30 days
Warm antibody autoimmune hemolytic anemia (wAIHA)	Treatment when **ALL** of the following criteria are met: 1. wAIHA is confirmed by a positive direct Coombs test for immunoglobulin G(IgG), complement (C3d), or both‡ Approval duration: 30 days
Evan's Syndrome	Member has an inadequate response,

	contraindication, intolerance to conventional therapy (e.g., azathioprine, cyclophosphamide, cyclosporine, prednisone) Approval duration: 1 year
Neurology	
Acute treatment of Myasthenia gravis**	Treatment when **ANY** of the following criteria are met: 1. Acute crisis (<5 days treatment) with decompensation (e.g., respiratory failure, inability to perform physical activity) 2. During or prior to initiation of immunosuppressive therapy to prevent disease exacerbation 3. Prior to thymectomy for a member with significant bulbar dysfunction Approval duration: 5 days
Refractory Myasthenia gravis	When the member has progressive disease with an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to at least **TWO** of the following: 1. azathioprine 2. cyclosporine 3. mycophenolate mofetil 4. tacrolimus 5. methotrexate Approval duration: 6 months
Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP)	Treatment when **ALL** of the following criteria are met: 1. Member's clinical course is relapsing and remitting or progressive for more than 2 months 2. Member's disease has been confirmed by electrophysiologic findings that demonstrate any 3 of the following – documentation must be submitted: a. Partial conduction block of 1 or more motor nerves b. Reduced conduction velocity of 2 or more motor nerves c. Prolonged distal latency of 2 or more motor nerves d. Prolonged F-wave latencies of 2 or more nerves or the absence of F-waves 3. Member's disease has been confirmed by **BOTH** of the following physiologic findings a. Hypo- or areflexia b. Motor or sensory impairment of more than one limb Approval Duration: 1 year
Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN)	Treatment when the following criteria are met: 1. Member's disease has been confirmed by electrophysiologic findings including **BOTH** of the following – documentation must be submitted: a. Presence of either – Probable conduction block in at

	least two motor nerve segments – Definite conduction block in at least one motor nerve segment and probable conduction block in a different motor nerve segment b. Normal results for sensory nerve conduction on all tested nerves 2. Progressive symptoms are present for one or more months Approval duration: 1 year
Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS)- Acute inflammatory demyelinating neuropathy (AIDP)	**Acute treatment** when **ALL** of the following criteria are met: 1. Member has severe disease (e.g., is unable to walk) 2. Onset of symptoms occurred within the last 4 weeks 3. No concomitant plasma exchange therapy Approval duration: 1 year
Lambert-Eaton Myasthenic Syndrome (LEMS)	Member has an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to available standard therapy (e.g., acetyl cholinesterase inhibitors, prednisone, and azathioprine). Approval duration: 1 year
Stiff Person Syndrome (Moersch-Woltmann Syndrome)	Member has an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to available standard medication therapy (e.g., diazepam, baclofen, phenytoin, clonidine, or tizanidine). Approval duration: 1 year
Rheumatic Disorders	
Dermatomyositis or Polymyositis	Treatment when **ALL** of the following criteria are met: 1. Diagnosis confirmed by muscle biopsy 2. Member has an inadequate response or contraindication to corticosteroids (e.g., prednisone) 3. Member has an inadequate response or contraindication to immunosuppressants (e.g., azathioprine, methotrexate, cyclophosphamide) Approval duration: 1 year
Kawasaki Disease**	Diagnosis Approval duration: 3 months
Infectious Disease	
Staphylococcal or streptococcal Toxic Shock Syndrome**	Acute treatment when **one** of the following is met: 1. Infection refractory to aggressive treatment 2. Presence of an undrainable focus 3. Persistent oliguria with pulmonary edema Approval duration: 30 days
Measles post-exposure prophylaxis**	When one of the following is met: 1. Member is immunocompromised (HIV, transplant, etc). 2. Member is pregnant without evidence of measles immunity

	Approval duration: 3 months
Maternal-fetal transmission of HIV in women who are in their third trimester of pregnancy**	When used in conjunction with antiretroviral treatment Approval duration: 4 months
CMV pneumonia**	When all of the following are met: 1. Member is immunocompromised 2. Member has an inadequate response to standard treatment 3. Therapy is in combination with ganciclovir or foscarnet Appproval duration: 10 days
RSV**	When all of the following are met: 1. Member is immunocompromised 2. Member has an inadequate response to standard treatment 3. Therapy is in combination with ribavirin Appproval duration: 10 days
Parvovirus B19**	When **ALL** of the of following are met: 1. Member is immunocompromised 2. Severe anemia associated with bone marrow suppression Appproval duration: 5 days
Varicella-zoster post-exposure prophylaxis**	When Varicella-zoster immune globulin is unavailable or contraindicated and **ONE** of the following is met: 1. Member is immunocompromised 2. Member is pregnant without evidence of varicella immunity 3. Member is a neonate exposed at time of delivery 4. Member was exposed during hospitalization and is born premature (>28 weeks gestation) and mother does not have evidence of immunity 5. Member was exposed during hospitalization and is born premature at a low birth weight (<28 weeks gestation and weighs < 1 kg at birth) Appproval duration: 1 dose
Dermatology	
Autoimmune mucocutaneous blistering diseases such as: • Pemphigus vulgaris • Pemphigus folacious • Bullous pemphigoid • Mucous membrane pemphigoid • Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita	Treatment when **EITHER** of the following criteria are met: 1. Member has an inadequate response or contraindication to conventional therapy (corticosteroids, azathioprine, cyclophosphamide, or mycophenolate) 2. Member has rapidly progressive disease in which conventional therapy would not achieve a response quickly enough **AND** IVIG will be initiated along with concurrent conventional therapy. Approval duration: 6 consecutive months
***** Lack of protective antibody titers requires laboratory confirmation of failure to produce antibodies 3 to 4 weeks following tetanus (<0.1 IU/mL) OR failure to produce antibodies 4 to 8 weeks after administration of pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine based on the following measures:	

- Age < 6 years, Concentration greater than 1.3 mcg/mL for <50% of serotypes
- Age ≥ 6 years, Concentration greater than 1.3 mcg/mL for <70% of serotypes

** Diagnosis excluded from continuation criteria (i.e.,initiation criteria must be met)
† Quest diagnostics can perform the enzyme immunoassay that detects serum or plasma antibodies directed towards HLA class I antigens and platelet specific antigens (HPA-1 through HPA-8).
‡ Quest diagnostics can perform the Direct Coombs test.
§ IgG4 levels excluded

II. **Continuation of intravenous (IV), or subcutaneous (SC)immune globulin** (including transitioning between products) **meets the definition of medical necessity** for the indications in Table 1 (exceptions noted) when **ALL** of the following criteria are met:

1. The member has been previously approved by Florida Blue or another health plan in the past 2 years, **OR** the member has previously met all indication-specific criteria
2. The member has a beneficial response to therapy – documentation must be provided
3. In clinically appropriate indications, dose is titrated to the minimum effective dose and frequency to sustain clinical response
4. For Cuvitru, Cutaquig, and Xembify only, the member has inadequate response, contraindication or intolerance to Hizentra

Approval duration: 1 year

III. **Intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) or subcutaneous (SC)immune globulin (J1459, J1555, J1556, J1557, J1559, J1561, J1566, J1568, J1569, J1572, J1575, J1599, 90283, 90284): is considered experimental or investigational for the following conditions (not all-inclusi**ve) due to the lack of clinical data to support the effects of better health outcomes:

- Aplastic anemia
- Adult AIDS
- Asthma
- Autism
- Chronic fatigue syndrome
- Chronic progressive multiple sclerosis
- Chronic sinusitis
- Cystic fibrosis
- Diabetes mellitus
- Diamond blackfan anemia
- Epilepsy (adult or pediatric)
- Hemolytic uremic syndrome
- Inclusion body myositis
- Nonimmune thrombocytopenia
- Other vasculitides, besides Kawasaki disease
- Paraneoplastic syndrome
- Red cell aplasia
- Refractory rheumatoid arthritis and other connective tissue diseases
- Recurrent spontaneous abortion
- Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura
- Upper respiratory infection, recurrent
- Prophylaxis of preterm or low birth weight infants without signs or symptoms of infection.

IV. **Intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) or subcutaneous (SC) immune globulin does not meet the definition of medical necessity** for the following conditions:

- Relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis
- Steven-Johnson syndrome
- Toxic epidermal necrolysis

DOSAGE/ADMINISTRATION:

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Dosage is highly variable depending on individual response, indication or product selected. Refer to prescribing literature (e.g., package insert, etc.).

Dosing should be calculated using adjusted body weight if one or more of the following criteria are met:

- Patient's body mass index (BMI) is 30kg/m^2 or more; **OR**
- Patient's actual body weight is 20% higher than his or her ideal body weight (IBW)

Use the following dosing formulas to calculate the adjusted body weight (round dose to nearest 5 gram increment in adult patients): **Dosing formulas:**
BMI = 703 x (weight in pounds/height in $inches^2$)
IBW(kg) for males = 50 + [2.3 x (height in inches – 60)]
IBW(kg) for females = 45.5 + [2.3 x (height in inches – 60)]
Adjusted body weight = IBW + 0.5 (actual body weight – IBW)

This information is not meant to replace clinical decision making when initiating or modifying medication therapy and should only be used as a guide. Patient-specific variables should be taken into account.

CONTRAINDICATIONS/PRECAUTIONS

Immune Globulin (IV, SC)

Black Box Warning

- IVIG products have been associated with renal dysfunction, acute renal failure, osmotic nephrosis, and death. Use caution in patients predisposed to acute renal failure (age> 65 yrs, use of nephrotoxic drugs, preexisting renal insufficiency, diabetes mellitus, volume depletion, sepsis, paraproteinemia) and administer at the minimum concentration available and the minimum rate of infusion practicable. Renal effects are more common with high sucrose content and high osmolality. Members should be appropriately hydrated prior to administration.
- Thrombosis may occur regardless of the route of administration and in the absence of known risk factors. Risk is increased with advanced age, prolonged immobilization, hypercoagulable conditions, history of venous or arterial thrombosis, estrogen use, indwelling central vascular catheters, hyperviscosity, and cardiovascular risk factors. Administer in patients at risk of thrombosis at the minimum dose and infusion rate practical and ensure adequate hydration prior

to therapy. Monitor for signs and symptoms of thrombosis and assess blood viscosity in persons at risk for hyperviscosity.

Contraindications

- Hereditary intolerance to fructose, including infants and neonates in whom tolerance to sucrose or fructose has not been established.
- Hyperprolinemia (Type I or II): L-proline contained in Hizentra and Privigen.
- Hypersensitivity to immune globulin or any component of the formulation (including polysorbate 80, hyaluronidase). Anaphylaxis, inflammatory reactions, characterized by a rise in temperature, chills, nausea, and vomiting, and hypersensitivity reactions may occur.
- Persons with selective IgA deficiency with antibodies against IgA, and a history of hypersensitivity.

Precautions

- Antibodies to PH20 (recombinant human hyaluronidase) can develop and cross react with endogenouse PH20 which is known to be expressed in adult male testes, epididymis and sperm. It is unknown if these antibodies interfere with fertilization in humans.
- Cardiovascular: elevations of systolic and diastolic blood pressure have been observed and blood pressure should be monitored during and following infusion.
- Endocrine: Falsely elevated glucose measurements may occur.
- Hematologic: Hemolysis and delayed hemolytic anemia may occur. Severe hemolysis-related renal dysfunction, renal failure and disseminated intravascular coagulation have been reported.
- Infection: infusion into or around an infected area can spread a localized infection.
- Infusion reactions: Severe hypersensitivity reactions have been reported and fever, chills, nausea vomiting may occur. Monitoring is recommended and discontinue for severe reactions.
- Immunologic: IVIG products are of human plasma origin and may contain infectious agents (including the Cruetzfeldt-Jakob disease agent).
- Metabolic: Hyperproteinemia, increased serum viscosity and hyponatremia or hypernatremia may occur.
- Neurologic: Aseptic meningitis syndrome may occur with high doses (≥1 gram/kg or rapid infusion).
- Pregnancy: IVIG is classified as Pregnancy risk category C. No complications to the fetus have been reported, but it has not been well studied in pregnant women.
- Renal: Acute renal dysfunction can rarely occur, usually within seven days of use. Avoid use in members with CrCl < 10 ml/min. Use caution in elderly and those with renal disease, diabetes, sepsis, volume depletion, concomitant nephrotoxic agents, etc., due to the risk of renal dysfunction. Consider infusion at a rate less than maximum. Baseline renal function should be assessed prior to starting IVIG and periodically during administrations. Ensure that members are well-hydrated prior to therapy. If renal function worsens, consider discontinuing therapy or using products that do not contain sucrose (e.g. Gamunex).
- Respiratory: Transfusion-related acute lung injury may occur.
- Subcutaneous administration: Not recommended for ITP due to increased risk of hematoma. Do not inadvertently infuse subcutaneous form due to increased risk of thrombosis.
- Thrombosis: Use caution in members with a history of thrombotic events or cardiovascular disease. There is clinical evidence of a possible association between thrombotic events (i.e.,

deep vein thrombosis, myocardial infarction, cerebral vascular accident, etc.) and the administration of IVIG.

- Volume: Expanded fluid volume may cause overload with high-dose regimens for chronic ITP.

BILLING/CODING INFORMATION:

Note: This list of codes may not be all-inclusive.

HCPCS Coding:

C9072	Injection, immune globulin (Asceniv), 500 mg [hospital outpatient use ONLY]
J1459	Injection, immune globulin (Privigen), intravenous, non-lyophilized (e.g. liquid), 500 mg
J1555	Injection, immune globulin (Cuvitru), 100 mg
J1556	Injection, immune globulin (BIVIGAM), 500 mg
J1557	Injection, immune globulin, (Gammaplex), intravenous, non-lyophilized (e.g. liquid), 500 mg
J1558	Injection, immune globulin (Xembify), 100 mg
J1559	Injection, immune globulin (Hizentra), 100 mg
J1561	Injection, immune globulin, (Gamunex-C, Gammaked), intravenous, non-lyophilized (e.g., liquid), 500mg
J1566	Injection, immune globulin, intravenous, lyophilized (e.g. powder) not otherwise specified, 500 mg (use for Carimune NF, Panglobulin NF, and Gammagard S/D)
J1568	Injection, immune globulin, (Octagam), intravenous, non-lyophilized (e.g., liquid), 500mg
J1569	Injection, immune globulin, (Gammagard liquid), intravenous, non-lyophilized (e.g., liquid), 500mg
J1572	Injection, immune globulin, (Flebogamma/Flebogamma DIF), intravenous, non-lyophilized (e.g., liquid), 500mg
J1575	Injection, immune globulin/hyaluronidase, (Hyqvia), 100 mg immune globulin
J1599	Injection, immune globulin, intravenous, non-lyophilized (e.g., liquid), not otherwise specified, 500 mg
J3590	Unclassified biologics

CPT Coding:

90283	Immune Globulin (IgIV), human, for intravenous use
90284	Immune Globulin (SCIg), human, for use in subcutaneous infusions

ICD-10 Diagnoses Codes That Support Medical Necessity (IVIG, SCIG – J1459, J1555, J1556, J1557, J1558, J1559, J1561, J1566, J1568, J1569, J1572, J1575, J1599, 90283, 90284):

A48.3	Toxic shock syndrome
B01.0 – B01.89	Varicella
B05.0 – B05.89	Measles
B06.0 – B06.89	Rubella
B18.2	Chronic viral hepatitis C
B20	Human immunodeficiency virus [HIV] disease

B25.0 – B25.9	Cytomegalovirus disease
B27.00 – B27.99	Infectious mononeucleosis (Epstein Barr virus)
B34.3	Parvovirus infection
B97.4	Respiratory syncytial virus
C82 – C85.9	Lymphomas (nonhodgkins)
C90.00	Multiple myeloma not having achieved remission
C90.01	Multiple myeloma in remission
C90.02	Multiple myeloma in relapse
C91.0 – C91.02	Acute lymphoblastic leukemia
C91.10	Chronic lymphocytic leukemia of B-cell type not having achieved remission
C91.11	Chronic lymphocytic leukemia of B-cell type in remission
C91.12	Chronic lymphocytic leukemia of B-cell type in relapse
C92.00 – C92.02 C92.40 – C92.42 C92.50 – C92.52 C92.60 – C92.62 C92.A0 – C92.A2	Acute myeloblastic leukemia
C92.1 – C92.12	Chronic myeloblastic leukemia
D59.0	Drug-induced autoimmune hemolytic anemia
D59.1	Other autoimmune hemolytic anemias
D59.11	Warm autoimmune hemolytic anemia
D69.3	Immune thrombocytopenic purpura
D69.41	Evans syndrome
D69.42	Congenital and hereditary thrombocytopenia purpura
D69.49	Other primary thrombocytopenia
D69.51	Posttransfusion purpura
D69.59	Other secondary thrombocytopenia
D69.6	Thrombocytopenia, unspecified
D80.0	Hereditary hypogammaglobulinemia
D80.1	Nonfamilial hypogammaglobulinemia
D80.3	Selective deficiency of immunoglobulin G [IgG] subclasses
D80.4	Selective deficiency of immunoglobulin M [IgM]
D80.5	Immunodeficiency with increased immunoglobulin M [IgM]
D80.6	Antibody deficiency with near-normal immunoglobulins or with hyperimmunoglobulinemia (Specific antibody deficiency)
D80.7	Transient hypogammaglobulinemia of infancy
D80.8	Other immunodeficiencies with predominant antibody defects
D80.9	Immunodeficiency with predominantly antibody defects, unspecified
D81.0	Severe combined immunodeficiency [SCID] with reticular dysgenesis
D81.1	Severe combined immunodeficiency [SCID] with low T- and B-cell numbers
D81.2	Severe combined immunodeficiency [SCID] with low or normal B-cell numbers
D81.3	Adenosine deaminase deficiency
D81.6	Major histocompatibility complex class I deficiency
D81.7	Major histocompatibility complex class II deficiency
D81.89	Other combined immunodeficiencies
D81.9	Combined immunodeficiency, unspecified
D82.0	Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome

D82.1	DiGeorge Syndrome
D82.3	Immunodeficiency following hereditary defective response to Epstein-Barr virus
D82.4	Hyperimmunoglobulin E (IgE) syndrome
D82.8	Immunodeficiency associated with other specified major defects
D82.9	Immunodeficiency associated with major defect, unspecified
D83.0	Common variable immunodeficiency with predominant abnormalities of B-cell numbers and function
D83.1	Common variable immunodeficiency with prominent immunoregulatory T-cell disorder
D83.2	Common variable immunodeficiency with autoantibodies to B- or T-cells
D83.8	Other common variable immunodeficiencies
D83.9	Common variable immunodeficiency, unspecified
D84.81	Immunodeficiency due to conditions classified elsewhere
D84.821	Immunodeficiency due to drugs
D84.89	Other immunodeficiencies
D84.9	Immunodeficiency unspecified
D89.810	Acute graft-versus-host disease
G03.8 – G03.9	Meningitis due to other specific causes (checkpoint inhibitor toxicity)
G04.81	Other encephalitis and encephalomyelitis (checkpoint inhibitor toxicity)
G04.89 – G04.91	Other encephalitis, myelitis, and encephalomyelitis unspecified (checkpoint inhibitor toxicity)
G25.82	Stiff-man syndrome
G56.80 – G56.93	Other mononeuropathies of upper limb (checkpoint inhibitor toxicity)
G57.80 – G57.93	Other mononeuropathies of lower limb (checkpoint inhibitor toxicity)
G60.3	Idiopathic progressive neuropathy
G60.8	Other hereditary and idiopathic neuropathies
G60.9	Hereditary and idiopathic neuropathies, unspecified
G61.0	Guillian-Barre syndrome
G61.1	Serum neuropathy (checkpoint inhibitor toxicity)
G61.81	Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuritis
G61.82	Multifocal motor neuropathy
G61.89	Other inflammatory polyneuropathy, unspecified (checkpoint inhibitor toxicity)
G61.9	Inflammatory polyneuropathy, unspecified
G62.89	Other specified polyneuropathies
G70.00	Myasthenia gravis without (acute) exacerbation
G70.01	Myasthenia gravis with (acute) exacerbation
G70.80	Lambert-Eaton syndrome, unspecified
G70.81	Lambert-Eaton syndrome in disease classified elsewhere
G90.09	Other idiopathic peripheral autonomic neuropathy (checkpoint inhibitor toxicity)
I44.0 – I49.9	Cardiovascular abnormalities (checkpoint inhibitor toxicity)
J20.5	Acute bronchitis due to RSV
J70.2	Acute drug-induced interstitial lung disorder (checkpoint inhibitor toxicity)
J70.4	Drug-induced interstitial lung disorder, unspecified (checkpoint inhibitor toxicity)
L10.0	Pemphigus vulgaris
L10.2	Pemphigus foliaceous
L12.0	Bullous pemphigoid
L12.1	Cicatricial pemphigoid

L12.30	Acquired epidermolysis bullosa, unspecified
L12.31	Epidermolysis bullosa due to drug
L12.35	Other acquired epidermolysis bullosa
L13.8 – L13.9	Other specified bullous disorders
L51.1 – L51.2	Stevens-Johnson syndrome and Toxic epidermal necrolysis (checkpoint inhibitor toxicity)
M06.4	Inflammatory polyarthropathy (checkpoint inhibitor toxicity)
M30.3	Mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome (Kawasaki)
M33.00 – M33.09	Juvenile dermatopolymyositis, organ involvement
M33.20 – M33.29	Polymyositis, organ involvement
M33.90 – M33.99	Dermatopolymyositis, organ involvement unspecified
M60.80 – M60.9	Myositis associated with checkpoint inhibitor toxicity
M79.1	Myalgia associated with checkpoint inhibitor toxicity
O98.511 – O98.519	Other viral diseases complicating pregnancy
O98.713	HIV disease complicating pregnancy
P07.00 – P07.30	Disorders relating to short gestation and low birthweight code
P35.0	Congenital rubella syndrome
P35.8	Other congenital viral diseases
P35.9	Congenital viral disease, unspecified
P55.0 – P55.1 P55.8 – P55.9	Hemolytic disease or fetus or newborn due to isoimmunization
P61.0	Transient neonatal thrombocytopenia
T45.1X5A T45.1X5D T45.1X5S	Adverse effect of antineoplastic and immunosuppressive drugs
T86.00 – T86.99	Complications of transplanted organs
Z20.4	Contact with or exposure to rubella
Z20.820	Contact or exposure to varicella
Z20.828	Contact or exposure to other viral diseases
Z29.9	Encounter for other prophylactic measures
Z41.8	Prophylactic immunotherapy

REIMBURSEMENT INFORMATION:

Refer to section entitled **POSITION STATEMENT**.

PROGRAM EXCEPTIONS:

Federal Employee Program (FEP): Follow FEP guidelines.

State Account Organization (SAO): Follow SAO guidelines.

PPO Blue Script: Prior authorization is required. Authorization forms may be obtained from the Medication Review Unit of the Healthcare Program Management division.

Medicare Advantage Products: The following National Coverage Determination (NCD) was reviewed on the last guideline revised date: Intravenous Immune Globulin for the Treatment of Autoimmune Mucotaneous Blistering Disease, (250.3) located at cms.gov. The following Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) were reviewed on the last guideline revised date: Intravenous Immune Globulin

(L34007) located at fcso.com. The Site of Care Policy for Select Specialty Medications does not apply to Medicare Advantage members.

Medicare Part D: Florida Blue has delegated to Prime Therapeutics authority to make coverage determinations for the Medicare Part D services referenced in this guideline.

DEFINITIONS:

Agammaglobulinemia: lack of antibodies.

Antibody: a protein substance developed in response to and interacting specifically with an antigen. This antigen-antibody reaction forms the basis of immunity.

Antigen: a substance that induces the formation of antibodies that interact specifically with it.

Dysgammaglobulinemia: deficiencies in one or more classes of immunoglobulins in the blood.

Hypogammaglobulinemia: not enough antibodies relapsing/remitting: coming and going, worsening then improving.

Immunodeficiency: a deficiency of immune response or a disorder characterized by deficient immune response.

Immunoglobulin: one of a family of closely related proteins capable of acting as antibodies; five classes are IgG, IgA, IgM, IgD, and IgE.

Immunomodulator: an agent that specifically or nonspecifically augments or diminishes immune response, i.e., an adjuvant, immunostimulant or immunosuppressant.

Isohemagglutinin: a hemagglutinin that agglutinates the erythrocytes of other individuals of the same species.

Isoimmunization: the development of specific antibodies as a result of antigenic stimulation using material derived from the red blood cells of another individual.

Kawasaki Disease: a syndrome of unknown etiology, usually affecting infants and young children, associated with vasculitis of the large common vessels and numerous other systemic signs.

NEMO Syndrome: Nuclear factor kappa-B essential modulator (NEMO) deficiency results from mutations in the inhibitor of kappa-B kinase gamma chain gene. Disease characteristics may include immunodeficiency, ectodermal dysplasia and abnormal thermal regulation.

Specific Antibody Disorder: an immune disease in which children and adults fail to develop the immune response to the polysaccharide coating on bacteria but who otherwise have normal antibody levels.

WHIM Syndrome: Warts, hypogammaglobulinemia, immunodeficiency, and myelokathexis (WHIM) syndrome is a rare congenital immunodeficiency characterized by susceptibility to papilloma viruses, lymphocytopenia with decreased memory B-cell counts, hypogammaglobulinemia, and peripheral neutropenia with retention of mature neutrophils in the bone marrow.

RELATED GUIDELINES:

None applicable.

OTHER:

Documentation of medical necessity should include the following:

1. Care Provider Notes
2. All Laboratories Studies.

Table 2: Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events v4.0 (CTCAE)

Grade	Description
1	Mild; asymptomatic or mild symptoms; clinical diagnostic observations only; intervention not indicated
2	Moderate; minimal, local or noninvasive intervention indicated; limited age-appropriate instrumental activities of daily living
3	Severe or medically significant but not immediately life-threatening; hospitalization or prolongation of hospitalization indicated; disabling; limiting self-care activities of daily living
4	Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated
5	Death related to adverse event

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