



Pre - PA Allowance

None

Prior-Approval Requirements

Diagnoses

Patient must have **ONE** of the following:

1. Anemia associated with chronic renal failure
 - a. Serum ferritin ≥ 100 ng/ml (labs must have been taken within the last 3 months)

AND ONE of the following:

1. ***If patient is NOT on dialysis***
 - a. Initial treatment: Hemoglobin < 10 g/dl*
 - b. Continuing treatment: Hemoglobin ≤ 10 g/dl*
2. ***If patient is ON dialysis***
 - a. Initial treatment: Hemoglobin < 10 g/dl*
 - b. Continuing treatment: Hemoglobin ≤ 11 g/dl*

* if the hemoglobin level exceeds this level then the prescribing physician must confirm that the dose will be held or reduced until the hemoglobin level returns to the required level.

2. Anemia secondary to chemotherapy
 - a. Concomitant myelosuppressive therapy and the anticipated outcome of therapy is NOT cure of cancer
 - b. There is a minimum of two additional months of planned chemotherapy
 - c. Must discontinue use of agent upon completion of the chemotherapy
 - d. Patient's anemia cannot be managed by transfusions

3. Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS)

4. Anemia associated with Hepatitis C (HCV) treatment

AND the following

- a. **NOT** used in combination with another erythropoiesis stimulating agent



**BlueCross
BlueShield**

Federal Employee Program.

**ARANESP
(darbepoetin alfa)**

Prior - Approval Limits

Duration 6 months

Prior – Approval *Renewal* Requirements

Same as above

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