

Clinical Policy Title:	ofatumumab
Policy Number:	RxA.658
Drug(s) Applied:	Kesimpta®
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Line of Business Policy Applies to:	All lines of business

Background

Kesimpta® (ofatumumab) is a CD20-directed cytolytic antibody indicated for the treatment of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS), to include clinically isolated syndrome, relapsing-remitting disease, and active secondary progressive disease, in adults.

Dosing Information

Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
ofatumumab (Kesimpta®)	Relapsing MS	Initial dosing of 20 mg/0.4 ml by subcutaneous injection at weeks 0, 1, and 2, followed by subsequent dosing of 20 mg/0.4 ml by subcutaneous injection once monthly starting at Week 4.	Initial dose: 60 mg in 3 weeks Subsequent dose: 20 mg once monthly

Dosage Forms

- Injection: 20 mg/0.4 mL solution in a single-dose prefilled syringe
- Prefilled 20 mg/0.4 mL solution Sensoready® Pen

Clinical Policy

Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Multiple Sclerosis

1. Diagnosis of one of the following (a, b, or c):
 - a. Clinically isolated syndrome.
 - b. Relapsing-remitting MS.
 - c. Secondary progressive MS.
2. Age is ≥ 18 years.
3. Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist.
4. Member is evaluated and screened for the presence of hepatitis B virus (HBV) prior to initiating

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treatment and confirmed negative for active HBV.

5. Member serum immunoglobulin baseline measured prior to the start of therapy.
6. Member has not received any live or live-attenuated vaccinations in the 4-weeks prior to, or non-live vaccinations in the 2-weeks prior to, the start of therapy.
7. Kesimpta® is not prescribed concurrently with other disease modifying therapies for MS (See Appendix D).
8. Dose does not exceed the maximum dose given in dosing information.

Approval Duration

Commercial: 6 months

Medicaid: 6 months

II. Continued Therapy Approval

A. Multiple Sclerosis

1. Member is currently receiving medication that has been authorized by RxAdvance or the member has met initial approval criteria listed in this policy.
2. Member is responding positively to therapy.
3. Kesimpta® is not prescribed concurrently with other disease modifying therapies for MS (See Appendix D).
4. If request is for dose increase, new dose does not exceed 20 mg/0.4 ml per month.

Approval Duration

Commercial: 12 months

Medicaid: 12 months

III. Appendices

APPENDIX A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

MS: multiple sclerosis

HBV: Hepatitis B virus

APPENDIX B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Below are suggested therapeutic alternatives based on clinical guidance. Please check drug formulary for preferred agents and utilization management requirements.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum dose
Ocrevus® (ocrelizumab)	300 mg, followed by a second 300 mg dose 2 weeks later followed by subsequent doses of 600 mg via intravenous infusion every 6 months	600 mg/6 months
dimethyl fumarate (Tecfidera®)	120 mg PO BID for 7 days, followed by 240 mg PO BID	480 mg/day
teriflunomide (Aubagio®)	7 mg or 14 mg PO once daily	14 mg/day
fingolimod (Gilenya®)	0.5 mg PO once daily	0.5 mg/day
glatiramer acetate (Copaxone®)	20 mg SC once daily or 40 mg SC TIW	20 mg/day or 40 mg TIW

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name® (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name®) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

APPENDIX C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s):
 - Active HBV infection
- Boxed Warning(s):
 - None

APPENDIX D: General Information

Disease-modifying therapies for MS include:

- Infusion therapies
 - natalizumab (Tysabri®)
 - mitoxantrone
 - ocrelizumab (Ocrevus®)
 - alemtuzumab (Lemtrada®)
- Injectable therapies
 - glatiramer (Copaxone®, Glatopa®)
 - interferon beta-1a (Avonex®, Rebif®)
 - interferon beta-1b (Betaseron®, Extavia®)
 - peginterferon beta-1a (Plegridy®)
- Oral therapies
 - dimethyl fumarate (Tecfidera®)
 - monomethyl fumarate (Bafiertam™)
 - diroximel fumarate (Vumerity®)
 - teriflunomide (Aubagio®)
 - fingolimod (Gilenya®)
 - siponimod (Mayzent®)
 - ozanimod (Zeposia®)
 - cladribine (Mavenclad®)
 - dalfampridine (Ampyra®)

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