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DRUG POLICY

Intravenous Immune Globulin (IVIG): Asceniv™, Bivigam®, Carimune® NF, Flebogamma® DIF, Gammagard® Liquid, Gammagard® S/D, Gammaked™, Gammaplex®, Gamunex®-C, Octagam®, Panzyga®, and Privigen®

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DESCRIPTION

The intent of the Intravenous Immune Globulin (IVIG) drug policy is to ensure appropriate selection of patients for therapy based on product labeling, clinical guidelines and clinical studies.

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

- Primary immunodeficiency
- Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP)
- Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy
- Multifocal motor neuropathy
- Kawasaki syndrome
- B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)

Compendial Uses

- Prophylaxis of bacterial infections in pediatric human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection
- Prophylaxis of bacterial infections in bone marrow transplant (BMT)/hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) recipients

- Dermatomyositis
- Polymyositis
- Myasthenia gravis
- Guillain-Barré syndrome
- Lambert-Eaton myasthenic syndrome
- Fetal/neonatal alloimmune thrombocytopenia
- Parvovirus B19-induced pure red cell aplasia
- Stiff-person syndrome
- Management of immune checkpoint inhibitor-related nervous system adverse events
- Acquired red cell aplasia
- Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis
- Autoimmune mucocutaneous blistering diseases
- Autoimmune hemolytic anemia
- Autoimmune neutropenia
- Birdshot retinochoroidopathy
- BK virus associated nephropathy
- Churg-Strauss Syndrome
- Enteroviral meningoencephalitis
- Hematophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH) or macrophage activation syndrome (MAS)
- Hemolytic disease of newborn
- HIV-associated thrombocytopenia
- Hyperimmunoglobulinemia E Syndrome
- Hypogammaglobulinemia from chimeric antigen receptor T (CAR-T) therapy
- Multiple myeloma
- Neonatal hemochromatosis, prothylaxis
- Opsoclonus-myoclonus
- Paraneoplastic opsonus-myoclonus ataxia associated with neuroblastoma
- Post-transfusion purpura
- Rasmussen encephalitis
- Renal transplantation from a live donor with ABO incompatibility or positive cross match
- Secondary immunosuppression associated with major surgery, hematological malignancy, major burns, and collagen-vascular diseases
- Solid organ transplantation, for allosensitized members
- Toxic epidermal necrolysis and Stevens-Johnson syndrome
- Toxic shock syndrome
- Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)
- Toxic necrotizing fasciitis due to group A streptococcus

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Required Documentation

The following information is necessary to initiate the prior authorization review:

- A. Primary immunodeficiency
 1. Diagnostic test results (when applicable)
 - a. Copy of laboratory report with serum immunoglobulin levels: IgG, IgA, IgM, and IgG subclasses
 - b. Vaccine response to pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (post-vaccination *Streptococcus pneumoniae* antibody titers)
 - c. Pertinent genetic or molecular testing in members with a known genetic disorder
 - d. Copy of laboratory report with lymphocyte subset enumeration by flow cytometry
 2. IgG trough level for those continuing with Immune Globulin (IG) therapy

- B. Myasthenia gravis
 - 1. Clinical records describing standard treatments tried and failed
- C. Secondary hypogammaglobulinemia (CLL, HIV, BMT/HSCT recipients, surgery, malignancy, burns, collagen-vascular disease)
 - 1. Copy of laboratory report with pre-treatment serum IgG level (when applicable)
- D. Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP) and multifocal motor neuropathy (MMN)
 - 1. Pre-treatment electrodiagnostic studies (electromyography [EMG] or nerve conduction studies [NCS])
 - 2. For CIDP, pre-treatment cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) analysis (when available)
- E. Dermatomyositis and polymyositis
 - 1. Pre-treatment electrodiagnostic studies (EMG/NCS)
 - 2. Pre-treatment muscle biopsy report (when available)
 - 3. Clinical records describing standard treatments tried and failed
- F. Lambert-Eaton Myasthenic Syndrome (LEMS)
 - 1. Neurophysiology studies (e.g. electromyography) (when applicable)
 - 2. A positive anti- P/Q type voltage-gated calcium channel antibody test (when applicable)
- G. Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura
 - 1. Laboratory report with pre-treatment/current platelet count
 - 2. Chronic/persistent ITP: copy of medical records supporting trial and failure with corticosteroid or anti-D therapy (unless contraindicated)
- H. Parvovirus B19-indicated Pure Red Cell Aplasia (PRCA)
 - 1. Copy of test result confirming presence of parvovirus B19
- I. Stiff-person syndrome
 - 1. Anti-glutamic acid decarboxylase (GAD) antibody testing results
 - 2. Clinical records describing standard treatments tried and failed
- J. Toxic shock syndrome or toxic necrotizing fasciitis due to group A streptococcus
 - 1. Documented presence of fasciitis (when applicable)
 - 2. Microbiological data (culture or Gram stain)

Criteria for Approval

A. Primary Immunodeficiency

Initial authorization of 6 months may be granted for members with any of the following diagnoses:

- 1. Severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID) or congenital agammaglobulinemia (e.g. 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 (e.g. pneumonia, otitis media, sinusitis, sepsis, gastrointestinal), and
 - c) Impaired antibody response to pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (see Appendix A)
- 3. Common variable immunodeficiency (CVID):

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

Re-authorization of 6 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 IG 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 IG and consider a dose adjustment (when appropriate).

B. Myasthenia Gravis

1. Authorization of 1 month may be granted to members who are prescribed IG for worsening weakness, acute exacerbation, or in preparation for surgery.
 - a) Worsening weakness includes an increase in any of the following symptoms: diplopia, ptosis, blurred vision, difficulty speaking (dysarthria), difficulty swallowing (dysphagia), difficulty chewing, impaired respiratory status, fatigue, and limb weakness. Acute exacerbations include more severe swallowing difficulties and/or respiratory failure
 - b) Pre-operative management (e.g. prior to thymectomy)
2. Authorization of 6 months may be granted to members with refractory myasthenia gravis who have tried and failed 2 or more of standard therapies (e.g. corticosteroids, azathioprine, cyclosporine, mycophenolate mofetil, rituximab).

C. Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP)

1. Initial authorization of 3 months may be granted when the following criteria are met:
 - a) Disease course is progressive or relapsing/remitting for 2 months or longer
 - b) Moderate to severe functional disability
 - c) The diagnosis was confirmed by electrodiagnostic studies and the evaluation of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)
2. Re-authorization of 6 months may be granted when the following criteria are met:
 - a) Significant improvement in disability and maintenance of improvement since initiation of IG therapy

- b) IG is being used at the lowest effective dose and frequency

D. Dermatomyositis or Polymyositis

1. Initial authorization of 3 months may be granted when the following criteria are met:
 - a) Member has at least 4 of the following:
 - i.) Proximal muscle weakness (upper or lower extremity and trunk)
 - ii.) Elevated serum creatine kinase (CK) or aldolase level
 - iii.) Muscle pain on grasping or spontaneous pain
 - iv.) Myogenic changes on EMG (short-duration, polyphasic motor unit potentials with spontaneous fibrillation potentials)
 - v.) Positive anti-Jo-1 (histidyl tRNA synthetase) antibody
 - vi.) Non-destructive arthritis or arthralgias
 - vii.) Systemic inflammatory signs (fever: more than 37°C at axilla, elevated serum CRP level or accelerated ESR of more than 20 mm/h by the Westergren method,
 - viii.) Pathological findings compatible with inflammatory myositis (inflammatory infiltration of skeletal evidence of active regeneration may be seen), and
 - b) Standard first-line treatments (corticosteroids) and second-line treatments (immunosuppressants) have been tried but were unsuccessful or not tolerated, or
 - c) Member is unable to receive standard first-line and second-line therapy because of a contraindication or other clinical reason.
2. Re-authorization of 6 months may be granted when the following criterion is met:
 - a) Significant improvement in disability and maintenance of improvement since initiation of IG therapy

E. Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (Immune Thrombocytopenia)

1. Newly diagnosed ITP (diagnosed within the past 3 months) or initial therapy: authorization of 1 month may be granted when the following criteria are met:
 - a) Children (< 18 years of age)
 - i). Significant bleeding symptoms (mucosal bleeding or other moderate/severe bleeding) or
 - ii). High risk for bleeding* (see Appendix B), or
 - iii). Rapid increase in platelets is required* (e.g. surgery or procedure)
 - b) Adults (≥ 18 years of age)
 - i). Platelet count < 30,000/mcL, or
 - ii). Platelet count < 50,000/mcL and significant bleeding symptoms, high risk for bleeding or rapid increase in platelets is required*, and
 - iii). Corticosteroid therapy is contraindicated and IG will be used alone or IG will be used in combination with corticosteroid therapy
2. Chronic/persistent ITP (≥ 3 months from diagnosis) or ITP unresponsive to first-line therapy: authorization of 6 months may be granted when the following criteria are met:
 - a) Platelet count < 30,000/mcL, or
 - b) Platelet count < 50,000/mcL and significant bleeding symptoms, high risk for bleeding* or rapid increase in platelets is required*, and
 - c) Relapse after previous response to IG or inadequate response/intolerance/contraindication to corticosteroid or anti-D therapy
3. Adults with refractory ITP after splenectomy: authorization of 6 months may be granted when either of the following criteria is met:
 - a) Platelet count < 30,000/mcL, or
 - b) Significant bleeding symptoms
4. ITP in pregnant women: authorization through delivery may be granted to pregnant women with ITP.

* The member's risk factor(s) for bleeding (see Appendix B) or reason requiring a rapid increase in platelets must be provided.

F. B-cell Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)

1. Initial authorization of 6 months may be granted when all of the following criteria are met:
 - a) IG is prescribed for prophylaxis of bacterial infections.
 - b) Member has a history of recurrent sinopulmonary infections requiring intravenous antibiotics or hospitalization.
 - c) Member has a pretreatment serum IgG level <500 mg/dL.
2. Re-authorization of 6 months may be granted when a reduction in the frequency of bacterial infections has been demonstrated since initiation of IG therapy.

G. Prophylaxis of Bacterial Infections in HIV-Infected Pediatric Patients

1. Initial authorization of up to 6 months may be granted to pediatric members with HIV infection when any of the following criteria are met:
 - a) IG is prescribed for primary prophylaxis of bacterial infections and pretreatment serum IgG < 400 mg/dL, or
 - b) IG is prescribed for secondary prophylaxis of bacterial infections for members with a history of recurrent bacterial infections (> 2 serious bacterial infections in a 1-year period), or
 - c) Member has failed to form antibodies to common antigens, such as measles, pneumococcal, and/or Haemophilus influenzae type b vaccine, or
 - d) Member lives in an area where measles is highly prevalent and who have not developed an antibody response after two doses of measles, mumps, and rubella virus vaccine live, or
 - e) Member has been exposed to measles and request is for a single dose, or
 - f) Member has chronic bronchiectasis that is suboptimally responsive to antimicrobial and pulmonary therapy
2. Re-authorization of 6 months may be granted when a reduction in the frequency of bacterial infections has been demonstrated since initiation of IG therapy.

H. Prophylaxis of Bacterial Infections in BMT/HSCT Recipients

1. Initial authorization of 6 months may be granted to members who are BMT/HSCT recipients when the following criteria are met:
 - a) IG is prescribed for prophylaxis of bacterial infections.
 - b) Either of the following:
 - i). IG is requested within the first 100 days post-transplant.
 - ii). Member has a pretreatment serum IgG < 400 mg/dL.
2. Re-authorization of 6 months may be granted when a reduction in the frequency of bacterial infections has been demonstrated since initiation of IG therapy.

I. Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN)

1. Initial authorization of 3 months may be granted when the following criteria are met:
 - a) Member experienced progressive, multifocal, asymmetrical weakness without objective sensory loss in 2 or more nerves for at least 1 month
 - b) The diagnosis was confirmed by electrodiagnostic studies
2. Re-authorization of 6 months may be granted when significant improvement in disability and maintenance of improvement have occurred since initiation of IG therapy

J. Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS)

1. Authorization of 2 months total may be granted for GBS when the following criteria are met:

- a) Member has severe disease with significant weakness (e.g. inability to stand or walk without aid, respiratory weakness)
- b) Onset of neurologic symptoms occurred less than 4 weeks from the anticipated start of therapy

K. Lambert-Eaton Myasthenic Syndrome (LEMS)

1. Initial authorization of 6 months may be granted for LEMS when the following criteria are met:
 - a) Diagnosis has been confirmed by either of the following:
 - i.) Neurophysiology studies (e.g. electromyography)
 - ii.) A positive anti- P/Q type voltage-gated calcium channel antibody test
 - b) Anticholinesterases (e.g. pyridostigmine) and amifampridine (e.g. 3,4-diaminopyridine phosphate, Firdapse) have been tried but were unsuccessful or not tolerated
 - c) Weakness is severe or there is difficulty with venous access for plasmapheresis
2. Re-authorization of 6 months may be granted when member is responding to therapy (i.e., there is stability or improvement in symptoms relative to the natural course of LEMS).

L. Kawasaki Syndrome

1. Authorization of 1 month may be granted for pediatric members with Kawasaki syndrome.

M. Fetal/Neonatal Alloimmune Thrombocytopenia (F/NAIT)

1. Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of F/NAIT.

N. Parvovirus B19-induced Pure Red Cell Aplasia (PRCA)

1. Authorization of 6 months may be granted for severe, refractory anemia associated with bone marrow suppression, with parvovirus B19 viremia.

O. Stiff-person Syndrome

1. Authorization of 6 months may be granted for stiff-person syndrome when the following criteria are met:
 - a) Diagnosis has been confirmed by anti-glutamic acid decarboxylase (GAD) antibody testing
 - b) Member had an inadequate response to first-line treatment (benzodiazepines and/or baclofen)

P. Management of immune checkpoint inhibitor-related nervous system adverse events

Authorization of 1 month may be granted for management of immune checkpoint-inhibitor toxicities when all of the following criteria are met:

1. Member has experienced a moderate or severe adverse event to a PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitor (e.g. pembrolizumab, nivolumab, atezolizumab, avelumab, durvalumab)
2. The offending medication has been held or discontinued
3. Member has experienced one or more of the following immune checkpoint inhibitor toxicities:
 - a) Severe pneumonitis (Grade 3-4)
 - b) Severe myasthenia gravis (Grade 3-4)
 - c) Severe peripheral neuropathy (Grade 3-4)
 - d) Encephalitis
 - e) Transverse myelitis
 - f) Severe inflammatory arthritis
 - g) Severe or life-threatening bullous dermatitis (Grade 3-4)
 - h) Stevens-Johnson syndrome or toxic epidermal necrolysis
 - i) Moderate (Grade 2) or severe (Grade 3-4) Guillain-Barré Syndrome
 - j) Severe or life-threatening myocarditis, pericarditis, arrhythmias, impaired ventricular function, or conduction abnormalities (Grade 3-4)
 - k) Moderate, severe, or life-threatening steroid-refractory myalgias or myositis

Q. Acquired Red Cell Aplasia

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for acquired red cell aplasia.

R. Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for acute disseminated encephalomyelitis in members who have had an insufficient response to intravenous corticosteroid treatment.

S. Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Disease

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for autoimmune mucocutaneous blistering disease (includes pemphigus vulgaris, pemphigus foliaceus, bullous pemphigoid, mucous membrane pemphigoid, and epidermolysis bullosa acquisita) when the following criteria are met:

1. Diagnosis has been proven by biopsy and confirmed by pathology report, and
2. Condition is rapidly progressing, extensive or debilitating, and
3. Member has failed or experienced significant complications (e.g. diabetes, steroid-induced osteoporosis) from standard treatment (corticosteroids, immunosuppressive agents).

T. Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for warm-type autoimmune hemolytic anemia in members who do not respond or have a contraindication to corticosteroids or splenectomy.

U. Autoimmune Neutropenia

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for autoimmune neutropenia where treatment with G-CSF (granulocyte colony stimulating factor) is not appropriate.

V. Birdshot Retinochoroidopathy

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for birdshot (vitiliginous) retinochoroidopathy that is not responsive to immunosuppressives (e.g. corticosteroids, cyclosporine).

W. BK Virus Associated Nephropathy

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for BK virus associated nephropathy.

X. Churg-Strauss Syndrome

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for severe, active Churg-Strauss syndrome as adjunctive therapy for members who have experienced failure, intolerance, or are contraindicated to other interventions.

Y. Enteroviral Meningoencephalitis

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for severe cases of enteroviral meningoencephalitis.

Z. Hematophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH) or Macrophage Activation Syndrome (MAS)

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of hypogammaglobulinemia in HLH or MAS when total IgG is less than 400 mg/dL or two standard deviations below the mean for age.

AA. Hemolytic Disease of Newborn

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for isoimmune hemolytic disease in neonates.

BB. HIV-associated Thrombocytopenia

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for HIV-associated thrombocytopenia when the following criteria are met:

1. Pediatric members with IgG < 400 mg/dL and has one of the following:
 - a) 2 or more bacterial infections in a 1-year period despite antibiotic chemoprophylaxis with TMP-SMZ or another active agent, or
 - b) Received 2 doses of measles vaccine and lives in a region with a high prevalence or measles, or

- c) HIV-associated thrombocytopenia despite anti-retroviral therapy, or
 - d) Chronic bronchiectasis that is suboptimally responsive to antimicrobial and pulmonary therapy, or T4 cell count $\geq 200/\text{mm}^3$
2. Adult members with significant bleeding, platelet count $< 20,000/\text{mcl}$, and failure of RhIG in Rh-positive patients

CC. Hyperimmunoglobulinemia E Syndrome

Authorization of 6 months may be granted to treat severe eczema in hyperimmunoglobulinemia E syndrome.

DD. Hypogammaglobulinemia from CAR-T therapy

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for members with IgG $< 400 \text{ mg/dL}$ receiving treatment with CAR-T therapy (tisagenlecleucel [Kymriah] or axicabtagene ciloleucel [Yescarta]).

EE. Multiple Myeloma

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for multiple myeloma in members who have recurrent, serious infections despite the use of prophylactic antibiotics.

FF. Neonatal Hemochromatosis

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for prophylaxis in members who are pregnant with a history of pregnancy ending in documented neonatal hemochromatosis.

GG. Opsoclonus-myoclonus

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of either of the following:

1. Paraneoplastic opsoclonus-myoclonus-ataxia associated with neuroblastoma
2. Refractory opsoclonus-myoclonus, as last-resort treatment

HH. Post-transfusion Purpura

Authorization of 1 month may be granted for post-transfusion purpura.

II. Rasmussen Encephalitis

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for Rasmussen encephalitis in members whose symptoms do not improve with anti-epileptic drugs and corticosteroids.

JJ. Renal Transplantation

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for a member undergoing renal transplantation from a live donor with ABO incompatibility or positive cross match.

KK. Secondary Immunosuppression Associated with Major Surgery, Hematological Malignancy, Major Burns, and Collagen-Vascular Diseases

Authorization of 6 months may be granted to prevent or modify recurrent bacterial or viral infections in members with secondary immunosuppression (IgG $< 400 \text{ mg/dL}$) associated with major surgery, hematological malignancy, extensive burns, or collagen-vascular disease.

LL. Solid Organ Transplantation

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for solid organ transplantation for allosensitized members.

MM. Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis and Stevens-Johnson Syndrome

Authorization of 1 month may be granted for severe cases of toxic epidermal necrolysis or Stevens-Johnson syndrome.

NN. Toxic Shock Syndrome

Authorization of 1 month may be granted for staphylococcal or streptococcal toxic shock syndrome when the infection is refractory to several hours of aggressive therapy, an undrainable focus is present, or the member has persistent oliguria with pulmonary edema.

OO. Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for severe, active SLE in members who have experienced inadequate response, intolerance or have a contraindication to first and second line therapies.

PP. Toxic Necrotizing Fasciitis Due To Group A Streptococcus

Authorization of 1 month may be granted for members with fasciitis due to invasive streptococcal infection.

Continuation of Therapy

Authorization may be granted for continuation of therapy when either the following criteria is met:

- A. For conditions with reauthorization criteria listed under “Criteria for Approval” section above, members who are currently receiving IG therapy must meet the applicable reauthorization criteria for the member’s condition.
- B. For all other conditions, all members (including new members) must meet initial authorization criteria.

Intravenous Immune Globulin is considered **not medically necessary** for members who do not meet the criteria set forth above.

Dosing and Administration

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

Appendices

Appendix A: Impaired Antibody Response to Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine

- Age 2 years and older: impaired antibody response demonstrated to vaccination with a pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine
- Not established for children less than 2 years of age
- Excludes the therapy initiated in the hospital setting

Appendix B: Examples of Risk Factors for Bleeding (not all inclusive)

- Undergoing a medical or dental procedure where blood loss is anticipated
- Comorbidity (e.g. peptic ulcer disease, hypertension)
- Mandated anticoagulation therapy
- Profession or lifestyle predisposes patient to trauma (e.g. construction worker, fireman, professional athlete)

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.

- J1459 Injection, immune globulin (Privigen), intravenous, nonlyophilized (e.g. liquid), 500 mg
- J1556 Injection, immune globulin (Bivigam), 500 mg
- J1557 Injection, immune globulin, (Gammaplex), intravenous, nonlyophilized (e.g. liquid), 500 mg
- J1561 Injection, immune globulin, (Gamunex), intravenous, non-lyophilized, (e.g. liquid), 500 mg
- J1566 Injection, immune globulin, intravenous, lyophilized (e.g. powder), 500 mg

- J1568 Injection, immune globulin, (Octagam), intravenous, non-lyophilized, (e.g. liquid), 500 mg
- J1569 Injection, immune globulin, (Gammagard liquid), intravenous, non-lyophilized, (e.g. liquid), 500 mg
- J1572 Injection, immune globulin, (Flebogamma), intravenous, non-lyophilized, (e.g. liquid), 500 mg
- J1599 Injection, immune globulin, intravenous, nonlyophilized (e.g. liquid), not otherwise specified, 500 mg (Panzyla and Asceniv)

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