

Gamifant (emapalumab-lzsg)
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Benefit	<input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Benefit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Benefit		
Specialty Limitations	N/A		
Contact Information	Medical and Specialty Medications		
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Contact Information	Non-Specialty Medications		
	All Plans	Phone: 800-711-4555	Fax: 844-403-1029
Notes	Gamifant (emapalumab-lzsg) is also available on the pharmacy benefit. Please see the MassHealth Drug List for coverage and criteria.		

Overview

Gamifant (emapalumab-lzsg) is an interferon gamma (IFN γ) blocking antibody 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.

Coverage Guidelines

Authorization may be reviewed on a case by case basis for members who are new to the plan currently receiving treatment with requested medication excluding when the product is obtained as samples or via manufacturer's patient assistance programs.

OR

Authorization may be granted for members when **ALL** the following criteria are met, and documentation is provided:

1. Diagnosis primary hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH)
2. Prescriber is a specialist (e.g., hematologist and oncologist) or consult notes from a specialist are provided
3. **ONE** of the following:
 - a. Molecular tests confirming diagnosis of primary HLH
 - b. At least **five** of the following suggesting primary HLH:
 - i. Fever
 - ii. Splenomegaly
 - iii. Cytopenias defined by 2 of the following:
 1. hemoglobin < 9 g/dL
 2. platelets < 100 x 10⁹/L
 3. neutrophils < 1 x 10⁹/L
 - iv. Hypertriglyceridemia (fasting triglyceride \geq 265 mg/dL OR > 3mmol/L) and/or hypofibrinogenemia (\leq to 150 mg/dL)
 - v. Hemophagocytosis in bone marrow, spleen, or lymph nodes
 - vi. Low or absent natural killer (NK) cell activity based on laboratory reference

- vii. Ferritin ≥ 500 mcg/L
- viii. Soluble CD25 (soluble IL-2 receptor alpha) level ≥ 2400 U/mL
- 4. Member has active disease
- 5. Member does not have active infections caused by specific pathogens favored by IFN γ neutralization (e.g., mycobacteria, Histoplasma Capsulatum, Shigella, salmonella, campylobacter, leishmanial infections)
- 6. Inadequate response or adverse reaction to **ONE** or contraindication to **ALL** conventional HLH therapy (chemotherapy and/or systemic corticosteroids and/or immunosuppressive therapy) (*See Appendix*)
- 7. **ONE** of the following:
 - a. Dexamethasone will be administered concurrently
 - b. Clinical rationale for not using dexamethasone
- 8. **ONE** of the following:
 - a. Anticipated HSCT (hematopoietic stem cell transplantation) date
 - b. Member is not a candidate for HSCT
- 9. Appropriate dosing

Continuation of Therapy

Prescriber provides documentation of **ALL** of the following:

- 1. Positive response to therapy as evidenced by **ONE** of the following (*evaluate clinical parameters and laboratory values – see appendix for HLH abnormalities*):
 - a. Complete response: normalization of all HLH abnormalities
 - b. Partial response: normalization of ≥ 3 HLH abnormalities
 - c. HLH improvement: ≥ 3 HLH abnormalities improved by at least 50% from baseline
- 2. **ONE** of the following:
 - a. Dexamethasone will be administered concurrently
 - b. Clinical rationale for not using dexamethasone
- 3. **ONE** of the following:
 - a. Anticipated HSCT date
 - b. Member is not a candidate for HSCT

Limitations

- 1. Initial approvals and reauthorizations will be granted for 6 months.

Appendix

Conventional HLH Therapies Examples
Conventional HLH therapy regimens include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Etoposide and dexamethasone 2. Methotrexate and hydrocortisone 3. Anti-thymocyte globulin, corticosteroids, cyclosporine, and methotrexate 4. Etoposide, dexamethasone, and cyclosporine 5. Cyclophosphamide, vincristine, and prednisone 6. Cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, and prednisolone (CHOP) 7. Doxorubicin, etoposide, and methylprednisolone (DEP)
HLH Abnormalities and Normalization Values for Recertification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No presence of fever 2. No presence of splenomegaly 3. No presence of CNS symptoms



4. Platelets $\geq 100 \times 10^9/L$
5. Neutrophils $\geq 1 \times 10^9/L$
6. Ferritin $< 2,000 \text{ mcg/L}$
7. Fibrinogen $> 1.5 \text{ g/L}$
8. D-dimer $< 500 \text{ mcg/mL}$
9. Soluble CD25 $> 2\text{-fold}$ from baseline

References

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Review History

09/21/22 – Created for Sept P&T; matched MH UPPL.

07/10/24 – Reviewed and updated for P&T. Removed criteria requiring documentation of baseline clinical parameters and lab values as it was repetitive with criterion 3. Effective 8/12/24.

04/09/25 – Reviewed and updated for P&T. Updated criteria to clarify that one conventional HLH trial or contraindication to all HLH therapies is required. Effective 05/12/25

