Clinical Policy: Emepalumab-lzsg (Gamifant)
Reference Number: CP.PHAR.402
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Last Review Date: 02.19
Line of Business: Commercial, Medicaid, HIM-Medical Benefit

See Important Reminder at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.

Description
Emapalumab-lzsg (Gamifant™) is an interferon gamma (IFNγ) blocking antibody.

FDA Approved Indication(s)
Gamifant is indicated for the treatment of adult and pediatric (newborn and older) patients with primary hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH) with refractory, recurrent or progressive disease or intolerance with conventional HLH therapy.

Policy/Criteria
Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation® that Gamifant is medically necessary when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria
   A. Primary Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (must meet all):
      1. Diagnosis of primary HLH (i.e., familial (inherited) HLH);
      2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist;
      3. Failure of conventional HLH therapy that includes an etoposide- and dexamethasone-based regimen, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
      4. Documentation of a scheduled bone marrow or hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) or identification of a transplant donor is in process;
      5. Dose does not exceed 10 mg/kg per dose, two doses per week.
   Approval duration: 2 months

   B. Other diagnoses/indications
      1. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.CPA.09 for commercial and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid and HIM-Medical Benefit.

II. Continued Therapy
   A. Primary Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (must meet all):
      1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy – including but not limited to improvement in any of the following parameters:
   a. Fever reduction;
   b. Splenomegaly;
   c. Central nervous system symptoms;
   d. Complete blood count;
   e. Fibrinogen and/or D-dimer;
   f. Ferritin;
   g. Soluble CD25 (also referred to as soluble interleukin-2 receptor) levels;
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 10 mg/kg per dose, two doses per week.

Approval duration: 6 months

B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):
   1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy.

Approval duration: Duration of request or 6 months (whichever is less); or
   2. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.CPA.09 for commercial and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid and HIM-Medical Benefit.

III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:
   A. Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off label use policies – CP.CPA.09 for commercial and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid and HIM-Medical Benefit or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
HLH: hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis
HSCT: hematopoietic stem cell transplantation

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives
This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent for all relevant lines of business and may require prior authorization.

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<td>etoposide (Toposar®)</td>
<td>150 mg/m² IV twice weekly for 2 weeks and then weekly for an additional 6 weeks. Continuation therapy from week 9 until HSCT: 150 mg/m² every alternating second week</td>
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<td>dexamethasone</td>
<td>10 mg/m² PO or IV for 2 weeks followed by 5 mg/m² for 2 weeks, 2.5 mg/m² for 2 weeks, 1.25 mg/m² for 1 week, and 1 week of tapering</td>
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<td>Continuation therapy from week 9 until HSCT: 1010 mg/m² for 3 days every second week</td>
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*Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name® (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name®) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.*

**Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings**

None reported

**Appendix D: General Information**

- Overall response in the Gamifant clinical trial (NCT01818492) was evaluated using an algorithm that included the following objective clinical and laboratory parameters: fever, splenomegaly, central nervous system symptoms, complete blood count, fibrinogen and/or D-dimer, ferritin, and soluble CD25 (also referred to as soluble interleukin-2 receptor) levels.
  - Complete response was defined as normalization of all HLH abnormalities (i.e., no fever, no splenomegaly, neutrophils > 1x10⁹/L, platelets > 100x10⁹/L, ferritin < 2,000 µg/L, fibrinogen > 1.50 g/L, D-dimer < 500 ug/L, normal CNS symptoms, no worsening of sCD25 > 2-fold baseline).
  - Partial response was defined as normalization of ≥ 3 HLH abnormalities.
  - HLH improvement was defined as ≥ 3 HLH abnormalities improved by at least 50% from baseline.
- Gamifant is currently not indicated for the treatment of secondary HLH. Secondary HLH generally presents in adults and is triggered by autoimmune disease, infections, or cancer. Treatment for secondary HLH is focused on the triggering condition.

**V. Dosage and Administration**

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<td>Primary HLH</td>
<td>1 mg/kg IV twice per week (every three to four days)</td>
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**VI. Product Availability**

Single-dose vial: 10 mg/2 mL, 50 mg/10 mL

**VII. References**


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