



SmartPA Criteria Proposal

Drug/Drug Class:	Multiple Sclerosis Agents, Injectable PDL Edit		
First Implementation Date:	January 6, 2011		
Proposed Date:	September 15, 2022		
Prepared For:	MO HealthNet		
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Criteria Status:	□ Existing Criteria⊠ Revision of Existing Criteria□ New Criteria		

Executive Summary

Purpose: The MO HealthNet Pharmacy Program will implement a state-specific preferred drug list.

Why Issue Selected: Multiple sclerosis (MS) is an inflammatory demyelinating disease of the central nervous system that is associated with many chronic symptoms. MS is an immune-mediated disorder of acute, repeated episodes of inflammation causing the destruction of the myelin sheath and axonal loss. This process leads to chronic multifocal sclerotic plaques and eventually, progressive neurological dysfunction. Multiple sclerosis is the most common cause of neurological disability in young adults, affecting 250,000 to 350,000 people in the U.S. The lifetime risk of MS is 1 in 400. MS affects twice as many women as men, as is often observed in autoimmune diseases. Multiple sclerosis agents are used to reduce the frequency of relapses and slow disease progression. Most agents are FDA approved for the treatment of relapsing forms of MS. However, Ocrevus[®] (ocrelizumab) is also approved for primary progressive MS. The American Academy of Neurology does not recommend a specific first-line agent for MS and state participant factors regarding safety, route of administration, cost, and efficacy should be considered when deciding which agent to initiate.

Total program savings for the PDL classes will be regularly reviewed.

Program-Specific Information:

Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents	
Avonex [®]	Betaseron® Kit/Vial	
 Copaxone[®] 20 mg, 40 mg Syringe 	Extavia®	
Kesimpta®**	Glatiramer	
Rebif®	Glatopa®	
Rebif® Rebidose®	Lemtrada®	
	Ocrevus [®]	
	Plegridy®	
	Tysabri®	

Type of Criteria:	☐ Increased risk of ADE	☑ Preferred Drug List		
	☐ Appropriate Indications	☐ Clinical Edit		
Data Sources:	☐ Only Administrative Databases	☑ Databases + Prescriber-Supplied		

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Setting & Population

- Drug class for review: Multiple Sclerosis Agents, Injectable
- Age range: All appropriate MO HealthNet participants

Approval Criteria

- Documented compliance on current therapy regimen OR
- For Kesimpta:
 - Documented 6 month therapeutic trial on 1 injectable biologic agent OR
 - o Documented 6 month therapeutic trial of Gilenya
- Requests for non-preferred agents:
 - Failure to achieve desired therapeutic outcomes with trial on 2 or more preferred agents by one or more of the following:
 - 1 or more relapses
 - 1 or more new MRI lesions
 - Participant demonstrates increased disability on a clinical rating scale such as the Expanded Disability Status Scale (EDSS) or the Functional Systems Score (FSS)
 - Documented ADE/ADR to preferred agents OR
 - For Ocrevus with a documented diagnosis of primary progressive MS in the past 6 months:
 - Documented 6 month therapeutic trial on 1 injectable biologic agent OR
 - Documented 6 month therapeutic trial of Gilenya

Denial Criteria

- · Lack of adequate trial on required preferred agents
- Therapy will be denied if all approval criteria are not met

Required Documentation					
Laboratory Results: MedWatch Form:	X	Progress Notes: Other:			

Disposition of Edit

Denial: Exception Code "0160" (Preferred Drug List)

Rule Type: PDL

Default Approval Period

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1 year

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