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## Subject: Site of Care Guideline for Select Specialty Medications

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### DESCRIPTION:

To ensure delivery of quality and affordable care, members will be directed to receive select provider-administered specialty medications at a cost-effective, clinically appropriate site of care. A preferred, cost-effective site of care includes a home infusion agency, professional office setting, or non-hospital-affiliated outpatient infusion facility. Requests for select specialty medications administered in a hospital-affiliated outpatient setting (i.e., place of service code 19 and 22) will be redirected to a preferred site of care unless criteria for medical necessity is met. The medication requested to be administered in a hospital-affiliated outpatient setting included in this guideline must meet both drug-specific medical coverage guideline (MCG) criteria and site of care requirements. Products appropriate for self-administration or administration by a caregiver (i.e., not a healthcare professional) are not considered medically necessary in either a hospital-affiliated outpatient setting or a provider-administered setting.

### POSITION STATEMENT:

Administration of an injectable medication in a hospital-affiliated outpatient setting **meets the definition of medical necessity** for a medication in **Table 1** when the drug-specific medical coverage guideline (MCG) criteria are met, and **ONE** of the following is met:

1. The member is receiving the first dose of the medication authorized by Florida Blue under the Site of Care guideline\*
2. The member is reinitiating therapy after more than 6 months following discontinuation\*
3. The member does not have access to the medication from **ALL** of the following entities: home infusion agency<sup>†</sup>, professional office setting, or non-hospital-affiliated outpatient facility

4. The professional office or non-hospital-affiliated outpatient facility is greater than 45 miles or more than 60 minutes average travel time from the member's home, and further away than the hospital-affiliated outpatient facility, **AND** the member is unable to receive the medication by a home infusion agency<sup>†</sup>
5. The member has a history of a severe adverse event (e.g., anaphylaxis) that is unable to be prevented with standard premedication – documentation must be submitted
6. The member has a higher risk of an adverse reaction due to a co-morbid condition (e.g., renal dysfunction, cardiopulmonary disease, physical/cognitive impairment) - documentation of co-morbid condition, potential adverse reaction, and clinical rationale all must be submitted
7. The member has unstable venous access – documentation must be submitted
8. The member has received a bone marrow transplant (BMT) or chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy in the prior 6 months and requires enhanced medical supervision/monitoring at a specialized facility – documentation of the procedure/treatment must be submitted
9. The member is less than 18 years of age

**Approval duration:** see the associated drug-specific medical coverage guideline (MCG) for the duration of approval - maximum approval duration of 1 year (\*60-day temporary authorization to permit transition to an alternate site of care; for Fasentra and Vyvgart/Vygart Hytrulo a 90-day and for Entyvio a 120-day temporary authorization, respectively, is permitted)

<sup>†</sup>Home infusion agency is unable to provide care for the member or the home environment is considered unsafe by the home infusion agency or provider

**Table 1: Specialty Medications for Site of Care Review**

ACTEMRA (intravenous use only)
ALDURAZYME
ASCENIV
AVSOLA
BENLYSTA
BIVIGAM
BRIUMVI
CARIMUNE NF
CEREZYME
CIMZIA
CINQAIR
ELAPRASE
ELELYSO
ELFABRIO
ENTYVIO (intravenous use only)
FABRAZYME
FASENRA
FLEBOGAMMA DIF
GAMMAGARD LIQUID (intravenous use only)

GAMMAGARD S/D
GAMMAKED (intravenous use only)
GAMMAPLEX
GAMUNEX-C (intravenous use only)
IMMUNE GLOBULIN
INFLECTRA
LAMZEDE
LUMIZYME
NAGLAZYME
NUCALA
OCREVUS
OCREVUS ZUNOVO
OCTAGAM
ORENCIA (intravenous use only)
PANZYGA
PRIVIGEN
RADICAVA
REMICADE
RENFLEXIS
RYSTIGGO
SIMPONI ARIA
SOLIRIS
TEPEZZA
TEZSPIRE
TOFIDENCE
TYENNE (intravenous use only)
TYSABRI
XOLAIR
ULTOMIRIS
VPRIV
VYVGART
VYVGART HYTRULO

### BILLING/CODING INFORMATION:

The following codes may be used to describe:

#### HCPCS Coding

J0129	Injection, abatacept, 10 mg
J0180	Injection, agalsidase beta, 1 mg
J0217	Injection, velmanase alfa-tycv, 1 mg
J0221	Injection, alglucosidase alfa, (Lumizyme), 10 mg

J0490	Injection, belimumab, 10 mg
J0517	Injection, benralizumab, 1 mg
J0717	Injection, certolizumab pegol, 1 mg
J1300	Injection, eculizumab, 10 mg
J1301	Injection, edaravone, 1 mg
J1303	Injection, ravulizumab-cwvz, 10 mg
J1458	Injection, galsulfase, 1 mg
J1459	Injection, immune globulin (Privigen), intravenous, non-lyophilized (e.g. liquid), 500 mg
J1556	Injection, immune globulin (Bivigam), 500 mg
J1557	Injection, immune globulin, (Gammaplex), intravenous, non-lyophilized (e.g. liquid), 500 mg
J1561	Injection, immune globulin, (Gamunex-C/Gammaked), non-lyophilized (e.g. liquid), 500 mg
J1566	Injection, immune globulin, intravenous, lyophilized (e.g. powder), not otherwise specified, 500 mg (Carimune NF, Panglobulin NF, and Gammagard S/D)
J1568	Injection, immune globulin, (Octagam), intravenous, non-lyophilized (e.g. liquid), 500 mg
J1569	Injection, immune globulin, (Gammagard liquid), non-lyophilized, (e.g. liquid), 500 mg
J1572	Injection, immune globulin, (Flebogamma/Flebogamma DIF), intravenous, non-lyophilized (e.g. liquid), 500 mg
J1599	Injection, immune globulin, intravenous, non-lyophilized (e.g. liquid), not otherwise specified, 500 mg
J1602	Injection, golimumab, 1 mg, for intravenous use
J1743	Injection, idursulfase, 1 mg
J1745	Injection, infliximab, 10 mg
J1786	Injection, imiglucerase, 10 units
J1931	Injection, laronidase, 0.1 mg
J2182	Injection, mepolizumab, 1 mg
J2323	Injection, natalizumab, 1 mg
J2329	Injection, ublituximab-xiiy, 1 mg
J2350	Injection, ocrelizumab, 1 mg
J2356	Injection, tezepelumab-ekko, 1 mg
J2357	Injection, omalizumab, 5 mg
J2508	Injection, pegunigalsidase alfa-iwxj, 1 mg
J2786	Injection, reslizumab, 1 mg
J3060	Injection, taliglucerase alfa, 10 units
J3241	Injection, teprotumumab-trbw, 10 mg
J3262	Injection, tocilizumab, 1 mg
J3380	Injection, vedolizumab, 1 mg
J3385	Injection, velaglucerase alfa, 100 units
J3590	Unclassified biologics [for Ocrevus Zunovo only]
J9332	Injection, efgartigimod alfa-fcab, 2 mg
J9333	Injection, rozanolixizumab-noli, 1 mg
J9334	Injection, efgartigimod alfa, 2 mg and hyaluronidase-qvfc
Q5103	Injection, infliximab-dyyb, biosimilar, (Inflectra), 10 mg

Q5104	Injection, infliximab-abda, biosimilar, (Renflexis). 10 mg
Q5121	Injection, infliximab-axxq, biosimilar, (Avsola), 10 mg
Q5133	Injection, tocilizumab-bavi (Tofidence), biosimilar, 1 mg
Q5135	Injection, tocilizumab-aazg (Tyenne), biosimilar, 1 mg

## DEFINITIONS:

Place of Service Code(s)	Place of Service Name	Place of Service Description
19	Off Campus-Outpatient Hospital	A portion of an off-campus hospital provider-based department which provides diagnostic, therapeutic (both surgical and nonsurgical), and rehabilitation services to sick or injured persons who do not require hospitalization or institutionalization. (Effective January 1, 2016)
22	On Campus-Outpatient Hospital	A portion of a hospital's main campus which provides diagnostic, therapeutic (both surgical and nonsurgical), and rehabilitation services to sick or injured persons who do not require hospitalization or institutionalization. (Description change effective January 1, 2016)

## RELATED GUIDELINES:

[Abatacept \(Orencia\), 09-J0000-67](#)

[Agalsidase Beta \(Fabrazyme\) IV, 09-J2000-59](#)

[Belimumab \(Benlysta\) IV, 09-J1000-35](#)

[Benralizumab \(Fasenra\) Injection, 09-J2000-92](#)

[Certolizumab Pegol \(Cimzia\), 09-J0000-77](#)

[Drugs and Biologics without a Medical Coverage Guideline, 09-J0000-68](#)

[Eculizumab \(Soliris\) IV, 09-J1000-17](#)

[Edaravone \(Radicava\) IV, 09-J2000-82](#)

[Efgartigimod alfa-fcab \(Vyvgart, Vyvgart Hytrulo\) Injection, 09-J4000-18](#)

[Golimumab \(Simponi, Simponi Aria\), 09-J1000-11](#)

[Immune Globulin Therapy, 09-J0000-06](#)

[Infliximab Products, 09-J0000-39](#)

[Intravenous Enzyme Replacement Therapy for Gaucher Disease, 09-J0000-41](#)

[Mepolizumab \(Nucala\) Injection, 09-J2000-54](#)

[Natalizumab \(Tysabri\), 09-J0000-73](#)

[Ocrelizumab \(Ocrevus, Ocrevus Zunovo\) Infusion, 09-J2000-78](#)

[Omalizumab \(Xolair\), 09-J0000-44](#)

[Pegunigalsidase \(Elfabrio\) IV Infusion, 09-J4000-56](#)

[Ravulizumab \(Ultomiris\) IV, 09-J3000-26](#)

[Reslizumab \(Cinqair\) IV Infusion, 09-J2000-63](#)

[Rozanolixizumab-noli \(Rystiggo\) Injection, 09-J4000-55](#)

[Tezepelumab-ekko \(Tezspire\), 09-J4000-13](#)

[Tocilizumab Products \(Actemra, Tofidence, and Tyenne\), 09-J1000-21](#)

[Ublituximab-xiiv \(Briumvi\), 09-J4000-44](#)

[Velmanase alfa-tycv \(Lamzede\), 09-J4000-50](#)

## OTHER:

None

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## COMMITTEE APPROVAL:

This Medical Coverage Guideline (MCG) was approved by the Florida Blue Pharmacy Policy Committee on 08/09/23.

## GUIDELINE UPDATE INFORMATION:

11/11/19	New Medical Coverage Guideline.
01/15/20	Revision to guideline consisting of updating the position statement.
02/15/20	Revision: Updated HCPCS codes.
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06/01/21	Revision to guideline consisting of updating the billing/coding based on revised HCPCS codes.

01/01/22	Review and revision to guidelines consisting of updating the position statement and references.
06/15/22	Revision to guideline consisting of updating the position statement, billing/coding, and related guidelines based on the additions of Tezspire and Vyvgart.
07/01/22	Revision: HCPCS code updates for Tezspire and Vyvgart.
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01/01/24	Revision: HCPCS code updates for Elfabrio, Lamzede, Rystiggo, and Vyvgart Hytrulo.
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