



SmartPA Criteria Proposal

Drug/Drug Class:	Colony Stimulating Factors PDL Edit	
First Implementation Date:	October 3, 2019	
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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 Hematopoietic growth factors include both granulocyte colony stimulating factor (G-Selected: CSF) and granulocyte macrophage colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF). Recombinant forms of G-CSFs are available as filgrastim (reference product Neupogen® and biosimilars Nivestym[®], Releuko[®], and Zarxio[®]), pegfilgrastim (reference products Neulasta[®] and Neulasta[®] Onpro[®] and biosimilars Fulphila[®], Fylnetra[®], Nyvepria[™], Stimufend, Udenyca[®], and Ziextenzo[®]), eflapegrastim-xnst (Rolvedon[™]), and tbofilgrastim (Granix®). The first and only GM-CSF product available is sargramostim (Leukine®). Filgrastim, pegfilgrastim, eflapegrastim-xnst, and tbo-filgrastim are all indicated to decrease the incidence or duration of febrile neutropenia in participants with cancer receiving myelosuppressive chemotherapy associated with a significant incidence of febrile neutropenia. Filgrastim, pegfilgrastim, and sargramostim are also indicated to increase survival in participants acutely exposed to myelosuppressive doses of radiation; corresponding biosimilars do not have this indication. Both filgrastim and sargramostim also carry additional indications, including mobilization of autologous hematopoietic progenitor cells and use in bone marrow transplantation. All the agents are well-tolerated and not associated with significant safety concerns. In general, no major differences in pharmacokinetics, efficacy or safety have been found between reference and biosimilar G-CSF agents.

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

Program-Specific	Preferred Agents	Non-Preferred Agents
Information:	Leukine [®]	• Fulphila [®]
	Neulasta [®] Onpro [®]	• Fylnetra [®]
	Neulasta [®] Syringe	• Granix [®]
	Neupogen [®]	Nivestym [®]
		 Nyvepria[™]
		• Releuko [®]
		 Rolvedon[™]
		Stimufend [®]
		Udenyca [®]
		• Zarxio [®]
		Ziextenzo [®]

Type of Criteria:	of Criteria: Increased risk of ADE Appropriate Indications		☑ Preferred Drug List □ Clinical Edit		
Data Sources:	☐ Only Administra	tive Databases	☑ Databases + Prescriber-Supplied		
Setting & Population					
 Drug class for review: Colony Stimulating Factors Age range: All appropriate MO HealthNet participants 					
Approval Criteria					
 Failure to achieve desired therapeutic outcomes with trial on 2 or more preferred agents Documented trial period of preferred agents OR Documented ADE/ADR to preferred agents 					
Denial Criteria					
 Lack of adequate trial on required preferred agents Therapy will be denied if all approval criteria are not met 					
Required Docum	nentation				
Laboratory Resul MedWatch Form:		Progress Notes: Other:			
Disposition of Edit					
Denial: Exception Code "0160" (Preferred Drug List) Rule Type: PDL					
Default Approval Period					
1 year					
References					
Evidence-Based Medicine and Fiscal Analysis: "Therapeutic Class Review: HEMATOLOGICAL					

- AGENTS: Leukocytes (WBC) Stimulants", Gainwell Technologies; Last updated May 4, 2023.
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