

Leqembi IQLIK (lecanemab-irmb)
Effective 03/01/2026

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	Phone: 833-895-2611	Fax: 888-656-6671	
	Pharmacy Benefit	Phone: 800-711-4555	Fax: 844-403-1029	
Exceptions	N/A			

Overview

Leqembi (lecanemab-irmb) is an amyloid beta-directed antibody indicated for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

Leqembi is available as an intravenous formulation as well as a subcutaneous injection (IQLIK). After 18 months of treatment of the IV, patients can continue on the IV formulation or transition to the subcutaneous formulation.

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 are met:

1. Documentation of one of the following diagnoses:
 - a. Mild cognitive impairment due to Alzheimer's disease
 - b. Mild dementia due to Alzheimer's disease
2. Member is 18 years of age or older
3. Requested medication is prescribed by, or in consultation with, a specialist in neurology or gerontology
4. Documentation member has received Leqembi IV for at least 18 months and the SC injection will be used as maintenance therapy moving forward
5. The SC formulation will not be used in combination with the IV
6. Documentation the member has responded to IV therapy compared to pretreatment baseline, as evidenced by improvement, stability, or slowing in cognitive and/or functional impairment in at least one assessment tool (e.g., ADAS-Cog 13/14, ADCS-ADL-MCI, MMSE, CDR-SB, MoCA)
7. Documentation the member has not progressed to moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease
8. Documentation the requested medication will not be used in combination with other A β monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) for Alzheimer's Disease (e.g., Aduhelm, Kisunla)

Continuation of Therapy

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

1. Documentation the member has not progressed to moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease

2. Documentation the member has responded to therapy compared to pretreatment baseline, as evidenced by improvement, stability, or slowing in cognitive and/or functional impairment in at least one assessment tool (e.g., ADAS-Cog 13/14, ADCS-ADL-MCI, MMSE, CDR-SB, MoCA)
3. Documentation the requested medication will not be used in combination with other A β monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) for Alzheimer's Disease (e.g., Aduhelm, Kisunla)
4. SC formulation will not be used in combination with the IV formulation
5. Requested medication is prescribed by, or in consultation with, a specialist in neurology or gerontology

Limitations

1. Initial and reauthorization approvals will be granted for 6 months

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Review History

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01/14/2026 – Reviewed and updated at February P&T. Updated initial criteria to include diagnoses. Updated requirement of no concomitant use with the IV formulation from documentation to attestation. Effective 03/01/2026.

