

POLICY Document for YERVOY (ipilimumab)

The overall objective of this policy is to support the appropriate and cost-effective use of the medication, specific to use of preferred medication options, and overall, clinically appropriate use. This document provides specific information to both sections of the overall policy.

Section 1: Site of Care

- Policy information specific to site of care (outpatient, hospital outpatient, home infusion)

Section 2: Clinical Criteria

- Policy information specific to the clinical appropriateness for the medication

Section 3: Oncology Clinical Policy

- Policy information specific to regimen review per NCCN Guidelines.

Section 1: Site of Care

Site of Care Criteria Checkpoint Inhibitors

Products Referenced by this Document

Drugs that are listed in the following table include both brand and generic and all dosage forms and strengths unless otherwise stated.

Brand Name	Generic Name	Dosage Form
Bavencio	avelumab	intravenous
Imfinzi	durvalumab	intravenous
Jemperli	dostarlimab-gxly	intravenous
Keytruda	pembrolizumab	intravenous
Libtayo	cemiplimab	intravenous
Loqtorzi	toripalimab-tpzi	intravenous
Opdivo	nivolumab	intravenous
Opdualag	nivolumab and relatlimab-rmbw	intravenous
Tecentriq	atezolizumab	intravenous
	penpulimab-kcqx	intravenous
Tevimbra	tislelizumab	intravenous

Brand Name	Generic Name	Dosage Form
Unloxcyt	cosibelimab-ipdl	intravenous
Yervoy	ipilimumab	intravenous
Zynyz	retifanlimab-dlwr	intravenous

Criteria For Approval For Administration In Outpatient Hospital Setting

This policy provides coverage for administration of a checkpoint inhibitor in an outpatient hospital setting for the initial 6 months approval and up to 45 days for renewal of therapy.

This policy provides coverage for administration of tocilizumab in an outpatient hospital setting for a longer course of treatment when ANY of the following criteria are met:

- The member has experienced an adverse reaction that did not respond to conventional interventions (eg, acetaminophen, steroids, diphenhydramine, fluids, other pre-medications or slowing of infusion rate) or a severe adverse event (anaphylaxis, anaphylactoid reactions, myocardial infarction, thromboembolism, or seizures) during or immediately after an infusion or has experienced severe toxicity requiring continuous monitoring (e.g. Grade 2-4 bullous dermatitis, transaminitis, pneumonitis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, acute pancreatitis, primary adrenal insufficiency aseptic meningitis, encephalitis, transverse myelitis, myocarditis, pericarditis, arrhythmias, impaired ventricular function, conduction abnormalities).
- The member is medically unstable (eg respiratory, cardiovascular, or renal conditions).
- The member has severe venous access issues that require the use of a special interventions only available in the outpatient hospital setting.
- The member has significant behavioral issues and/or physical or cognitive impairment that would impact the safety of the infusion therapy AND the patient does not have access to a caregiver.
- The member is receiving provider administered combination chemotherapy.
- Alternative infusion sites (pharmacy, physician office, ambulatory care, etc.) are greater than 30 miles from the member's home.
- The member is less than 14 years of age.

For situations where administration of a checkpoint inhibitor does not meet the criteria for outpatient hospital infusion, coverage for a checkpoint inhibitor is provided when administered in alternative sites such as; physician office, home infusion or ambulatory care.

Required Documentation

The following information is necessary to initiate the site of care prior authorization review (where applicable):

- Medical records supporting the member has experienced an adverse reaction that did not respond to conventional interventions or a severe adverse event during or immediately after an infusion or a severe toxicity requiring continuous monitoring
- Medical records supporting the member is medically unstable
- Medical records supporting the member has severe venous access issues that require specialized interventions only available in the outpatient hospital setting
- Medical records supporting the member has behavioral issues and/or physical or cognitive impairment and no access to a caregiver
- Medical records supporting the member is receiving provider administered combination therapy.
- Records supporting alternative infusion sites are greater than 30 miles from the member's home.
- Medical records supporting the member is new to therapy

Section 2: Clinical Criteria

Specialty Guideline Management Yervoy

Products Referenced by this Document

Drugs that are listed in the following table include both brand and generic and all dosage forms and strengths unless otherwise stated. Over-the-counter (OTC) products are not included unless otherwise stated.

Brand Name	Generic Name
Yervoy	ipilimumab

Indications

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 Indications¹

Unresectable or Metastatic Melanoma

Yervoy is indicated as a single agent or in combination with nivolumab for the treatment of unresectable or metastatic melanoma in adult and pediatric patients 12 years and older.

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Adjuvant Treatment of Melanoma

Yervoy is indicated for the adjuvant treatment of adult patients with cutaneous melanoma with pathologic involvement of regional lymph nodes of more than 1 mm who have undergone complete resection, including total lymphadenectomy.

Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma

Yervoy, in combination with nivolumab, is indicated for the first-line treatment of adult patients with intermediate or poor risk advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC).

Microsatellite Instability-High (MSI-H) or Mismatch Repair Deficient (dMMR) Metastatic Colorectal Cancer

Yervoy, in combination with nivolumab, is indicated for the treatment of adult and pediatric patients 12 years of age and older with unresectable or metastatic microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) colorectal cancer (CRC).

Hepatocellular Carcinoma

Yervoy, in combination with nivolumab, is indicated for the first-line treatment of adult patients with unresectable or metastatic hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC).

Yervoy, in combination with nivolumab, is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with unresectable or metastatic hepatocellular carcinoma who have been previously treated with sorafenib.

Metastatic Non-small Cell Lung Cancer

Yervoy, in combination with nivolumab, is indicated for the first-line treatment of adult patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose tumors express PD-L1 ($\geq 1\%$) as determined by an FDA-approved test, with no EGFR or ALK genomic tumor aberrations.

Yervoy, in combination with nivolumab and 2 cycles of platinum-doublet chemotherapy, is indicated for the first-line treatment of adult patients with metastatic or recurrent non-small cell lung cancer with no EGFR or ALK genomic tumor aberrations.

Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma

Yervoy, in combination with nivolumab, is indicated for the first-line treatment of adult patients with unresectable malignant pleural mesothelioma.

Esophageal Cancer

Yervoy, in combination with nivolumab, is indicated for the first-line treatment of adult patients with unresectable advanced or metastatic esophageal squamous cell carcinoma (ESCC).

Compendial Uses²

Cutaneous melanoma

Uveal melanoma

Central nervous system (CNS) brain metastases

Non-small cell lung cancer

Renal cell carcinoma

Colorectal cancer, including appendiceal adenocarcinoma and anal adenocarcinoma

Pleural mesothelioma

Peritoneal mesothelioma

Hepatocellular carcinoma

Small bowel adenocarcinoma

Ampullary adenocarcinoma

Esophageal/Esophagogastric Junction Cancers

Kaposi Sarcoma

Bone Cancer

Biliary Tract Cancers

- Cholangiocarcinoma

- Gallbladder Cancer

Soft Tissue Sarcoma

- Extremity/body wall sarcoma

- Head/neck sarcoma

- Retroperitoneal/intra-abdominal sarcoma

- Rhabdomyosarcoma

- Angiosarcoma

Merkel Cell Carcinoma

Gastric Cancer

Gestational trophoblastic neoplasia

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

Documentation

Submission of the following information is necessary to initiate the prior authorization review:

Documentation of laboratory report confirming MSI-H, mismatch repair deficient (dMMR), or polymerase epsilon/delta (POLE/POLD1) tumor status, where applicable.

Documentation of molecular testing for EGFR exon 19 deletions or exon 21 L858R mutations and ALK rearrangements, where applicable.

Coverage Criteria

Cutaneous Melanoma^{1,2}

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of cutaneous melanoma in any of the following settings:

The requested medication will be used as a single agent (for up to 4 doses) or in combination with nivolumab (for 4 doses followed by nivolumab as a single agent) for metastatic or unresectable disease.

The requested medication will be used as a single agent (for up to 4 doses) or in combination with nivolumab (for 4 doses followed by nivolumab as a single agent) as adjuvant treatment if no evidence of disease following metastasis-directed therapy (e.g., complete resection).

The requested medication will be used at a low dose in combination with pembrolizumab for disease progression following single-agent anti-PD-1 therapy as subsequent therapy for metastatic or unresectable disease.

The requested medication will be used as a single agent for resectable disease limited to nodal recurrence after prior anti-PD-1 therapy.

The requested medication will be used in combination with nivolumab (for 4 doses followed by nivolumab as a single agent) as neoadjuvant treatment of resectable disease.

Uveal Melanoma²

Authorization of 6 months may be granted as a single agent or in combination with nivolumab (for 4 doses followed by nivolumab as a single agent) for treatment of uveal melanoma for unresectable or metastatic disease.

CNS Brain Metastases²

Authorization of 6 months may be granted as a single agent or in combination with nivolumab (for 4 doses followed by nivolumab as a single agent) for treatment of CNS brain metastases in members with melanoma.

Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)^{1,2}

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of recurrent, advanced or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer if there are no EGFR exon 19 deletions or exon 21 L858R mutations or ALK rearrangements (unless testing is not feasible due to insufficient tissue) and the requested medication will be used in a regimen containing nivolumab.

Renal Cell Carcinoma^{1,2}

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of renal cell carcinoma in combination with nivolumab (for 4 doses, followed by single agent nivolumab) for relapsed, advanced, or stage IV disease with clear cell histology.

Colorectal Cancer^{1,2,3}

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of colorectal cancer, including appendiceal adenocarcinoma and anal adenocarcinoma, for microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H), mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) or polymerase epsilon/delta (POLE/POLD1) tumors when used in combination with nivolumab (for 4 doses followed by nivolumab as a single agent).

Pleural or Peritoneal Mesothelioma^{1,2}

Authorization of 6 months may be granted in combination with nivolumab for treatment of pleural or peritoneal mesothelioma, including pericardial mesothelioma and tunica vaginalis testis mesothelioma.

Hepatocellular Carcinoma^{1,2}

Authorization of 6 months may be granted in combination with nivolumab (for 4 doses followed by nivolumab as a single agent) for treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma.

Small Bowel Adenocarcinoma²

Authorization of 6 months may be granted in combination with nivolumab (for 4 doses followed by nivolumab as a single agent) for treatment of unresectable, medically inoperable, advanced or metastatic small bowel adenocarcinoma for microsatellite-instability high (MSI-H), mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) or polymerase epsilon/delta (POLE/POLD1) tumors.

Ampullary Adenocarcinoma²

Authorization of 6 months may be granted in combination with nivolumab (for 4 doses followed by nivolumab as a single agent) for treatment of progressive, unresectable, or metastatic microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) ampullary adenocarcinoma.

Esophageal and Esophagogastric Junction Cancers^{1,2}

Authorization of 6 months may be granted in combination with nivolumab for the treatment of esophageal or esophagogastric junction cancer in members who are not surgical candidates or have unresectable locally advanced, recurrent or metastatic disease.

Authorization of 6 months may be granted in combination with nivolumab for neoadjuvant or perioperative treatment of esophageal or esophagogastric junction adenocarcinoma if tumor is microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) and member is medically fit for surgery.

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for induction therapy for relieving dysphagia in combination with nivolumab for members planned for esophagectomy.

Gastric Cancer^{2,5}

Authorization of 6 months may be granted in combination with nivolumab for treatment of gastric adenocarcinoma in members with microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) tumors who are not surgical candidates or have unresectable, recurrent or metastatic disease.

Authorization of 6 months may be granted in combination with nivolumab for neoadjuvant or perioperative treatment of gastric adenocarcinoma if tumor is microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) and member is medically fit for surgery.

Authorization of 6 months may be granted when the requested medication will be used in combination with nivolumab in members with early stage microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) tumors and completed endoscopic resection.

Kaposi Sarcoma²

Authorization of 6 months may be granted in combination with nivolumab for subsequent treatment of relapsed/refractory classic Kaposi Sarcoma.

Bone Cancer²

Authorization of 6 months may be granted in combination with nivolumab for unresectable or metastatic disease when all of the following are met:

- Disease has tumor mutation burden-high (TMB-H) [≥ 10 mutations/megabase (mut/Mb)] tumors
- Disease has progressed following prior treatment and has no satisfactory alternative treatment options

Biliary Tract Cancer (Cholangiocarcinoma and Gallbladder Cancer)²

- Authorization of 6 months may be granted in combination with nivolumab for treatment of unresectable or resected gross residual (R2) disease, or metastatic disease that is tumor mutation burden-high (TMB-H).
- Authorization of 6 months may be granted in combination with nivolumab for neoadjuvant treatment of resectable locoregionally advanced gallbladder cancer that is tumor mutation burden-high (TMB-H).

Soft Tissue Sarcoma²

Authorization of 6 months may be granted in combination with nivolumab for treatment of extremity/body wall sarcomas, head/neck sarcomas and retroperitoneal/intra-abdominal sarcomas, rhabdomyosarcoma and angiosarcoma.

Merkel Cell Carcinoma^{2,4}

Authorization of 6 months may be granted as a single agent or in combination with nivolumab (for 4 doses followed by nivolumab as a single agent) for treatment of unresectable, recurrent, or stage IV Merkel cell carcinoma.

Gestational Trophoblastic Neoplasia²

Authorization of 6 months may be granted in combination with nivolumab for treatment of gestational trophoblastic neoplasia for multi-agent chemotherapy-resistant disease when either of the following criteria are met:

- Member has recurrent or progressive intermediate trophoblastic tumor (placental site trophoblastic tumor or epithelioid trophoblastic tumor).
- Member has high-risk disease.

Continuation of Therapy

Adjuvant Treatment of Melanoma

Authorization of 6 months may be granted (up to 3 years) for continued treatment in members requesting reauthorization for adjuvant melanoma when there is no evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression while on the current regimen.

Cutaneous Melanoma, Renal Cell Carcinoma, Colorectal Cancer, Hepatocellular Cancer

Authorization of 6 months may be granted (up to 4 doses maximum, if member has not already received 4 doses) for continued treatment in members requesting reauthorization for cutaneous melanoma, renal cell carcinoma, colorectal cancer, and hepatocellular cancer when there is no evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression while on the current regimen.

Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer, Gastric/ Esophageal/Esophagogastric Junction Cancers, or Pleural Mesothelioma

Authorization of 6 months may be granted (up to 24 months total) for continued treatment in members requesting reauthorization for non-small cell lung cancer, esophageal cancer, or pleural mesothelioma, including pericardial mesothelioma and tunica vaginalis testis mesothelioma subtypes, when there is no evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression while on the current regimen.

Biliary Tract Cancer

Authorization of 6 months may be granted (for 2 to 6 months total for neoadjuvant treatment, and for up to 24 months total for other clinical settings) for continued treatment in members requesting reauthorization for biliary tract cancer when there is no evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression while on the current regimen.

All Other Indications

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for continued treatment in members requesting reauthorization for all other indications listed in the Coverage Criteria section when treatment guidelines do not specify a limited number of total doses (see above) and there is no evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression while on the current regimen.

Section 3: Oncology Clinical Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to define the Novologix NCCN® Regimen Prior Authorization Program.

SCOPE

This policy applies to clients who have implemented the Novologix NCCN® Program as a part of their medical and/or pharmacy prior authorization solution.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The National Comprehensive Care Network® (NCCN®) is an alliance of leading cancer centers devoted to patient care, research and education dedicated to improving the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of cancer care so patients can live better lives.¹ It is comprised of oncology experts who convene regularly to establish the best treatments for patients. NCCN develops various resources for use by stakeholders in the health care delivery system. These resources include, but are not limited to, the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®), the NCCN Drugs & Biologics Compendium (NCCN Compendium®) and the NCCN Chemotherapy Order Templates (NCCN Templates®).

NCCN Templates® are based on NCCN Guidelines® and NCCN Compendium®. The NCCN Compendium lists the appropriate drugs and biologics as treatment options for specific cancers using U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved disease indications and specific NCCN panel recommendations. Each recommendation is supported by a level of evidence category.

NCCN Categories of Evidence and Consensus²

- Category 1: Based upon high-level evidence, there is uniform NCCN consensus that the intervention is appropriate.
- Category 2A: Based upon lower-level evidence, there is uniform NCCN consensus that the intervention is appropriate.
- Category 2B: Based upon lower-level evidence, there is NCCN consensus that the intervention is appropriate.
- Category 3: Based upon any level of evidence, there is major NCCN disagreement that the

POLICY

Policy for Regimen Prior Authorization

A regimen prior authorization allows submission of a single prior authorization request for all oncology drugs or biologics within an NCCN template that require prior authorization.

PROCEDURE

This policy provides coverage of a regimen review when all of the following criteria are met:

1. Regimen prior authorization reviews, based on NCCN templates, are initiated through the provider portal.
 - If the prior authorization request is submitted via phone or fax, each drug or biologic will need to be submitted and reviewed as a separate prior authorization request for review with drug-specific criteria.
2. The prior authorization review is requested for an oncology drug or biologic.
3. The member is eligible for regimen review.
4. The indication is for a cancer that is eligible for regimen review. Currently, the cancer types in scope for regimen review include the following:
 - o Ampullary Adenocarcinoma
 - o Anal Carcinoma
 - o B-Cell Lymphomas
 - o Basal Cell Skin Cancer
 - o Biliary Tract Cancers
 - o Bone Cancer
 - o Breast Cancer
 - o Bladder Cancer
 - o Central Nervous System Cancers
 - o Cervical Cancer
 - o Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia/Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma
 - o Chronic Myeloid leukemia
 - o Colon Cancer
 - o Dermatofibrosarcoma Protuberans
 - o Esophageal Cancer
 - o Gastric Cancer
 - o Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors
 - o Gestational Trophoblastic Neoplasms
 - o Hairy Cell Leukemia
 - o Head and Neck Cancers
 - o Histiocytic Neoplasms
 - o Hodgkin Lymphoma
 - o Hepatocellular Carcinoma

- o Kaposi Sarcoma
- o Kidney Cancer
- o Melanoma: Cutaneous
- o Melanoma: Uveal
- o Merkel Cell Carcinoma
- o Mesothelioma: Peritoneal
- o Mesothelioma: Pleural
- o Multiple Myeloma
- o Myelodysplastic Syndromes
- o Myeloid/Lymphoid Neoplasms with Eosinophilia and Tyrosine Kinase Gene Fusions
- o Myeloproliferative Neoplasms
- o Neuroendocrine and Adrenal Tumors
- o Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer
- o Occult Primary
- o Ovarian Cancer
- o Pancreatic Cancer
- o Penile Cancer
- o Primary Cutaneous Lymphomas
- o Prostate Cancer
- o Rectal Cancer
- o Small Bowel Adenocarcinoma
- o Small Cell Lung Cancer
- o Soft Tissue Sarcoma
- o Squamous Cell Skin Cancer
- o Systemic Mastocytosis
- o Systemic Light Chain Amyloidosis
- o T-Cell Lymphomas
- o Testicular Cancer
- o Thymomas and Thymic Carcinomas
- o Thyroid Carcinoma
- o Uterine Neoplasms
- o Vaginal Cancer
- o Vulvar Cancer
- o Waldenström Macroglobulinemia / Lymphoplasmacytic Lymphoma
- o Wilms Tumor (Nephroblastoma)

In addition, the following criteria must be met for approval:

1. The requested regimen for the drug(s) or biologic(s) and indication is consistent with an NCCN recommendation with a level of evidence category of 1 or 2A.
2. The NCCN template must be accepted by the provider without modification.

Further review may be indicated when the above criteria are not met.

Authorizations may be granted for 12 months or as medically required, based on the member's condition and provider's assessment.

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Supportive Care: Myeloid Growth Factor Therapy

Granulocyte colony stimulating factors are recommended for primary prophylaxis based on the febrile neutropenia risk of the chemotherapy regimen. Febrile neutropenia risk levels vary by NCCN Chemotherapy Order template and are listed at the top of the template. Regimens associated with a high or intermediate risk of febrile neutropenia may include a granulocyte colony stimulating factor as part of the prior authorization.

Continuation of Therapy

To submit a request for continuation of therapy, a new regimen prior authorization review must be requested. Upon template selection, the template must be modified to include the appropriate therapies being used for maintenance treatment. The regimen request will be submitted for further review.

Dosage and Administration

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

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