Pharmacy Medical Necessity Guidelines: Multiple Sclerosis Agents

Effective: January 1, 2021

Prior Authorization Required	√	Type of Review – Care Management	
Not Covered		Type of Review – Clinical Review	√
Pharmacy (RX) or Medical (MED) Benefit	Oral: RX IV: MED	Department to Review	RxUM/ MM

These pharmacy medical necessity guidelines apply to the following:

Commercial Products

☐ Tufts Health Plan Commercial products – large group plans
☐ Tufts Health Plan Commercial products – small group and individual plans
☐ Tufts Health Freedom Plan products – large group plans
☐ Tufts Health Freedom Plan products – small group plans
- CareLink℠ – 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)
☐ Tufts Health Together – MassHealth MCO Plan and Accountable Care Partnership Plans
☒ Tufts Health RITogether – A Rhode Island Medicaid Plan

Fax Numbers:
Intravenous medications:
MM: 888.415.9055

Self-administered formulations (oral):
RxUM:617.673.0988

Note: This guideline does not apply to Medicare Members (includes dual eligible Members).

OVERVIEW

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Lemtrada (alemtuzumab) is indicated for the treatment of patients with relapsing forms of MS. Because of its safety profile, the use of Lemtrada should generally be reserved for patients who have had an inadequate response to two or more drugs indicated for the treatment of MS.

Mavenclad (cladribine) is indicated for the treatment of relapsing forms of MS, to include relapsing-remitting disease and active secondary progressive disease, in adults. Because of its safety profile, use of Mavenclad (cladribine) is generally recommended for patients who have had an inadequate response to, or are unable to tolerate, an alternate drug indicated for treatment of MS.

Ocrevus (ocrelizumab) is indicated for the treatment of patients with relapsing or primary progressive forms of multiple sclerosis.

COVERAGE GUIDELINES

Lemtrada (alemtuzumab)

The plan may authorize coverage of Lemtrada for Members, when the following criteria are met:

1. Documented diagnosis of relapsing multiple sclerosis

AND

2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist

AND

3. Documentation of **one (1)** of the following:
    a. Inadequate response or adverse reaction to **two (2)** or contraindication to all of the following:
        i. Aubagio
        ii. Gilenya
        iii. glatiramer acetate therapy
        iv. interferon therapy
        v. Ocrevus
        vi. Tecfidera
    b. Member is new to the plan and stable on Lemtrada

Mavenclad (cladribine)
The plan may authorize coverage of Mavenclad for Members, when the following criteria are met:
1. Documented diagnosis of relapsing multiple sclerosis

AND

2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist

AND

3. The Member is at least 18 years of age

AND

4. Documentation of **one (1)** of the following:
    a. Inadequate response or adverse reaction to **two (2)** or contraindication to all of the following:
        i. Aubagio
        ii. Gilenya
        iii. glatiramer acetate therapy
        iv. interferon therapy
        v. Ocrevus
        vi. Tecfidera
    b. Member is new to the plan and stable on Mavenclad

Ocrevus (ocrelizumab)
The plan may authorize coverage of Ocrevus for Members, when the following criteria are met:
1. Documented diagnosis of **one (1)** of the following:
    a. Primary progressive multiple sclerosis
    b. Relapsing multiple sclerosis

AND

2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist

LIMITATIONS

- Mavenclad has a quantity limit of 10 units per month.

CODES

The following HCPCS/CPT code(s) are:

Code	Description
J0202	Injection, alemtuzumab, 1 mg
J2350	Injection, ocrelizumab, 1 mg

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APPROVAL HISTORY

June 9, 2015: Reviewed by Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee.

Subsequent endorsement date(s) and changes made:
1. January 1, 2016: Administrative Update: Updated medical billing code. Changed to rebranded template.
2. June 14, 2016: No changes.
3. November 15, 2016: Added Zinbyrta (daclizumab) as a prerequisite option for multiple sclerosis.
4. April 11, 2017: Administrative update. Effective 6/1/2017, Medical Necessity Guideline applies to Tufts Health RITogether
5. August 8, 2017: No changes.
6. September 12, 2017: Added Ocrevus (ocrelizumab) as a prerequisite option for multiple sclerosis.
7. January 9, 2018: Added the limitation clarifying that Members new to the plan with a diagnosis of relapsing multiple sclerosis stable on their first or second treatment course of Lemtrada (alemtuzumab) will be approved for the remainder of the current treatment course based on FDA approved dosing.
8. January 8, 2019: Added coverage criteria for subsequent treatment courses based on updated package labeling.
9. April 14, 2020: Effective May 1, 2020, retire Medical Necessity Guideline for Tufts Health Plan Commercial Products (including Tufts Health Freedom) and Tufts Health Direct. Effective May 1, 2020, condensed prerequisite therapies (e.g., interferon therapy) and removed Zinplava as medication has been withdrawn (administrative). Removed limited duration of approval rules. Removed the following limitation: The plan does not consider Lemtrada (alemtuzumab) to be a self-administered medication. Lemtrada (alemtuzumab) may be covered under the medical benefit only.
10. November 24, 2020: Effective January 1, 2021, updated Medical Necessity Guideline to therapeutic class "Multiple Sclerosis Agents." Added Ocrevus to Medical Necessity Guideline with existing coverage criteria (previous ID: 603667). Added Mavenclad to Medical Necessity Guideline with existing coverage criteria (previous ID: 6534453) and updated to remove reauthorization criteria; updated prerequisite criteria to an inadequate response or adverse reaction to two or contraindication to all of the following: Aubagio, Gilenya, glatiramer acetate therapy, interferon therapy, Ocrevus, or Tecfidera; updated the stability language to "Member is new to the plan and stable on Mavencald."; removed the Limitation "The plan will not authorize Mavenclad (cladribine) for the treatment of clinically isolated syndrome." Updated provider specialty requirements to "Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist" for all Multiple Sclerosis Agents. Removed the following Limitation for Lemtrada and Ocrevus "The plan will not approve Lemtrada/Ocrevus when used in conjunction with other disease-modifying medications for the treatment of multiple sclerosis." Lemtrada coverage criteria updated to remove Tysabri from prerequisite options and updated the stability language to "Member is new to the plan and stable on Lemtrada."

BACKGROUND, PRODUCT AND DISCLAIMER INFORMATION

Pharmacy Medical Necessity Guidelines have been developed for determining coverage for plan benefits and are published to provide a better understanding of the basis upon which coverage decisions are made. The plan makes coverage decisions on a case-by-case basis considering the individual member's health care needs. Pharmacy Medical Necessity Guidelines are developed for selected therapeutic classes or drugs found to be safe, but proven to be 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 the service area who are

medical experts in the particular field, FDA and other government agency policies, and standards adopted by national accreditation organizations. The plan revises and updates Pharmacy 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 Pharmacy 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 policy is not a guarantee of payment or a final prediction of how specific claim(s) will be adjudicated. Claims payment is subject to member eligibility and benefits on the date of service, coordination of benefits, referral/authorization and utilization management guidelines when applicable, and adherence to plan policies and procedures and claims editing logic.