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Subject: Dostarlimab-gxly (Jemperli)

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DESCRIPTION:

Dostarlimab-gxly (Jemperli) is a monoclonal antibody that works by targeting the programmed death-1 receptor (PD-1), which is involved in T-cell immune surveillance of tumors. Binding of the PD-1 receptor results in blockade of the PD-1 and PD-2 ligands which generates an anti-tumor immune response and decreased tumor growth. Mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) tumors are expressed in various cancers and have high mutation rates due to the inability to repair DNA replication errors. These tumors have higher levels of neoantigens and have been found to be responsive to PD-1 targeted immunotherapy. Dostarlimab is a PD-1 inhibitor FDA-approved for the treatment of adult patients with mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) recurrent or advanced endometrial cancer (EC), that has progressed on or following prior treatment with a platinum-containing regimen, and are not candidates for curative surgery or radiation. It is also approved for recurrent or advanced mismatch repair deficient solid tumors that have progressed on or following prior treatment and who have no satisfactory alternative treatment options. Continued approval of these indications are contingent upon verification of clinical benefit in confirmatory trials.

The efficacy of dostarlimab was assessed in an open-label study in 71 patients with mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) recurrent or advanced endometrial cancer who had progressed on or after treatment with a platinum-containing regimen. Half of the patients had received treatment for metastatic disease and 90% had previously undergone surgery. All patients previously received a platinum-containing regimen and 40% had received 2 lines or more of treatment. Patients were excluded if they had previously received immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy. The overall response rate (ORR) with dostarlimab was 42% (95% CI 30.6, 54.6). The ORR consisted of 13% of patients with a complete response and 30% with a partial response at a median follow up of 11.2 months. The median progression-free survival was 8.1 months and the median overall survival was not reached. The most frequently reported adverse effects were asthenia, diarrhea, fatigue, nausea, anemia, and constipation.

Dose interruption occurred in 23% of patients as a result of anemia, diarrhea, increased lipase, or pyrexia. Dostarlimab was permanently discontinued in 5% of patients due to elevated transaminases, sepsis, bronchitis, and pneumonitis.

The National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Guidelines provide recommendations for the use of dostarlimab for the treatment of various types of cancer.

POSITION STATEMENT:

Initiation of dostarlimab-gxly (Jemperli) **meets the definition of medical necessity** for members diagnosed with **ALL** of the following are met:

- I. **ONE** of the following to support clinical use is met:
 - A. **ALL** of the following are met regarding FDA labeling or NCCN Compendium:
 - i. **ONE** of the following (indication and usage):
 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 is recognized in NCCN Drugs and Biologics Compendium **AND** usage as a Category 1 or 2A recommendation (Table 1).
 - ii. **ONE** of the following (diagnostic testing):
 1. **ALL** of the following:
 - a. The requested indication requires genetic/specific diagnostic testing per FDA labeling or NCCN Compendium for the requested agent
 - b. Genetic/specific diagnostic testing has been completed
 - c. The results of the genetic/specific diagnostic testing indicate therapy with the requested agent is appropriate.
 2. The requested indication does **NOT** require specific genetic/diagnostic testing per FDA labeling or NCCN Compendium.
 - B. Requested product is designated as an orphan drug by the FDA for the requested indication **AND** the indication is not included in the FDA labeling or the NCCN compendium as a 1 or 2A recommendation (i.e., "Designated/Approved", "Designated") (Orphan drug designations can be found at <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/opdlisting/oopd/>)
 - C. The indication **AND** usage of the requested product is supported by the results of **TWO** or more published clinical studies – prescriber must submit full text copies of each article.

NOTE:

- Case reports, posters, and abstracts (including published meeting abstracts) are not accepted as evidence to support for use.
- Clinical studies must be supportive of use for a similar patient population (e.g., indication, diagnosis, disease severity, genetic or tumor mutations) and for the intended treatment plan, including any concomitant therapy.

- II. Dostarlimab will be used as monotherapy with the following exceptions:

- A. Combination therapy for the indication is supported by FDA labeling, NCCN Compendium, or standard reference compendia (Table 2)

- B. Combination therapy for the indication is supported by the results of **TWO** or more published clinical studies – prescriber must submit full text copies of each article
 - i. **NOTE:** Dose ranging studies, case reports, posters, and abstracts (including published meeting abstracts) are not accepted as evidence to support use
- III. The dose does not exceed the maximum FDA-approved dose and frequency* with the following exceptions:
 - A. Dose and frequency for indication are supported by NCCN Compendium or standard reference compendia (Table 2)
 - B. Dose and frequency for indication are supported by the results of **TWO** or more published clinical studies – prescriber must submit full text copies of each article

NOTE: Dose ranging studies, case reports, posters, and abstracts (including published meeting abstracts) are not accepted as evidence to support use

Approval duration: 6 months

Continuation of dostarlimab (Jemperli) meets the definition of medical necessity for members meeting ALL of the following criteria:

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 for coverage
2. Member's disease has not progressed during treatment with dostarlimab
3. Dostarlimab will be used as monotherapy with the following exceptions:
 - a. Combination therapy for the indication is supported by FDA labeling, NCCN Compendium, or standard reference compendia (Table 2)
 - b. Combination therapy for indication is supported by the results of **TWO** or more published clinical studies – prescriber must submit full text copies of each article
 - i. **NOTE:** Dose ranging studies, case reports, posters, and abstracts (including published meeting abstracts) are not accepted as evidence to support use
4. The dose does not exceed the maximum FDA-approved dose and frequency* with the following exceptions:
 - a. Dose and frequency for the indication is supported by NCCN Compendium or standard reference compendia (Table 2)
 - b. Dose and frequency for indication is supported by the results of **TWO** or more published clinical studies – prescriber must submit full text copies of each article
 - i. **NOTE:** Dose ranging studies, case reports, posters, and abstracts (including published meeting abstracts) are not accepted as evidence to support use

Approval duration: 1 year

***NOTE:** The maximum FDA approved dose is 500 mg every 3 weeks for dose 1 through dose 4 and 1000 mg every 6 weeks for dose 5 and onward. Dose 5 is administered 3 weeks after dose 4

DOSAGE/ADMINISTRATION:

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FDA-approved

- 500 mg IV every 3 weeks for 4 doses; starting 3 weeks after the fourth dose, give 1,000 mg IV every 6 weeks until disease progression. Administer as an IV infusion over 30 minutes. Treat until disease progression of unacceptable toxicity.
- Select patients based on the presence of dMMR in tumor specimens using a companion diagnostic test at <https://www.fda.gov/companiondiagnostics>.
- Because of the effect of prior chemotherapy on test results for dMMR in patients with high-grade gliomas is unclear, it is recommended to test for this marker in the primary tumor specimen obtained prior to initiation of temozolomide chemotherapy in patients with high-grade gliomas.

Dose Adjustments

- Therapy may need to be temporarily withheld or permanently discontinued in patients who develop immune-related reactions. See prescribing information for dose adjustments or discontinuation.

Drug Availability

- Intravenous Solution: 50 MG/1 ML

PRECAUTIONS:

Boxed Warning

- none

Contraindications

- none

Precautions/Warnings

- Monitor for immune-mediated adverse reactions: immune-mediated pneumonitis, immune-mediated colitis, immune-mediated hepatitis, immune-mediated endocrinopathies, immune-mediated nephritis, and immune-mediated dermatologic adverse reactions. Monitor for signs and symptoms of immune-mediated adverse reactions. Evaluate clinical chemistries, including liver and thyroid function, at baseline and periodically during treatment. Withhold or permanently discontinue and administer corticosteroids based on the severity of reaction.
- Infusion-related reactions: Interrupt, slow the rate of infusion, or permanently discontinue based on severity of reaction.
- Complications of allogeneic HSCT after PD-1/L-1–blocking antibody: Follow patients closely for evidence of transplant-related complications and intervene promptly.
- Embryo-fetal toxicity: Can cause fetal harm. Advise females of reproductive potential of the potential

risk to a fetus and to use effective contraception.

BILLING/CODING INFORMATION:

The following codes may be used to describe:

HCPCS Coding

J9272	Injection, dostarlimab-gxly, 10 mg
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ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes That Support Medical Necessity

C15.3 – C15.9	Malignant neoplasm of esophagus
C16.0 – C16.9	Malignant neoplasm of stomach
C17.0 – C17.9	Malignant neoplasm of small intestine
C18.0 – C18.9	Malignant neoplasm of colon
C19	Malignant neoplasm of rectosigmoid junction
C20	Malignant neoplasm of rectum
C21.0 – C21.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of rectum, anus and anal canal
C24.0 – C24.9	Malignant neoplasm of other and unspecified parts of biliary tract
C25.0 – C25.9	Malignant neoplasm of head of pancreas
C48.1 – C48.8	Malignant neoplasm of retroperitoneum and peritoneum
C50.011 – C50.929	Malignant neoplasm of breast
C54.0 – C54.9	Malignant neoplasm of corpus uteri
C55	Malignant neoplasm of uterus, part unspecified
C56.1 – C56.9	Malignant neoplasm of ovary
C57.00 – C57.9	Malignant neoplasm of other and unspecified female genital organs
C78.00 – C78.89	Secondary malignant neoplasm of respiratory and digestive organs
C80.0 – C80.1	Malignant neoplasm without specification of site
D37.1	Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of stomach
D37.8, D37.9	Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of other digestive organ

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

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

DEFINITIONS:

None

RELATED GUIDELINES:

[Nivolumab \(Opdivo®\), 09-J2000-33](#)

[Pembrolizumab \(Keytruda®\) Injection, 09-J2000-22](#)

OTHER:

None

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COMMITTEE APPROVAL:

This Medical Coverage Guideline (MCG) was approved by the Florida Blue Pharmacy Policy Committee on 07/12/23.

GUIDELINE UPDATE INFORMATION:

09/15/21	New Medical Coverage Guideline.
10/01/21	Revision: Added HCPCS code C9082.
10/15/21	Revision to policy including updates to the position statement, description, coding, and references.
01/01/22	Revision: Added HCPCS code J9272 and deleted codes C9082 and J9999.
01/15/23	Review and revision to guideline; consisting of revising the position statement to include NCCN covered indications, and update to coding and references.
08/15/23	Review and revision to guideline; consisting of revising the position statement to include FDA label and NCCN covered indications. Update to coding and references.

