Medical Necessity Guidelines: Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC)

Effective: December 21, 2022

Prior Authorization Required
If REQUIRED, submit supporting clinical documentation pertinent to service request.

Applies to:
COMMERCIAL Products
☒ Tufts Health Plan Commercial products; Fax: 617.972.9409
• CareLinkSM – Refer to CareLink Procedures, Services and Items Requiring Prior Authorization

TUFTS HEALTH PUBLIC PLANS Products
☒ Tufts Health Direct – A Massachusetts Qualified Health Plan (QHP) (a commercial product); Fax:888.415.9055
☒ Tufts Health Together – MassHealth MCO Plan and Accountable Care Partnership Plans; Fax: 888.415.9055
☒ Tufts Health RITogether – A Rhode Island Medicaid Plan; Fax: 857.304.6404
☒ Tufts Health Unify* – OneCare Plan (a dual-eligible product); Fax: 857.304.6304
*The MNG applies to Tufts Health Unify members unless a less restrictive LCD or NCD exists.

SENIOR Products
• Tufts Health Plan Senior Care Options (SCO), (a dual-eligible product) – Refer to the Tufts Health Plan SCO Prior Authorization List
• Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO, (a Medicare Advantage product) – Refer to the Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO Prior Authorization and Inpatient Notification List

OVERVIEW
Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC) is used at time of surgery as a treatment option for some cancers that have metastasized within the peritoneal cavity. HIPEC is delivered into the peritoneal space following cytoreductive surgical (CRS) procedure. The goal of CRS is complete cytoreduction (removal of all evidence of macroscopic disease), but if unable to achieve complete CRS, surgical goal should be optimal CRS, defined as no greater than 1 cm residual disease for ovarian, primary peritoneal, and fallopian tube cancer and no greater than 2.5 mm for other forms of malignancy.

The goal of HIPEC is to enhance the cytotoxic effect of chemotherapeutic drugs, thereby eliminating micrometastases and disseminated tumor cells remaining in the peritoneal space. The chemotherapeutic agents employed in HIPEC need to have a cell cycle nonspecific mechanism of action and should ideally show a heat-synergistic cytotoxic effect. Specific technical training and a solid knowledge of regional chemotherapy management are required. Treatment-related toxicity is a risk and should be considered during patient selection process.

CLINICAL COVERAGE CRITERIA
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION IS NOT REQUIRED: Providers will not routinely be required to submit documentation to Tufts Health Plan prior to providing services. However, documentation may be requested at any time to confirm that the services provided meet current standards referenced below:
The Plan covers Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC) when used with cytoreductive surgery for the following:
• Pseudomyxoma peritonei (PMP)
• Diffuse malignant peritoneal mesothelioma
• Peritoneal carcinomatosis resulting from appendiceal, colon, rectal or ovarian cancer with limited peritoneal-only metastases.

LIMITATIONS
• The Plan considers cytoreductive surgery and perioperative intraperitoneal chemotherapy for all other indications unproven and investigational.
Table 1: CPT Code(s)

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REFERENCES


APPROVAL HISTORY

Subsequent endorsement date(s) and changes made:

- March 25, 2016: Coding updated; ICD-9-CM codes and ICD-9 Inpatient Procedure codes removed.
- November 9, 2016: Reviewed by IMPAC, renewed without changes
- April 2017: Added RITogether Plan product to template. For MNGs applicable to RITogether, effective date is August 1, 2017
- October 1, 2017: Coding updated.
- December 13, 2017: Reviewed by IMPAC, renewed without changes
- October 10, 2018: Reviewed by IMPAC, renewed without changes
- October, 2018: Template and disclaimer updated
- October 16, 2019: Reviewed by IMPAC, renewed without changes
- November 20, 2019: Reviewed by IMPAC, update to clinical coverage criteria to include coverage for peritoneal carcinomatosis resulting from ovarian cancer
- October 21, 2020: Reviewed by IMPAC, renewed without changes
- November 4, 2020: Fax number for Unify updated
- October 20, 2021: Reviewed by IMPAC, renewed without changes
- February 16, 2022: Reviewed at Medical Policy Approval Committee (MPAC). For effective date February 16, 2022, removed gastric cancer as covered condition, removed prophylactic use of HIPEC, added appendiceal, colon and rectal cancer as covered conditions and removed criterion has medical condition which precludes major surgery.
- March 16, 2022: Freedom removed from Template
- December 21, 2022: Reviewed by Medical Policy Approval Committee (MPAC), renewed without changes

**BACKGROUND, PRODUCT AND DISCLAIMER INFORMATION**

Medical Necessity Guidelines are developed to determine coverage for benefits, and are published to provide a better understanding of the basis upon which coverage decisions are made. We make coverage decisions using these guidelines, along with the Member's benefit document, and in coordination with the Member's physician(s) on a case-by-case basis considering the individual Member's health care needs.

Medical Necessity Guidelines are developed for selected therapeutic or diagnostic services found to be safe and proven effective in a limited, defined population of patients or clinical circumstances. They include concise clinical coverage criteria based on current literature review, consultation with practicing physicians in our service area who are medical experts in the particular field, FDA and other government agency policies, and standards adopted by national accreditation organizations. We revise and update Medical Necessity Guidelines annually, or more frequently if new evidence becomes available that suggests needed revisions.

For self-insured plans, coverage may vary depending on the terms of the benefit document. If a discrepancy exists between a Medical Necessity Guideline and a self-insured Member's benefit document, the provisions of the benefit document will govern.

Treating providers are solely responsible for the medical advice and treatment of Members. The use of this guideline is not a guarantee of payment or a final prediction of how specific claim(s) will be adjudicated. Claims payment is subject to eligibility and benefits on the date of service, coordination of benefits, referral/authorization, utilization management guidelines when applicable, and adherence to plan policies, plan procedures, and claims editing logic.