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Request for Prior Authorization for Complement Inhibitors
Website Form – www.wv.highmarkhealthoptions.com
Submit request via: Fax - 1-833-547-2030.

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Complement Inhibitors Prior Authorization Criteria:

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Complement inhibitors include Soliris (eculizumab), Bkemv (eculizumab-aeeb), Epysqli (eculizumab-aagh), Ultomiris (ravulizumab-cwvz), Empaveli (pegcetacoplan), Enjaymo (sutimlimab-jome), Veopoz (pozelimab-bbfg), PiaSky (crovalimab-akkz), Zilbrysq (zilucoplan), and any future FDA-licensed eculizumab biosimilars. New products with this classification will require the same documentation.

***** For all requests for complement inhibitors for the treatment of myasthenia gravis please refer to policy PH-206.219-MD-WV Myasthenia Gravis Medications *****

For all requests for Complement Inhibitors, all of the following criteria must be met in addition to the diagnosis specific criteria below:

- The requested dose and frequency is in accordance with FDA-approved labeling, nationally recognized compendia, and/or evidence-based practice guidelines
- Is age-appropriate according to FDA-approved package labeling, nationally recognized compendia, or peer-reviewed medical literature
- The member has received appropriate vaccinations as recommended in the FDA-approved package labeling unless contraindicated

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH) and the following criteria are met:

- Medication is prescribed by, or in consultation with, a hematologist, oncologist, immunologist, or genetic specialist
- Member has a diagnosis of PNH confirmed by flow cytometry testing. Flow cytometry pathology report must be supplied and demonstrate at least 2 different GPI protein deficiencies within 2 different cell lines from granulocytes, monocytes, or erythrocytes
- Member has one of the following:
    - Member's hemoglobin is less than or equal to 7 g/dL
    - Member has symptoms of anemia and the hemoglobin is less than or equal to the following:

    - 9 g/dL **(Soliris and biosimilars)**
    - 10.5g/dL **(Empaveli)**
    - 10 g/dL **(Ultomiris)**
- Must have a Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) level at least 1.5 times the upper limit of the normal range (laboratory results with reference range must be submitted)
- If requesting Soliris, must have documentation of inadequate response, contraindication or intolerance to another complement inhibitor FDA approved for this indication. This requirement does not apply to eculizumab biosimilars (e.g., Bkemv, Epysqli).
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 6 months
- **Reauthorization criteria**
    - Documentation of each of the following:
        - Documentation of a recent (within 3 months) LDH level that shows a reduction from baseline
        - Documentation that hemoglobin has not dropped by more than 2 g/dL from baseline.
            - If baseline hemoglobin was less than 9g/dL, then the most recent hemoglobin must remain above 7g/dL
- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval:** 12 months

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome (aHUS) and the following criteria are met:

- Member weights at least 5 kilograms
- Medication is prescribed by, or in consultation with, a hematologist, oncologist, immunologist, genetic specialist, or nephrologist
- Must provide documentation of hemolysis such as an elevation in serum LDH and serum creatinine above the upper limits of normal or required dialysis.
- The diagnosis of aHUS is supported by the absence of Shiga toxin-producing *E.coli* infection
- Must provide documentation member does not have a disintegrin and metalloproteinase with thrombospondin type 1 motif member 13 (ADAMTS13) deficiency
- If requesting Soliris, must have documentation of inadequate response, contraindication or intolerance to another complement inhibitor FDA approved for this indication. This requirement does not apply to eculizumab biosimilars (e.g., Bkemv, Epysqli).
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 6 months
- **Reauthorization criteria**
    - Documentation from the provider that the member had a positive clinical response as evidenced by any of the following:
        - An increase in platelet count from baseline
        - Maintenance of normal platelet counts and LDH levels for at least four weeks
        - A 25% reduction in serum creatinine for a minimum of four weeks
        - The member has not experienced one of the following for at least 12 weeks after initiation of treatment:
            - A decrease in platelet count of >25% from baseline
            - Plasma exchange or plasma infusion
            - New dialysis requirement
- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval:** 12 months

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder (NMOSD) **(Soliris (eculizumab) and Ultomiris (ravulizumab-cwvz) ONLY)** and the following criteria are met:

- Medication is prescribed by, or in consultation with a neurologist
- Documentation of a positive test for AQP4-IgG antibodies
- The prescriber submits documentation of baseline number of relapse(s), which occurred over the last year.
- Documentation of an Expanded Disability Status Scale (EDSS) score of ≤ 7
- If using concurrent corticosteroids, dose is less than or equal to the equivalent of prednisone 20 mg per day
- Must have documentation of inadequate response, contraindication or intolerance to one (1) immunosuppressant (e.g., mycophenolate mofetil, azathioprine, methotrexate) or an inadequate response, contraindication or intolerance to rituximab or any of its biosimilars
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 12 months
- **Reauthorization criteria**
  - Documentation the member has experienced a decrease from baseline in the number of NMOSD relapse(s).
- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval:** 12 months

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of cold agglutinin disease (CAD) and the following criteria are met:

- Documentation of the diagnosis of CAD confirmed by:
  - Evidence of hemolysis indicated by both of the following:
    - Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) level above the upper limit of normal AND
    - Haptoglobin level below the lower limit of normal
- The member has a positive direct antiglobulin (Coombs) test for C3d only
- The member has a cold agglutinin titer of ≥ 64 at 4 degrees Celsius
- The member has a lack of overt malignant disease
- The member has a Hemoglobin level l ≤ 10.0 g/dL
- Documentation of a bilirubin level above normal reference range, including patients with Gilbert's syndrome
- Presence of one or more symptoms associated with CAD including:
  - Symptomatic anemia
  - Acrocyanosis
  - Raynaud's phenomenon
  - Hemoglobinuria
  - Disabling circulatory symptoms
  - Major adverse vascular event
- **Initial Duration of Approval: 6 months**
- **Reauthorization criteria**
  - Documentation of benefit from therapy including one of the following:
    - Increase in Hgb levels from baseline by ≥ 1.5g/dL or achieving Hgb level of ≥ 12 g/dL

  - Normalization of LDH and/or bilirubin levels
  - Decrease in transfusion burden
- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval: 12 months**

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of Complement Hyperactivation, Angiopathic Thrombosis, and Protein-Losing Enteropathy (CHAPLE) and the following criteria are met:

- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a provider who specializes in the treatment of CHAPLE disease
- Member has a diagnosis of CD55-deficient protein-losing enteropathy (PLE), also known as CHAPLE disease confirmed by biallelic CD55 loss-of-function mutation detected by genetic testing
- Member has active disease defined as hypoalbuminemia (serum albumin concentration ≤3.2 g/dL) with one or more of the following in the last 6 months:
  - Abdominal pain
  - Vomiting
  - Diarrhea
  - Peripheral or facial edema
  - Infection with concomitant hypogammaglobinemia
  - New thromboembolic event
- Member will not receive the requested drug in combination with another complement inhibitor
- Member has adequate titers or will receive meningococcal vaccines at least two weeks prior to the first dose of Veopoz
- **Initial Duration of Approval: 6 months**
- **Reauthorization criteria**
  - No evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression while on the requested medication
  - Demonstrates a positive response to therapy as defined by ALL of the following:
    - Improvement or stabilization in disease activity (e.g., improvement of clinical symptoms [abdominal pain, diarrhea, and/or edema], increase in or stabilization of IgG concentrations, increase in growth percentiles, reduction in hospitalizations)
    - Normalization of serum albumin levels
- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval: 12 months**

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of Anti-Neutrophil Cytoplasmic autoantibody (ANCA) - Associated Vasculitis and the following criteria are met:

- Member must have severe and active ANCA- associated vasculitis
- Disease is one of the following types:
  - Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (GPA)
  - Microscopic polyangiitis (MPA)
- Member is positive for proteinase 3 antibodies, myeloperoxidase antibodies, or anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic autoantibody (ANCA)

- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist,
- nephrologist, or immunologist
- A baseline Birmingham Vasculitis Activity Score (BVAS) has been performed
- Must be used as adjunctive treatment in combination with standard therapy (e.g., prednisone, azathioprine, mycophenolate, methotrexate, rituximab, cyclophosphamide)
- **Initial Duration of Approval: 6 months**
- **Reauthorization criteria**
    - Member experienced a beneficial clinical response from baseline exhibited by improvement in estimated glomerular filtration rate, decrease in urinary albumin creatinine ratio, or improvement in the BVAS from baseline
    - Member has experienced an improvement in at least one symptom, such as joint pain, ulcers, myalgia, persistent cough, skin rash, abdominal pain, or improvement in function or activities of daily living
- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval: 12 months**

Coverage may be provided for any non-FDA labeled indication if it is determined that the use is a medically accepted indication supported by nationally recognized pharmacy compendia or peer-reviewed medical literature for treatment of the diagnosis(es) for which it is prescribed. These requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis to determine medical necessity.

When criteria are not met, the request will be forwarded to a Medical Director for review. The physician reviewer must override criteria when, in their professional judgment, the requested medication is medically necessary.

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If needed, you may call to speak to a Pharmacy Services Representative. **PHONE**: 1-844-325-6251 Mon – Fri 8 am to 7 pm

PROVIDER INFORMATION

Requesting Provider:	NPI:
Provider Specialty:	Office Contact:
Office Address:	Office Phone:
	Office Fax:

MEMBER INFORMATION

Member Name:	DOB:	
Member ID:	Member weight:	Height:

REQUESTED DRUG INFORMATION

Medication:	Strength:	
Directions:	Quantity:	Refills:
Is the member currently receiving requested medication? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Date Medication Initiated:	

Is this medication being used for a chronic or long-term condition for which the medication may be necessary for the life of the patient? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Billing Information

This medication will be billed: ☐ at a pharmacy **OR** ☐ medically, JCODE: _____
Place of Service: ☐ Hospital ☐ Provider's office ☐ Member's home ☐ Other

Place of Service Information

Name:	NPI:
Address:	Phone:

REFERENCE VALUES

Lab	Initial (Pre-Treatment) Value	Reference Range	Date	Post-Therapy Value (Reauthorization only)	Reference Range	Date
Hemoglobin (Hgb)						
Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH)						
Platelet count						
Serum Creatinine						
UPCR						

MEDICAL HISTORY (Complete for ALL requests)

Diagnosis:	ICD Code:

For Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria (PNH) only:
Does the member's flow cytometry pathology report demonstrate at least 2 different GPI protein deficiencies within 2 different cell lines from granulocytes, monocytes, or erythrocytes? Please include a copy ☐ Yes ☐ No
Has the patient had a blood transfusion within the last 12 months? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the patient have symptoms of anemia? ☐ Yes ☐ No

For Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome only:
Has the absence of Shiga toxin-producing *E.coli* been confirmed? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the member have an ADAMTS13 deficiency? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Is the member currently on dialysis? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Health Options ID:	Member weight:	Height:

MEDICAL HISTORY (Complete for ALL requests)

For Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder:
Is documentation of a positive test for AQP4-IgG antibodies provided? ☐ Yes ☐ No
What is the member's Expanded Disability Status Scale (EDSS) score? _____
What is the baseline number of relapse(s) which has occurred over the last year?_____

For Cold Agglutinin Disease (CAD):
Is there documentation of testing for LDH levels and haptoglobin levels to demonstrate hemolysis? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Is the member positive for C3d only? ☐ Yes ☐ No
What is the members cold agglutinin titer?_____
Does the member have malignant disease? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the member have a history of at least one blood transfusion in the last 6 months? ☐ Yes ☐ No
What is the members hemoglobin level? _____
Is there documentation of the members bilirubin level? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the member have one or more symptoms associated with CAD? ☐ Yes ☐ No

For CHAPLE disease:
Does the member have a diagnosis of CD55-deficient protein-losing enteropathy (PLE) confirmed by biallelic CD55 loss-of-function mutation detected by genetic testing? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the member have active disease defined as hypoalbuminemia (serum albumin concentration ≤3.2 g/dL) with one or more of the following in the last 6 months? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- Abdominal pain
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Peripheral or facial edema
- Infection with concomitant hypogammaglobinemia
- New thromboembolic event

Will the member receive the requested drug in combination with another complement inhibitor? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Has the member had adequate titers or will receive meningococcal vaccines at least two weeks prior to the first dose of Veopoz? ☐ Yes ☐ No

For Primary immunoglobulin A nephropathy (IgAN):
Does the member have IgAN confirmed by biopsy? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the member have eGFR ≥ 20 mL/min/1.73 m^2? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Does the member have a urine protein-to-creatinine ratio (UPCR) ≥ 1g/g on a stable dose of maximally-tolerated renin-angiotensin system (RAS) inhibitor therapy with or without a stable dose of an SGLT2 inhibitor? ☐ Yes ☐ No

For Complement 3 glomerulopathy (C3G):
Does the member have a diagnosis of native kidney C3G confirmed by biopsy and UPCR? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Is the member on a maximally tolerated renin-angiotensin system (RAS) inhibitor? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Has the member had a kidney transplant? ☐ Yes ☐ No

CURRENT or PREVIOUS THERAPY

Medication Name	Strength/ Frequency	Dates of Therapy	Status (Discontinued & Why/Current)

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REAUTHORIZATION

Has the member experienced a significant improvement with treatment? ☐ Yes (documentation required) ☐ No

For Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria (PNH) only:
Has the patient had a blood transfusion since taking Soliris? ☐ Yes ☐ No

For Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome only:
Has the patient been able to maintain a normal platelet or LDH level for at least four weeks? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Has the patient experienced a 25% serum creatinine reduction for at least four weeks? ☐ Yes ☐ No
In the past 12 weeks, has the patient had any of the following?
A decrease in platelet count of >25% from baseline ☐ Yes ☐ No
Increased need for plasma exchange or plasma infusion ☐ Yes ☐ No
New dialysis requirement ☐ Yes ☐ No

For Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder:
Has the member experienced a decrease from baseline in the number of NMOSD relapse(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

For Cold Agglutinin Disease (CAD):
Is there documentation of benefit from therapy including one of the following:
- Increase in Hgb from baseline by ≥ 2 g/dL or achieving Hgb level of ≥ 12 g/dL ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Normalization of LDH and/or bilirubin levels ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Decrease in transfusion burden ☐ Yes ☐ No

For CHAPLE disease:
Is there evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression while on the requested medication? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Has the member demonstrated a positive response defined by ALL of the following? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Improvement or stabilization in disease activity (e.g., improvement of clinical symptoms [abdominal pain, diarrhea, and/or edema], increase in or stabilization of IgG concentrations, increase in growth percentiles, reduction in hospitalizations)
- Normalization of serum albumin levels

For Primary immunoglobulin A nephropathy (IgAN) OR complement 3 glomerulopathy (C3G):
Has the member experienced a beneficial clinical response from baseline exhibited by improvement or reduction in UPCR?
☐ Yes ☐ No

SUPPORTING INFORMATION or CLINICAL RATIONALE

Prescribing Provider Signature	Date