

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

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Subject: Site of Care Medical Pharmacy

Summary: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Policy CCP.8004 Site of Care Medical Pharmacy

Content

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana would like to make you aware of the attached policy that has been approved by the Louisiana Department of Health in accordance with La. R.S. 46:460.54 and will become **effective 10/01/2020**.

Questions:

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the care of our members. If you have questions about this communication, please contact AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana's Provider Services department at 1-888-922-0007 or your [Provider Network Management Account Executive](#).

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Clinical Policy Title: Site of Care Medical Pharmacy

CCPD ID: CPP.8004

Recent review date: 2/2020

Next review date: 2/2022

Policy contains: Medical Pharmacy Policy; Infusion Center, Prior Authorization

ABOUT THIS POLICY: AmeriHealth Caritas has developed clinical policies to assist with making coverage determinations. AmeriHealth Caritas' clinical policies are based on guidelines from established industry sources, such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), state regulatory agencies, the American Medical Association (AMA), medical specialty professional societies, and peer-reviewed professional literature. These clinical policies along with other sources, such as plan benefits and state and federal laws and regulatory requirements, including any state- or plan-specific definition of "medically necessary," and the specific facts of the particular situation are considered by AmeriHealth Caritas when making coverage determinations. In the event of conflict between this clinical policy and plan benefits and/or state or federal laws and/or regulatory requirements, the plan benefits and/or state and federal laws and/or regulatory requirements shall control. AmeriHealth Caritas' clinical policies are for informational purposes only and not intended as medical advice or to direct treatment. Physicians and other health care providers are solely responsible for the treatment decisions for their patients. AmeriHealth Caritas' clinical policies are reflective of evidence-based medicine at the time of review. As medical science evolves, AmeriHealth Caritas will update its clinical policies as necessary. AmeriHealth Caritas' clinical policies are not guarantees of payment.

Coverage policy

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana provides reimbursement for medical services only when those services are provided in the most appropriate and cost-effective setting consistent with the member's medical needs and condition. The following drugs require prior authorization for medical necessity and can be safely administered in the home, an in-network infusion center, and an in-network office:

- Alemtuzumab injection
- Filgrastim g-csf biosimilar injection
- Idursulfase injection
- Imiglucerase injection
- Immune globulin, powder
- Infliximab (not biosimilar)
- IVIG injection(Privigen®)
- Lanreotide injection
- Leuprolide acetate
- Leuprolide acetate for depot suspension
- Mepolizumab injection
- Natalizumab injection
- Ocrelizumab injection
- Octagam® injection

- Octreotide injection, depot
- Omalizumab injection
- Pegfilgrastim injection
- Pegloticase injection
- Respiratory syncytial virus immune globulin injection
- Romiplostim injection
- Tocilizumab injection
- Vedolizumab injection

When these drugs are administered at an outpatient hospital facility instead of the home, an in-network infusion center or an in-network office, authorization for reimbursement will only be provided if one of the following criteria are met:

- Documented history of severe adverse reaction occurred during or immediately following an infusion and/or the adverse reaction did not respond to conventional interventions
- Documentation that the member is medically unstable for the safe and effective administration of the prescribed medication at an alternative site of care as a result of one of the following:
 - Complex medical condition, status, or therapy requires services beyond the capabilities of an office or home infusion setting
 - Documented history of medical instability, significant comorbidity, or concerns regarding fluid status inhibits treatment at a less-intensive site of care
 - Clinically significant physical or cognitive impairment that precludes safe and effective treatment in an outpatient or home infusion setting
 - Difficulty establishing and maintaining reliable vascular access

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Policy Updates

2/2020: Initial review date and clinical policy effective date: 10/1/2020