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Subject: Temozolomide (Temodar®) Capsule

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DESCRIPTION:

Temozolomide (Temodar®) is an alkylating agent that has advantages over other alkylating agents because of its unique chemical structure and pharmacokinetic properties. Temozolomide is rapidly and completely absorbed after oral administration and spontaneously converts into the active metabolite without the need for enzymatic demethylation in the liver. Additionally, it has a small molecular weight, is lipophilic and efficiently crosses the blood-brain barrier. Thus, it has demonstrated efficacy in the treatment of secondary central nervous system (CNS) malignancies including metastatic melanoma and low- and high-grade gliomas. Temozolomide has also demonstrated excellent penetration into other body tissues.

Temozolomide received accelerated Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approval for the treatment of recurrent anaplastic astrocytoma in August 1999. This indication was based on response rates only and results are not available from randomized controlled trials of recurrent anaplastic astrocytoma to demonstrate a clinical benefit resulting from treatment (e.g., improvement in disease-related symptoms, delayed disease progression, or improved survival). The FDA approved oral temozolomide for the treatment of newly diagnosed glioblastoma multiforme in March 2005. In February 2009, the FDA approved temozolomide for intravenous injection. Temozolomide has an orphan drug designation for the treatment of recurrent malignant glioma (e.g., recurrent astrocytoma, recurrent glioblastoma).

The National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) guidelines provide recommendations for the use of temozolomide as a single agent or in combination with other therapy for various types of cancers. The guidelines currently recommend use in central nervous system cancers, Ewing's sarcoma, melanoma, mycosis fungoides/sezary syndrome, certain types of neuroendocrine tumors, primary cutaneous anaplastic large cell lymphoma, small cell lung cancer, soft tissue sarcoma, and uterine sarcoma.

POSITION STATEMENT:

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, physician office, or emergency facility is not considered medically necessary.

- I. Initiation of temozolomide (Temodar) **meets the definition of medical necessity** when administered for an indication listed in Table 1, **ALL** of the indication specific criteria are met, and member meets **ALL** criteria for requested formulation:
 1. Temozolomide capsule (generic)
 - a. Dosage does not exceed 200 mg/m²/day using the fewest number of capsules per day
 2. Temodar®
 - a. Member has an inadequate response or contraindication to generic temozolomide
 - b. Dosage does not exceed 200 mg/m²/day using the fewest number of capsules per day

Table 1

Indications and Specific Criteria	
Indication	Specific Criteria
CNS Cancer-Anaplastic gliomas (includes anaplastic astrocytoma, anaplastic oligoastrocytoma, anaplastic oligodendroglioma)	When ONE of the following is met: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Temozolomide is used as adjuvant treatment as a single agent2. Temozolomide is used as a single agent or in combination with bevacizumab (Avastin®) for treatment of recurrent disease
CNS Cancer-Glioblastoma	When ONE of the following is met: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Temozolomide is used in the adjuvant setting for ONE of the following:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. In combination with radiotherapyb. Post radiotherapyc. Single agent use and tumor is methylguanine methyl transferase (MGMT) promoter methylated2. Temozolomide is used for recurrent disease as a single agent or in combination with bevacizumab (Avastin®)
CNS Cancer- Intracranial and spinal ependymoma (excluding	When used a single-agent for disease progression

subependymoma)	
CNS Cancer- Low-grade infiltrative supratentorial astrocytoma/oligodendroglioma (excluding pilocytic astrocytoma)	<p>When ALL of the following are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Temozolomide is used as single agent 2. When used for ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Adjuvant treatment b. Recurrent disease c. Progressive disease
CNS Cancer-Medulloblastoma	When used as a single agent for recurrent disease in member's who have previously received chemotherapy
CNS Cancer- Metastatic Lesions in the brain	When temozolomide is used as a single agent if active against primary tumor in members with recurrent disease
CNS Cancer - Primary CNS Lymphoma	<p>When ONE of the following is met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Temozolomide is co-administered with high-dose methotrexate (8 g/m²) and rituximab and used as induction or consolidation therapy 2. Temozolomide is used as a single-agent or in combination with rituximab for ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Relapsed or refractory disease b. Recurrent or progressive disease
Dermatofibrosarcoma Protuberans (DFSP)	<p>ALL of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When used as a single agent as palliative therapy for metastatic disease 2. Member's disease has fibrosarcomatous changes or malignant transformations
Ewing's Sarcoma	<p>Used in combination with irinotecan (Camptosar®) with or without vincristine for ANY of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progressive disease following primary treatment 2. Relapsed disease 3. Metastatic disease when used in the second-line setting
Melanoma	<p>Member meets ALL of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disease is unresectable or metastatic 2. Temozolomide is used as second-line or subsequent therapy for disease progression
Mycosis Fungoides/Sézary	When used as a single systemic agent (may be used with or

Syndrome (MF/SS)	without skin-directed therapy or local radiation therapy) for relapsed or refractory disease with CNS involvement
Neuroendocrine Tumor of the Lung	Member has ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unresectable or advanced locoregional disease 2. Metastatic disease 3. Poorly controlled carcinoid syndrome
Neuroendocrine Tumors of the Pancreas	When used as a single agent or in combination with capecitabine (Xeloda) in member's with unresectable or advanced locoregional disease or distant metastatic disease and ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progressive disease 2. Symptomatic disease 3. Bulky disease
Neuroendocrine tumors - Pheochromocytoma/Paraganglioma	When used as a single agent for distant metastatic disease
Neuroendocrine tumors (Extrapulmonary) - Poorly differentiated neuroendocrine carcinoma/Large or small cell carcinoma	When used as a single agent or in combination with capecitabine
Neuroendocrine Tumor of the Thymus	Member has ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unresectable or advanced locoregional disease 2. Metastatic disease 3. Poorly controlled carcinoid syndrome
Primary Cutaneous Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma (ALCL)	When used as a single agent for relapsed or refractory disease with CNS involvement
Small Cell Lung Cancer (SCLC)	Subsequent chemotherapy as a single-agent in members who are performance status 0-2 with either of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relapse within 6 months following complete response, partial response, or stable disease with initial treatment 2. Primary progressive disease
Soft tissue sarcoma: Angiosarcoma	Member meets ONE of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Temozolomide is used as a single agent as palliative therapy for ONE of the following:

<p>Extremity/trunk/head/neck</p> <p>Retroperitoneal/intra-abdominal</p> <p>Rhabdomyosarcoma</p> <p>Solitary Fibrous Tumor/ Hemangiopericytoma</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Angiosarcoma b. Metastatic disease of the extremity/trunk/head/neck c. Unresectable or progressive disease of the retroperitoneal/intra-abdominal area d. Pleomorphic rhabdomyosarcoma <p>2. Temozolomide is used for treatment of ONE of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Non-pleomorphic rhabdomyosarcoma in combination with vincristine and irinotecan b. Solitary fibrous tumor/hemangiopericytoma in combination with bevacizumab (Avastin)
<p>Uterine Sarcoma</p>	<p>Temozolomide will be used as a single agent and BOTH of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Member had disease progression on initial chemotherapy 2. Member has recurrent or metastatic disease
<p>Uveal melanoma</p>	<p>Temozolomide will be used as a single agent in member's with ONE of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unresectable disease 2. Metastatic disease
<p>Other FDA-approved or NCCN supported diagnosis (not previously listed above)</p>	<p>ONE of the following is met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Member is diagnosed with a condition that is consistent with an indication listed in the product's FDA-approved prescribing information (or package insert) AND member meets any additional requirements listed in the "Indications and Usage" section of the FDA-approved prescribing information (or package insert) 2. Indication AND usage is recognized in NCCN Drugs and Biologics Compendium as a Category 1 or 2A recommendation

Approval duration: 180 days (all indications)

- II. Continuation of temozolomide (Temodar®,) **meets the definition of medical necessity** for the indications in Table 1 when the following criteria are met:
- A. The member's disease has not progressed while receiving therapy with temozolomide
 - B. 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 for coverage
 - C. The member meets the following based on the requested dosage form:

1. Temozolomide capsule (generic)

a. Dosage does not exceed 200 mg/m²/day using the fewest number of capsules

2. Temodar®

a. Member has an inadequate response or contraindication to generic temozolomide

b. Dosage does not exceed 200 mg/m²/day using the fewest number of capsules

Approval duration: 1 year

DOSAGE/ADMINISTRATION:

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FDA-approved: temozolomide is indicated for the treatment of individuals with newly diagnosed glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) concomitantly with radiotherapy and then as maintenance treatment and for the treatment of refractory anaplastic astrocytoma in individuals who have experienced disease progression on a drug regimen containing a nitrosurea and procarbazine. The recommended dosage is based on body surface area. Recommended dosing can be found in Table 2. The dose of the intravenous infusion and oral capsule formulation are equivalent. Antiemetic therapy may be administered prior to and/or following temozolomide administration.

- Capsules: To reduce nausea and vomiting, temozolomide should be taken on an empty stomach. Bedtime administration may be advised. Temozolomide capsules should not be opened or chewed and should be swallowed whole with a glass of water.
- Injection: Administer as an intravenous infusion over 90 minutes.

Table 2:

Indications and recommended dosing	
CNS Cancer-Anaplastic astrocytoma	Initial dose: 150 mg/m ² /day for days 1-5 of a 28 day cycle. Subsequent doses: If both the nadir (Day 29) and day of dosing (Day 1 of next cycle) ANC are 1,500 cells/mm ³ or greater and platelet counts are 100,000 cell/mm ³ or greater, the dose may be increased to 200 mg/m ² /day for days 1-5 of a 28 day cycle.
CNS Cancer-Glioblastoma	Concomitant phase: 75 mg/m ² /day for 42 days

	<p>Maintenance phase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle 1: 150 mg/m²/day for days 1-5 of a 28 day cycle • Cycles 2-6: Dose can be escalated to 200 mg/m²/day if the CTC nonhematologic toxicity for cycle 1 is Grade 2 or less (except for alopecia, nausea, vomiting), ANC is 1,500 cell/mm³ or higher, and platelet count is 100,000 cell/mm³ or higher. • The dose remains at the 200 mg/m² per day for the first five days of each subsequent cycle except if toxicity occurs. If the dose was not escalated at cycle 2, escalation should not be done in subsequent cycles.
<p>ANC, absolute neutrophil count</p> <p>CTC, common toxicity criteria</p> <p>Providers should refer to protocol by which member is being treated for off-label indications. Numerous dosing schedules exist and depend on disease, response and concomitant therapy.</p>	

Dosage Adjustments:

- **Renal/Hepatic Impairment:** caution should be exercised when temozolomide is administered to members with severe renal or hepatic impairment.

Dose modifications

- During concomitant radiotherapy phase (treatment of high grade glioma): based on lowest weekly absolute neutrophil count (ANC) and/or platelet counts:
 - ANC less than 500 cells/mm³, platelet count less than 10,000 cells/mm³, or CTC Grade 3 or 4 nonhematological toxicity (except alopecia, nausea, vomiting): Discontinue therapy until ANC is greater than 1500 cells/mm³ and platelet count is greater than 100,000 cells/mm³.
 - ANC 500-1500 cells/mm³, platelet count 10,000-100,000 cells/mm³, or CTC Grade 2 nonhematological toxicity (except alopecia, nausea, vomiting): interrupt therapy until ANC is greater than 1500 cells/mm³ and platelet count is greater than 100,000 cells/mm³.
 - ANC > 1500 cells/mm³, platelet count greater than 100,000 cells/mm³, or CTC Grade 1 or less nonhematological toxicity (except alopecia, nausea, vomiting): continue therapy as prescribed
- 28-day cycles: Based upon the lowest ANC and/or platelet counts on day 22 or day 29
 - ANC less than 1000 cells/mm³, platelet count less than 50,000 cells/mm³ or CTC Grade 3 nonhematological toxicity (except alopecia, nausea, vomiting): delay therapy until ANC is greater than 1500 cells/mm³ and platelet count is greater than 100,000 cells/mm³ and the CTC is Grade 2 or less. Decrease dose by 50 mg/m²/day for subsequent cycle. Members who cannot tolerate 100 mg/m²/day or less should not receive further treatment.
 - ANC 1000-1500 cells/mm³ or platelet count 50,000-100,000 cells/mm³: Delay therapy until ANC is greater than 1500 cells/mm³ and platelet count is greater than 100,000 cells/mm³. Continue current dosing regimen

Drug Availability

- Temozolomide capsules for oral administration: 5-, 20-, 100-, 140-, 180-, 250 mg

PRECAUTIONS:

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Temozolomide is contraindicated in members with a history of hypersensitivity reaction (e.g., urticaria, allergic reaction, including anaphylaxis, toxic epidermal necrolysis, and Stevens-Johnson syndrome) to any of its components. Temozolomide is also contraindicated in members who have a history of hypersensitivity to dacarbazine, since both drugs are metabolized to 5-(3-methyltriazen-1-yl)-imidazole-4-carboxamide (MTIC).

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

Bioequivalence: the oral and intravenous (IV) formulations have been found to be bioequivalent when the IV form is administered over 90 minutes. Shorter or longer administration times could result in suboptimal dosing or infusion reactions.

Hepatotoxicity: fatal and severe hepatotoxicity have been reported. Perform liver function tests at baseline, midway through the first cycle, prior to each subsequent cycle, and approximately two to four weeks after the last dose.

Laboratory tests: Complete blood counts should be obtained throughout the treatment course.

Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia: (PCP) prophylaxis is required for all members receiving concomitant temozolomide and radiotherapy for the 42-day regimen for the treatment of newly diagnosed glioblastoma multiforme. All patients, particularly those receiving steroids, should be monitored for the development of lymphopenia and PCP.

Pregnancy and Lactation:

- Temozolomide is classified as pregnancy category D. Pre-clinical studies have demonstrated fetal harm when temozolomide was administered to rats and rabbits. Women of childbearing potential should be advised to avoid becoming pregnant while taking temozolomide.
- It is unknown if temozolomide is excreted into breast milk. Breastfeeding should be avoided in women administered temozolomide.

Myelosuppression: Monitor complete blood count (CBC) (including ANC and platelet count) prior to temozolomide initiation and throughout treatment. Female and geriatric members are a higher risk for developing myelosuppression.

- Concomitant treatment phase with RT: CBC prior to initiation of treatment and weekly during treatment
- 28-day treatment cycles: CBC prior to treatment on Day1 and on Day 22 (21 days after the first dose) of each cycle. CBC should be performed weekly until recovery if ANC falls below 1,500 cells/mm³ and the platelet count falls below 100,000 cells/mm³.

Myelodysplastic Syndrome: Cases of myelodysplastic syndrome and secondary malignancies, including myeloid leukemia, have been observed.

BILLING/CODING INFORMATION:

HCPCS Coding

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ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes That Support Medical Necessity

C25.4	Malignant neoplasm of endocrine pancreas
C33	Malignant neoplasm of trachea
C34.00 – C34.02	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified main bronchus
C34.10 – C34.12	Malignant neoplasm of upper lobe, unspecified bronchus or lung
C34.2	Malignant neoplasm of middle lobe, bronchus or lung
C34.30 – C34.32	Malignant neoplasm of lower lobe, unspecified bronchus or lung
C34.80 – C34.82	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of unspecified bronchus and lung
C34.90 – C34.92	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified part of unspecified bronchus or lung
C40.00 – C40.02	Malignant neoplasm of scapula and long bones of unspecified upper limb
C40.10 – C40.12	Malignant neoplasm of short bones of unspecified upper limb
C40.20 – C40.22	Malignant neoplasm of long bones of unspecified lower limb
C40.30 – C40.32	Malignant neoplasm of short bones of unspecified lower limb
C40.80 – C40.82	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of bone and articular cartilage of limb
C40.90 – C40.92	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified sites of bone and articular cartilage of limb
C41.0 – C41.9	Malignant neoplasm of bone
C43.0 – C43.9	Malignant melanoma
C47.0 – C47.9	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of peripheral nerves and autonomic nervous system
C48.0 – C48.8	Malignant neoplasm of retroperitoneum and peritoneum
C49.0 – C49.9	Malignant neoplasm of connective and soft tissue
C53.0	Malignant neoplasm of endocervix
C54.0-54.3	Malignant neoplasm of , isthmus uteri, endometrium, myometrium, fundus uteri
C54.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of corpus uteri
C54.9	Malignant neoplasm of corpus uteri, unspecified
C55	Malignant neoplasm of uterus, part unspecified
C69.30 – C69.32	Malignant neoplasm of choroid
C69.40 – C69.42	Malignant neoplasm of ciliary body
C69.60 – C69.62	Malignant neoplasm of orbit
C71.0 – C71.9	Malignant neoplasm of brain
C72.9	Malignant neoplasm of central nervous system, unspecified
C74.10 – C74.12	Malignant neoplasm of medulla of adrenal gland
C74.90 -- C74.92	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified part of adrenal gland
C75.5	Malignant neoplasm of aortic body and other paraganglia
C7A.00 -- C7A.8	Malignant carcinoid tumors
C7B.00 – C7B.09	Secondary neuroendocrine carcinoid tumors
C7B.8	Other secondary neuroendocrine tumors
C78.00 – C78.02	Secondary malignant neoplasm of unspecified lung
C79.31	Secondary malignant neoplasm of brain
C79.51	Secondary malignant neoplasm of bone
C79.52	Secondary malignant neoplasm of bone marrow

C80.0	Disseminated malignant neoplasm, unspecified
C80.1	Malignant (primary) neoplasm, unspecified
C83.30	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, unspecified
C83.31	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, lymph nodes of head, face, and neck
C83.39	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, extranodal and solid organ sites
C83.80	Other non-follicular lymphoma, unspecified site
C83.81	Other non-follicular lymphoma, lymph nodes of head, face, and neck
C83.89	Other non-follicular lymphoma, extranodal and solid organ sites
C84.00 – C84.09	Mycosis fungoides
C84.10 – C84.19	Sézary disease
C86.6	Primary cutaneous CD30-positive T-cell proliferations
D43.0 – C43.9	Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of brain and autonomic nervous system
E16.1	Hypoglycemia, other
E16.3	Increased secretion of glucagon
E16.8	Other specified disorders of pancreatic internal secretion
E34.0	Carcinoid syndrome

REIMBURSEMENT INFORMATION:

Refer to section entitled [POSITION STATEMENT](#).

PROGRAM EXCEPTIONS:

Federal Employee Program (FEP): Follow FEP guidelines.

State Account Organization (SAO): Follow SAO guidelines.

Medicare Advantage Products: No National Coverage Determination (NCD) and/or Local Coverage Determination (LCD) were found at the time of the last guideline revised date.

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:

Adjuvant Treatment: Additional cancer treatment given after the primary treatment to lower the risk that the cancer will return. Adjuvant therapy may include chemotherapy, radiation therapy, hormone therapy, targeted therapy, or biologic therapy. Adjuvant therapy can be used after or in combination with another form of cancer therapy and is commonly used following removal of a cancerous tumor to further help in treatment.

Methylguanine methyl transferase (MGMT): a gene that encodes a DNA repair enzyme that can cause resistance to DNA-alkylating agents. When MGMT is methylated at the promoter region, the MGMT gene is inactivated and there is enhanced chemosensitivity to alkylating agents.

Visceral Disease: disease of the viscera, which are the soft internal organs of the body including the lungs, the heart, and the organs of the digestive, excretory, reproductive, and circulatory systems. Typically used when an individual has lymphangitic lung metastases, liver metastases, or carcinomatous meningitis.

RELATED GUIDELINES:

[Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy \(IMRT\), 04-77260-22](#)

[Positron Emission Tomography \(PET Scan\) Miscellaneous Applications, 04-78000-18](#)

[Proton Beam Therapy, 04-77260-18](#)

[Stereotactic Radiosurgery \(Intracranial\), 02-77371-01](#)

[Transpupillary Thermotherapy \(TTT\), 01-92000-20](#)

OTHER:

TABLE 2: ECOG Performance Status

Grade	ECOG
0	Fully active, able to carry on all pre-disease performance without restriction
1	Restricted in physically strenuous activity but ambulatory and able to carry out work of a light or sedentary nature, e.g., light house work, office work
2	Ambulatory and capable of all self-care but unable to carry out any work activities. Up and about more than 50% of waking hours
3	Capable of only limited self-care, confined to bed or chair more than 50% of waking hours
4	Completely disabled. Cannot carry on any self-care. Totally confined to bed or chair
5	Dead

TABLE 3: Karnofsky Performance Status (KPS)

Karnofsky Performance Status (KPS) (%)		
Able to carry on normal activity and to work; no special care needed.	100	Normal no complaints; no evidence of disease.
	90	Able to carry on normal activity; minor signs or symptoms of disease.
	80	Normal activity with effort; some signs or symptoms of disease.
Unable to work; able to live at home and care for most personal needs; varying amount of assistance needed.	70	Cares for self; unable to carry on normal activity or to do active work.
	60	Requires occasional assistance, but is able to care for most of his personal needs.
	50	Requires considerable assistance and frequent medical care.
Unable to care for self; requires equivalent of institutional or hospital care; disease may be progressing rapidly.	40	Disabled; requires special care and assistance.
	30	Severely disabled; hospital admission is indicated although death not imminent.
	20	Very sick; hospital admission necessary; active supportive treatment necessary.
	10	Moribund; fatal processes progressing rapidly.
	0	Dead

TABLE 4: International Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology (FIGO) Surgical Staging System of Uterine Sarcoma

Stage I	The tumor is found only in the uterus
Stage II	The tumor extends beyond the uterus, within the pelvis (adenexa and other pelvic tissues may be involved)

Stage III	The tumor infiltrates abdominal tissues in one or more sites (not just protruding into the abdomen) and regional lymph node metastasis may be present
Stage IV	The tumor invades the bladder or rectum and other distant metastasis may be present (excluding adnexa, pelvic, and abdominal tissues)

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COMMITTEE APPROVAL:

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GUIDELINE UPDATE INFORMATION:

01/01/12	New Medical Coverage Guideline.
12/15/12	Review and revision to guideline; consisting of revising, reformatting, updating position statement; revising dosage/administration, precautions section; updating references and coding.
12/15/13	Review and revision to guideline; consisting of revising position statement, updating references, coding, and program exceptions.
07/15/14	Revision to guideline; consisting of adding in language requiring failure of generic temozolomide.
12/15/14	Review and revision to guideline; consisting of reformatting the position statement, updating references and coding.
07/15/15	Review and revision to guideline; consisting of updating coding.
12/15/15	Review and revision to guideline; consisting of updating the position statement, dosage, precautions, references and coding.
12/15/16	Review and revision to guideline; consisting of updating the position statement, precautions, coding and references.
05/15/17	Revision to guideline; consisting of updating the position statement, coding and references.
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