Subcutaneous Immune Globulin (SCIG): Cuvitru, Hizentra, and HyQvia

BENEFIT APPLICATION

Benefit determinations are based on the applicable contract language in effect at the time the services were rendered. Exclusions, limitations or exceptions may apply. Benefits may vary based on contract, and individual member benefits must be verified. Wellmark determines medical necessity only if the benefit exists and no contract exclusions are applicable. This policy may not apply to FEP. Benefits are determined by the Federal Employee Program.

DESCRIPTION

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

FDA-Approved Indications

Cuvitru (Immune Globulin Subcutaneous [Human], 20% Solution)
Cuvitru is indicated as replacement therapy for primary humoral immunodeficiency (PI) in adults and pediatric patients 2 years of age and older.

Hizentra (Immune Globulin Subcutaneous [Human], 20% Liquid)
Hizentra is indicated for the treatment of primary immunodeficiency in adults and pediatric patients 2 years of age and older.

HyQvia (Immune Globulin Infusion 10% [Human] with Recombinant Human Hyaluronidase)
HyQvia is indicated for the treatment of primary immunodeficiency in adults.

Limitation of use: Safety and efficacy of chronic use of recombinant human hyaluronidase in HyQvia have not been established in conditions other than primary immunodeficiency.

All other indications are considered experimental/investigational and are not a covered benefit.

POLICY

Required Documentation

A. Diagnostic test results (when applicable)
   1. Copy of laboratory report with serum immunoglobulin levels: IgG, IgA, IgM, and IgG subclasses
   2. Vaccine response to pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (post- vaccination Streptococcus pneumoniae antibody titers)
   3. Pertinent genetic or molecular testing in members with a known genetic disorder

B. IgG trough level for those continuing with SCIG therapy
Criteria for Initial Approval

Primary Immunodeficiency
Initial authorization of 12 months may be granted for members with any of the following diagnoses:

1. Severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID) or congenital agammaglobulinemia (eg, X-linked or autosomal recessive agammaglobulinemia):
   a. Diagnosis confirmed by genetic or molecular testing, or
   b. Pretreatment IgG level < 200 mg/dL, or
   c. Absence or very low number of T cells (CD3 T cells < 300/microliter) or the presence of maternal T cells in the circulation (SCID only)

2. Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, DiGeorge syndrome, or ataxia-telangiectasia (or other non-SCID combined immunodeficiency):
   a. Diagnosis confirmed by genetic or molecular testing (if applicable), and
   b. History of recurrent bacterial infections (eg, pneumonia, otitis media, sinusitis, sepsis, gastrointestinal), and
   c. Impaired antibody response to pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (see Appendix)

3. Common variable immunodeficiency (CVID):
   a. Age 4 years or older
   b. Other causes of immune deficiency have been excluded (eg, drug induced, genetic disorders, infectious diseases such as HIV, malignancy)
   c. Pretreatment IgG level < 500 mg/dL or ≥ 2 SD below the mean for age
   d. History of recurrent bacterial infections
   e. Impaired antibody response to pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (see Appendix)

4. Hypogammaglobulinemia (unspecified), IgG subclass deficiency, selective IgA deficiency, selective IgM deficiency, or specific antibody deficiency:
   a. History of recurrent bacterial infections
   b. Impaired antibody response to pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (see Appendix)
   c. Any of the following pre-treatment laboratory findings:
      i. Hypogammaglobulinemia: IgG < 500 mg/dL or ≥ 2 SD below the mean for age
      ii. Selective IgA deficiency: IgA level < 7 mg/dL with normal IgG and IgM levels
      iii. Selective IgM deficiency: IgM level < 30 mg/dL with normal IgG and IgA levels
      iv. IgG subclass deficiency: IgG1, IgG2, or IgG3 ≥ 2 SD below mean for age assessed on at least 2 occasions; normal IgG (total) and IgM levels, normal/low IgA levels
      v. Specific antibody deficiency: normal IgG, IgA and IgM levels

5. Other predominant antibody deficiency disorders must meet a., b., and c.i. in section 4. above.

6. Other combined immunodeficiency must meet criteria in section 2. above.

Continuation of Therapy

The following criteria apply to members who are currently receiving SCIG therapy through a paid pharmacy or medical benefit. All other members (including new members) must meet initial authorization criteria.

Primary Immunodeficiency
Authorization of 12 months may be granted when the following criteria are met:

1. A reduction in the frequency of bacterial infections has been demonstrated since initiation of SCIG therapy, AND

2. IgG trough levels are monitored at least yearly and maintained at or above the lower range of normal for age (when applicable for indication), OR
3. The prescriber will re-evaluate the dose of SCIG and consider a dose adjustment (when appropriate).

**Dosing and Administration**

Approvals may be subject to dosing limits in accordance with FDA-approved labeling, accepted compendia, and/or evidence-based practice guidelines.

**Appendix (if necessary):**

Impaired Antibody Response to Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine:
- Age 6 years and older: antibody levels are not ≥ 1.3 mcg/mL for at least 70% of serotypes in the vaccine
- Age 2 to 5 years: antibody levels are not ≥ 1.3 mcg/mL for at least 50% of serotypes in the vaccine
- Not established for children less than 2 years of age

**PROCEDURES AND BILLING CODES**

To report provider services, use appropriate CPT* codes, Alpha Numeric (HCPCS level 2) codes, Revenue codes, and/or ICD diagnostic codes.

- 90284 Immune globulin (SCig), human, for SC use
- J1559 Injection, Immune Globulin (Hizentra), 100 mg
- J1575 Injection, immune globulin/hyaluronidase, (Hyqvia), 100 mg immune globulin
- J3490/J3590 Injection, immune globulin (Cuvitru), human, for SC use

**REFERENCES**

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