

Prior Authorization Criteria
Actimmune (interferon gamma-1b)

All requests for Actimmune (interferon gamma-1b) require a prior authorization and will be screened for medical necessity and appropriateness using the criteria listed below.

For all requests for Actimmune (interferon gamma-1b) all of the following criteria must be met:

- The requested dose and frequency is in accordance with FDA-approved labeling, nationally recognized compendia, and/or evidence-based practice guidelines

Coverage may be provided with a diagnosis of **Severe, Malignant Osteopetrosis (SMO)** and the following criteria is met:

- Must be prescribed by an orthopedic surgeon, hematologist, endocrinologist, or in consultation with one of these specialists.
- Diagnosis must be confirmed by radiological evidence
- Must provide clinical rationale explaining why hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) would be inappropriate for the member or physician attestation that member is on wait list for transplantation
- Must provide documentation showing the member has tried and failed (which will be verified via pharmacy claims if available) or had an intolerance or contraindication to a corticosteroid
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 12 months
- **Reauthorization criteria**
 - Documentation that member is tolerating and responding to treatment
- **Reauthorization Duration of Approval:** 12 months

Coverage may be provided to reduce the frequency and severity of infections in members with a diagnosis of **Chronic Granulomatous Disease (CGD)** and the following criteria is met:

- Diagnosis must be confirmed via DHR or gene testing.
- Member must be receiving concurrent antibiotic therapy and antifungal therapy
- Must be prescribed by a hematologist, immunologist, infectious disease physician, or in consultation with one of these specialists
- **Initial Duration of Approval:** 12 months
- **Reauthorization criteria**
 - Documentation that member is tolerating and responding to treatment
- **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.

