

## CAREFIRST: HEMGENIX

**Client Requested:** The intent of the criteria is to ensure that patients follow selection elements as established by CareFirst.

### **COVERAGE CRITERIA**

The requested drug will be covered with prior authorization when the following criteria are met:

#### **FDA-Approved Indication**

Hemgenix is an adeno-associated virus vector-based gene therapy indicated for treatment of adults with Hemophilia B (congenital Factor IX deficiency) who currently use Factor IX prophylaxis therapy, or have current or historical life-threatening hemorrhage, or have repeated, serious spontaneous bleeding episodes.

All other indications are considered experimental/investigational and not medically necessary.

### **I. PRESCRIBER SPECIALTIES**

This medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist.

### **II. CRITERIA FOR INITIAL APPROVAL**

#### **Hemophilia B**

Authorization of 1 month for one dose total may be granted for the treatment of hemophilia B when all of the following criteria are met:

- A. Member is 18 years of age or older
- B. Member meets either of the following:
  - 1. Member has a negative Factor IX inhibitor test result within the past 30 days
  - 2. If member has a positive Factor IX inhibitor test result within the past 30 days, there must be a negative test result within 2 weeks of the initial positive result
- C. Member has severe or moderately severe Factor IX deficiency ( $\leq 2\%$  of normal circulating Factor IX) and meets any of the following:
  - 1. Member is currently using Factor IX prophylactic therapy
  - 2. Member has a current or history of a life-threatening hemorrhage
  - 3. Member has a history of repeated, serious spontaneous bleeding episodes
- D. Member has not previously received gene therapy treatment
- E. Any prophylaxis trial will be discontinued 6 months following administration of Hemgenix infusion as clinically appropriate
- F. Dosing and administration is consistent with product labeling (IV:  $2 \times 10^{13}$  genome copies/kg or 2mL/kg as a single, one-time dose)
- G. Member has completed a liver health assessment including:
  - 1. Enzyme testing (alanine amino transferase (ALT), aspartate aminotransferase (AST), alkaline phosphatase (ALP) and total bilirubin
  - 2. Hepatic ultrasound and elastography
  - 3. In case of patients with either radiological liver abnormalities or sustained liver enzyme elevations, a consulting hepatologist has assessed the member eligible to receive Hemgenix