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IVIG (INTRAVENOUS IMMUNOGLOBULIN) PRIOR APPROVAL REQUEST

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Fax: 1-877-378-4727

Patient Information (required)			**Provider Information (required)**		
Date:			Provider Name:		
Patient Name:			Specialty:	NPI:	
Date of Birth:	Sex: ❑Male ❑Female		Office Phone:	Office Fax:	
Street Address:			Office Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:	City:	State:	Zip:
Patient ID: **R**			Physician Signature:		

PHYSICIAN COMPLETES

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Please select medication:

❑Alyglo	**❑Bivigam**	**❑Gammagard**	**❑Gammaked**	**❑Gamunex-C**	**❑Panzyga**
❑Asceniv	**❑Flebogamma**	**❑Gammaked S/D**	**❑Gammaplex**	**❑Octagam**	**❑Privigen**

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1. Has the patient been on this medication continuously for the last **6 months,** excluding samples? ***Please select answer below:***
   ❑**YES** – this is a PA renewal for **CONTINUATION** of therapy, please answer the questions on **PAGE 5**
   ❑**NO** – this is **INITIATION** of therapy, please answer the questions below:
2. Is this request for brand or generic? ❑Brand ❑Generic
3. Will this medication be filled at a pharmacy or billed through medical plan or office billing? ❑Pharmacy ❑Medical plan/Office billing
4. Will the medication be self-administered? ***Please select answer below:***
   ❑**Yes**: Has the patient or their caregiver been instructed on how to monitor for signs and symptoms of thrombosis when self-administering the medication? ❑Yes ❑No
   ❑**No**: Will the patient be monitored carefully for signs and symptoms of thrombosis both at the time of infusion and after infusion? ❑Yes ❑No
5. Will this medication be used in combination with another immunoglobulin medication? ❑Yes* ❑No
   If YES, specify the medication: _____
6. What is the patient's diagnosis?
   ❑Fetal Alloimmune Thrombocytopenia (F/NAIT)
   ❑Inclusion-body myositis
   ❑Kawasaki syndrome
   ❑Lambert-Eaton Myasthenic Syndrome (LEMS)
   ❑Multiple sclerosis
   ❑Parvovirus B 19-induced Pure Red Cell Aplasia (PRCA)
   ❑Peripheral Blood Progenitor Cell (PBPC) collection
   ❑Umbilical cord stem cell transplantation
   ❑Agammaglobulinemia
   a. Has the patient's diagnosis been confirmed by genetic or molecular testing? ❑Yes ❑No
   b. Does the patient have a pre-treatment lgG level less than 200mg/dL? ❑Yes ❑No
   ❑Ataxia-telangiectasia **OR** ❑DiGeorge syndrome **OR** ❑Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome
   a. Has the patient's diagnosis been confirmed by genetic or molecular testing? ❑Yes ❑No
   b. Does the patient have a documented history of recurrent bacterial and viral infections? ❑Yes ❑No
   c. Does the patient have an impaired antibody response to the pneumococcal vaccine? ❑Yes ❑No
   ❑Autoimmune encephalitis
   a. Has the diagnosis been confirmed with **TWO** of the following tests: neuroimaging, electroencephalography (EEG), lumbar puncture, or serologic testing? ❑Yes ❑No
   ❑Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT) **OR** ❑Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (HSCT) recipients
   a. Is the medication being prescribed for prophylaxis of bacterial and viral infections? ❑Yes ❑No
   b. Has the patient received a transplant in the last 100 days? ❑Yes ❑No*
   If NO, does the patient have a pre-treatment serum lgG level less than 400 mg/dL? ❑Yes ❑No

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❑Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP)
- a. Does the patient have moderate to severe functional disability? ❑Yes ❑No
- b. Has the patient had electrodiagnostic studies that are consistent with multifocal demyelinating abnormalities? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)
- a. Does the patient have B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia? ❑Yes ❑No
- b. Is this medication being prescribed for prophylaxis of bacterial and viral infections? ❑Yes ❑No
- c. Is there a documented history of recurrent sinopulmonary infections requiring intravenous antibiotics or hospitalization? ❑Yes ❑No
- d. Does the patient have a pre-treatment serum lgG level less than 500 mg/dL? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Common Variable Immunodeficiency Disease (CVID)
- a. Does the patient have a documented history of recurrent bacterial and viral infections? ❑Yes ❑No
- b. Does the patient have an impaired antibody response to the pneumococcal vaccine? ❑Yes ❑No
- c. Have other causes of immune deficiency been excluded including drug-induced, genetic disorders, infectious diseases such as HIV, or malignancy? ❑Yes ❑No
- d. Does the patient have a pre-treatment lgG level of less than 500 mg/dL? ❑Yes ❑No*****
  ****If NO***, does the patient have a pre-treatment lgG equivalent to 2 or more standard deviations below the mean for the age of the patient? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Dermatomyositis **OR** ❑Polymyositis
- a. Does the patient have documented clinical features such as elevated muscle enzymes, muscle biopsy, or supportive diagnostic tests? ❑Yes ❑No
- b. Does the patient have an intolerance or contraindication or have they had an inadequate treatment response to first-line treatments such as corticosteroids or immunosuppressants? ❑Yes ❑No

❑End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)
- a. Will this medication be used to improve the chances of successful kidney transplantation? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS)
- a. Has the patient's physical mobility been severely affected requiring the patient to use an aid to walk? ❑Yes ❑No
- b. Will IVIG therapy be initiated within two weeks of the onset of symptoms? ❑Yes ❑No

❑HIV infections
- a. Is the medication being prescribed for prophylaxis of bacterial and viral infections? ❑Yes ❑No
- b. Is this medication being used for primary or secondary prophylaxis? ***Please select answer below:***

  ❑**Primary Prophylaxis**: Does the patient have a pre-treatment serum lgG level less than 400 mg/dL? ❑Yes ❑No

  ❑**Secondary Prophylaxis**: Please answer the following questions:
  - i. Does the patient have documentation of recurrent bacterial and viral infections (greater than 2 serious infections in a year)? ❑Yes ❑No
  - ii. Does the patient have a contraindication to taking combination antiretroviral therapy? ❑Yes ❑No
  - iii. Has antibiotic prophylaxis been found to be ineffective for this patient? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Hypogammaglobulinemia
- a. Does the patient have a pre-treatment lgG less than 500 mg/dL? ❑Yes ❑No*****
  ****If NO***, does the patient have a pre-treatment lgG equivalent to 2 or more standard deviations below the mean for the patient's age? ❑Yes ❑No
- b. Does the patient have a documented history of recurrent bacterial and viral infections? ❑Yes ❑No
- c. Does the patient have an impaired antibody response to the pneumococcal vaccine? ❑Yes ❑No

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❑lgG subclass deficiency
a. Does the patient have a pre-treatment lgG1, lgG2, or lgG3 equivalent to 2 or more standard deviations below the mean for the patient's age on at least two occasions? ❑Yes ❑No
b. Does the patient have lgG (total) and lgM levels within normal limits? ❑Yes* ❑No
If YES, does the patient have lgA levels within low to normal limits? ❑Yes ❑No
c. Does the patient have a documented history of recurrent bacterial and viral infections? ❑Yes ❑No
d. Does the patient have an impaired antibody response to the pneumococcal vaccine? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN)
a. Is the patient experiencing weakness without *objective sensory loss in two or more nerves? ❑Yes ❑No
Objective Sensory Loss: decreased reflexes, motor weakness, muscle wasting, trophic skin, join changes
b. Has the patient had electrodiagnostic studies that are consistent with motor conduction block? ❑Yes ❑No
c. Has the patient had sensory nerve conduction studies that are normal? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Myasthenia gravis
a. Has the patient experienced an increase in any of the following symptoms: diplopia (double vision), ptosis (drooping eyelid), blurred vision, dysarthria (difficulty in speech), dysphagia (difficulty swallowing), difficulty chewing, impaired respiratory status, fatigue, or limb weakness? ❑Yes ❑No*
If NO, has the patient had *pre-operative management? ❑Yes ❑No
Pre-Operative Management: cholinesterase inhibitors, corticosteroids, or immunosuppressants

❑Secondary immunosuppression
a. Does the patient have secondary immunosuppression associated with hematological malignancy? ❑Yes ❑No
b. Does the patient have a pre-treatment lgG level of less than 500mg/dL? ❑Yes ❑No*
If NO, does the patient have a pre-treatment lgG equivalent to 2 or more standard deviations below the mean for the patient's age? ❑Yes ❑No
c. Does the patient have a documented history of recurrent bacterial and viral infections? ❑Yes ❑No
d. Does the patient have an impaired antibody response to the pneumococcal vaccine? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Selective lgA deficiency
a. Does the patient have a pre-treatment lgA level of less than 7mg/dL? ❑Yes* ❑No
If YES, does the patient have lgG and lgM levels within normal limits? ❑Yes ❑No
b. Does the patient have a documented history of recurrent bacterial and viral infections? ❑Yes ❑No
c. Does the patient have an impaired antibody response to the pneumococcal vaccine? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Selective lgM deficiency
a. Does the patient have a pre-treatment lgM level of less than 30mg/dL? ❑Yes* ❑No
If YES, does the patient have lgG and lgA levels within normal limits? ❑Yes ❑No
b. Does the patient have a documented history of recurrent bacterial and viral infections? ❑Yes ❑No
c. Does the patient have an impaired antibody response to the pneumococcal vaccine? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Disease (SCID)
a. Does the patient have an absence or very low number of T cells (CD3 T cells less than 300/microliter)? ❑Yes ❑No*
If NO, is there a presence of maternal T cells in the circulation? ❑Yes ❑No
b. Has the patient's diagnosis been confirmed by genetic or molecular testing? ❑Yes ❑No
c. Does the patient have a pre-treatment lgG less than 200 mg/dL? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Specific antibody deficiency
a. Does the patient have a specific antibody deficiency with lgG, lgA, and lgM levels within normal limits? ❑Yes ❑No
b. Does the patient have a documented history of recurrent bacterial and viral infections? ❑Yes ❑No
c. Does the patient have an impaired antibody response to the pneumococcal vaccine? ❑Yes ❑No

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❑Stiff-person syndrome

a. Does the patient have an intolerance or contraindication or have they had an inadequate treatment response to first-line treatment (benzodiazepine or baclofen)? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP)

a. **FEMALE Patient**: Is the patient of reproductive potential? ❑Yes***** ❑No

****If YES***, is the patient currently pregnant? ❑Yes ❑No

b. Has the patient been diagnosed with ITP within the past three months? ***Please select answer below:***

❑**Yes**: Please answer the following questions:

i. **Age 17 or Younger**, please answer the following questions:

1) Does the patient have significant bleeding symptoms such as mucosal bleeding or moderate to severe bleeding? ❑Yes ❑No

2) Is the patient at high risk for bleeding? ❑Yes ❑No

3) Does the patient require a rapid increase in platelets due to a surgery or procedure? ❑Yes ❑No

ii. **Age 18 or Older**, please answer the following questions:

1) What is the patient's platelet count? ***Please select answer below:***

❑**Less than 30,000/mcL**

❑**30,000 to 49,999/mcL**, please answer the following question:

a) Does the patient have significant bleeding symptoms, a high risk for bleeding, or a requirement for a rapid increase in platelets? ❑Yes ❑No

❑**50,000/mcL or higher**

2) Will IVIG be used in combination with corticosteroid therapy? ❑Yes ❑No*****

****If NO***, does the patient have a contraindication to corticosteroid therapy? ❑Yes ❑No

❑**No**: Please answer the questions below:

i. Is the patient experiencing refractory ITP following a splenectomy? ***Please select answer below:***

❑**Yes**: Does the patient have a platelet count less than 30,000/mcL (per microliter)? ❑Yes ❑No*****

****If NO***, does the patient have significant bleeding symptoms? ❑Yes ❑No

❑**No**: Please answer the following questions:

1) What is the patient's platelet count? ***Please select answer below:***

❑**Less than 30,000/mcL**

❑**30,000/mcL to 49,999/mcL**, please answer the following question:

a) Does the patient have significant bleeding or is at high risk for bleeding or have a requirement for a rapid increase in platelets? ❑Yes ❑No

❑**50,000/mcL or higher**

2) Has the patient had a relapse after a previous response to IVIG? ❑Yes ❑No

3) Does the patient have an intolerance or contraindication or have they had an inadequate treatment response to corticosteroid therapy? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Other non-SCID combined immunodeficiency ***(please specify):*** _____

a. Has the patient's diagnosis been confirmed by genetic or molecular testing? ❑Yes ❑No

b. Does the patient have a documented history of recurrent bacterial and viral infections? ❑Yes ❑No

c. Does the patient have an impaired antibody response to the pneumococcal vaccine? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Other diagnosis ***(please specify):*** _____

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Patient Name:			Specialty:	NPI:	
Date of Birth:	Sex: ❑Male ❑Female		Office Phone:	Office Fax:	
Street Address:			Office Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:	City:	State:	Zip:
Patient ID: **R**			Physician Signature:		
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CONTINUATION OF IVIG THERAPY (PA RENEWAL)

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Please select medication:

❑**Alyglo**	❑**Bivigam**	❑**Gammagard**	❑**Gammaked**	❑**Gamunex-C**	❑**Panzyga**
❑**Asceniv**	❑**Flebogamma**	❑**Gammaked S/D**	❑**Gammaplex**	❑**Octagam**	❑**Privigen**

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1. Has the patient been on this medication continuously for the last **6 months,** excluding samples? ***Please select answer below***
   ❑**NO** – this is **INITIATION** of therapy, please answer the questions on **PAGE 1**
   ❑**YES** – this is a PA renewal for **CONTINUATION** of therapy, please answer the questions below:
2. Is this request for brand or generic? ❑Brand ❑Generic
3. Will this medication be filled at a pharmacy or billed through medical plan or office billing? ❒Pharmacy ❒Medical plan/Office billing
4. Will the medication be self-administered? ***Please select answer below:***
   ❑**Yes**: Has the patient or their caregiver been instructed on how to monitor for signs and symptoms of thrombosis when self-administering the medication? ❑Yes ❑No
   ❑**No**: Will the patient be monitored carefully for signs and symptoms of thrombosis both at the time of infusion and after infusion? ❑Yes ❑No
5. Will this medication be used in combination with another immunoglobulin medication? ❑Yes* ❑No
   If YES, specify the medication: _____
6. What is the patient diagnosis?
   ❑Fetal Alloimmune Thrombocytopenia (F/NAIT)
   ❑Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS)
   ❑Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP)
   ❑Inclusion-body myositis
   ❑Kawasaki syndrome
   ❑Lambert-Eaton Myasthenic Syndrome (LEMS)
   ❑Multiple sclerosis
   ❑Myasthenia gravis
   ❑Parvovirus B 19-induced Pure Red Cell Aplasia (PRCA)
   ❑Peripheral Blood Progenitor Cell (PBPC) collection
   ❑Stiff-person syndrome
   ❑Umbilical cord stem cell transplantation
   ❑Autoimmune encephalitis
   a. Has the patient had a neurological exam that confirmed an improvement and maintenance of improvement since initiation of therapy? ❑Yes ❑No
   ❑Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT) **OR** ❑Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) recipients
   a. Is the medication being prescribed for prophylaxis of bacterial and viral infections? ❑Yes ❑No
   b. Has the patient had a documented reduction in frequency of bacterial and viral infections since initiation of therapy? ❑Yes ❑No

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❑Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP)

a. Is the IVIG being used at the lowest effective dose and frequency? ❑Yes ❑No

b. Have chronic stable patients been tapered and/or had treatment withdrawn to determine whether continued treatment is necessary? ❑Yes ❑No

c. Has the patient had a significant improvement in disability and maintenance of improvement since initiation of therapy? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)

a. Does the patient have B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia? ❑Yes ❑No

b. Has the patient had a documented reduction in frequency of bacterial and viral infections since initiation of therapy? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Dermatomyositis **OR** ❑Polymyositis

a. Has the patient had a significant improvement in disability and maintenance of improvement since initiation? ❑Yes ❑No

❑End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)

a. Will this medication be used to improve the chances of successful kidney transplantation? ❑Yes ❑No

❑HIV infections

a. Is the medication being prescribed for prophylaxis of bacterial and viral infections? ❑Yes ❑No

b. Has the patient had a documented reduction in frequency of bacterial and viral infections since initiation of therapy? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN)

a. Has the patient had a significant improvement in disability and maintenance of improvement since initiation? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Primary Immunodeficiency Disease (PID)

a. Which type of primary immunodeficiency disease is this medication being used for? ***Please select answer below:***

❑Agammaglobulinemia	❑IgG subclass deficiency	❑Common Variable Immunodeficiency Disease (CVID)
❑Ataxia-telangiectasia	❑Selective lgA deficiency	❑Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Disease (SCID)
❑DiGeorge syndrome	❑Selective lgM deficiency	❑Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome
❑Hypogammaglobulinemia	❑Specific antibody deficiency	

❑Other non-SCID combined immunodeficiency ***(please specify)***: _____

❑Other ***(please specify)***: _____

b. Will the patient's lgG trough levels be monitored at least yearly and maintained at or above the lower range of normal for the patient's age? ❑Yes ❑No

c. Has the patient had a documented reduction in frequency of bacterial and viral infections since initiation of therapy? ❑Yes ❑No

d. Does the prescriber agree to re-evaluate the dose of the IVIG and, if necessary, reconsider a dose adjustment? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Secondary immunosuppression

a. Does the patient have secondary immunosuppression associated with hematological malignancy? ❑Yes ❑No

b. Has the patient had a documented reduction in the frequency of bacterial and viral infections since initiation of therapy? ❑Yes ❑No

❑Other diagnosis ***(please specify):*** _____