

Injectable CGRP Inhibitors:
Aimovig (erenumab-aooe)
Ajovy (fremanezumab-vfrm)
Emgality (galcanezumab-gnlm)
Effective 1/1/2026

Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> MassHealth UPPL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Exchange		Program Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Authorization
Benefit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Benefit <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Benefit			<input type="checkbox"/> Quantity Limit <input type="checkbox"/> Step Therapy
Specialty Limitations	This medication has been designated specialty and must be filled at a contracted specialty pharmacy.			
Contact Information	Medical Benefit Pharmacy Benefit		Phone: 833-895-2611 Phone: 800-711-4555	Fax: 888-656-6671 Fax: 844-403-1029
Exceptions	N/A			

Overview

Aimovig, Ajovy, and Emgality are calcitonin gene-related peptide receptor (CGRP) antagonists.

Aimovig (erenumab-aooe) is indicated for the preventive treatment of migraine in adults. The recommended dosage is 70 mg once monthly, although some patients may benefit from 140 mg once monthly.

Ajovy (fremanezumab-vfrm) is indicated for:

- The preventive treatment of migraine in adults, and
- The preventive treatment of episodic migraine in pediatric patients who are 6 to 17 years of age and weigh 45 kg or more

For adult patients, two dosing regimens are available: 225 mg once monthly or 675 mg (administered as three consecutive injections of 225 mg) every 3 months. The recommended dose for pediatric patients is 225 mg once monthly.

Emgality (galcanezumab-gnlm) is indicated in adults for the:

- Preventive treatment of migraine
- Treatment of episodic cluster headache

The recommended dose for preventive treatment of migraine is 240 mg loading dose followed by monthly doses of 120 mg. The recommended dose for cluster headache is 300 mg initially at the onset of the cluster period and then monthly until the end of the cluster period.

Emgality and Aimovig are the preferred injectable CGRP antagonists.

Coverage Guidelines

Authorization may be granted for members new to the plan within the past 90 days who are currently receiving treatment with the requested medication, excluding when the product is obtained as samples or via manufacturer's patient assistance programs

OR

Authorization may be granted when all of the following criteria diagnosis-specific criteria are met:

Prophylactic Treatment of Migraines

Aimovig, Ajovy, Emgality 120 mg/mL

1. Member is 18 years of age or older
2. Requested medication is being used for prophylactic treatment of migraines
3. Member has been experiencing at least 4 migraine days per month
4. Member has had an inadequate response to a trial of at least TWO different prophylactic migraine medications each with different mechanisms of action (a total of 2 required trials) that have each been tried for at least 60 days in duration within the past 3 years. Both trials must be from Level A or Level B categories within the American Academy of Neurology Guidelines (AAN) (see Appendix)
5. Requested medication will not be used in combination with another CGRP inhibitor for the preventive treatment of migraines
6. **Ajovy only:** Member has had an inadequate response, intolerance, or contraindication to ONE of the following:
 - a. Aimovig
 - b. Emgality 120 mg/mL

Note: triptans will not be considered as prophylactic options

Episodic Migraine

Ajovy

1. Member has a diagnosis of episodic migraine
2. Requested medication is being used for prophylactic treatment of migraine
3. Member is experiencing at least 4 migraine days per month
4. Member is 6 to 17 years of age
5. Member has had an inadequate response to a trial of at least TWO different prophylactic migraine medications each with different mechanisms of action (a total of 2 required trials) that have each been tried for at least 60 days in duration within the past 3 years. Both trials must be from Level A or Level B categories within the American Academy of Neurology Guidelines (AAN) (see Appendix)
6. Requested medication will be not used in combination with another CGRP inhibitor for the preventive treatment of migraines

Note: triptans will not be considered as prophylactic options

Episodic Cluster Headaches

Emgality 100 mg/mL

1. Member has a diagnosis of episodic cluster headaches
2. Member is 18 years of age or older
3. The member has experienced at least 5 episodes of cluster headaches within the past 12 months

Continuation of Therapy

Requests for reauthorization will be approved when the following criteria are met:



1. Documentation demonstrating improvement as evidenced by a decrease in frequency and severity of migraines or cluster headaches.
2. **Ajovy only:** Member meets ONE of the following:
 - a. Member has had an inadequate response, intolerance, or contraindication to ONE of the following:
 - i. Aimovig
 - ii. Emgality 120 mg/mL
 - b. Request is for episodic migraine and member is 6 to 17 years of age

Limitations

1. Initial approvals will be granted for 3 months
2. Reauthorizations will be granted for 12 months
3. The following quantity limits apply

Drug Name and Dosage	Quantity Limit
Aimovig 70mg/mL	1 pen per 30 days
Aimovig 140mg/mL	1 pen per 30 days
Ajovy 225mg/1.5mL pre-filled syringe and Ajovy 225mg/1.5mL autoinjector	1 pen per 30 days or 3 pens (675mg) every 90 days
Emgality	<u>Migraines</u> 2 pens (240mg) for initial month, then 1 pen per 30 days <u>Cluster headaches</u> Loading dose: 3x100mg (3 consecutive doses) Maintenance dose: 300mg every 4 weeks

Appendix

AAN Medication Guideline Recommendations for Migraine Prevention

1. **Level A:** The following medications are established as effective and should be offered for migraine prevention.
 - Antiepileptic drugs (AEDs): divalproex sodium, sodium valproate, topiramate
 - Beta-blockers: metoprolol, propranolol, timolol
2. **Level B:** The following medications are probably effective and should be considered for migraine prevention:
 - Antidepressants: amitriptyline
 - Antidepressants: venlafaxine
 - Beta-blockers: atenolol, nadolol

References

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Review History

04/17/2019 – Reviewed

07/01/2019 – Implemented

09/18/2019 - Added cluster headaches indication to Emgality

07/22/2020 – added new formulation of Ajovy autoinjector to criteria. Effective 8/1/20

11/18/2020 - Added new drug Vyepti to criteria. Effective 1/1/2021; separated out MH vs. Comm/Exch.

03/17/2021 – removed Aimovig 70mg as dose was discontinued. Effective 06/01/2021.

11/17/2021 – Reviewed and Updated; Criteria updated to Ajovy and Emgality as preferred products. Effective Date: 1/1/2022

01/19/2022 – Reviewed and Updated for Jan P&T; removed “The member has not been treated with Botox for migraines within the past 4 months” and “The member is not currently using Botox for the treatment of migraines”. Effective 04/01/22.

9/21/2022 – Reviewed and Updated for Sept P&T; criteria updated for prophylactic treatment of migraines requiring TWO prophylaxis medications rather than 3 prophylaxis medications. For Aimovig, removed requirement of Emgality and Ajovy. Removed provider specialty.

10/08/2025 – Reviewed and updated at October P&T. Updated policy to indicate that it no longer applies to the medical benefit and removed Vyepti from the policy. Updated cluster headache criteria to remove generic step requirement. Added criteria for Ajovy for the treatment of episodic migraine in pediatric patients. Updated initial and reauthorization criteria for chronic migraine in adults to require trial and failure with either Aimovig or Emgality. Effective 01/01/2026.

