

**Sylvant® (siltuximab)**  
**Effective 05/01/2023**

<b>Plan</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MassHealth UPPL <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial/Exchange	<b>Program Type</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Quantity Limit <input type="checkbox"/> Step Therapy
<b>Benefit</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Benefit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Benefit		
<b>Specialty Limitations</b>	This medication has been designated specialty and must be filled at a contracted specialty pharmacy.		
<b>Contact Information</b>	<b>Medical and Specialty Medications</b>		
	All Plans	Phone: 877-519-1908	Fax: 855-540-3693
<b>Exceptions</b>	<b>Non-Specialty Medications</b>		
	All Plans	Phone: 800-711-4555	Fax: 844-403-1029
<b>Exceptions</b>	N/A		

### Overview

Sylvant® (siltuximab) is an interleukin-6 (IL-6) antagonist indicated for the treatment of patients with multicentric Castleman’s disease (MCD) who are human herpesvirus-8 (HHV-8) negative and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) negative. It is a monoclonal antibody injection for intravenous infusion that works by blocking IL-6, a protein that stimulates abnormal growth of immune cells.

No PA	Drugs that require PA
	Sylvant® (siltuximab) <sup>MB</sup>

MB This drug is available through the health care professional who administers the drug or in an outpatient or inpatient hospital setting. The plan does not pay for this drug to be dispensed through the retail pharmacy.

### 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 of multicentric Castleman’s disease (MCD)
2. Member is HIV negative and HHV-8 negative
3. Member is  $\geq 18$  years of age
4. Member’s current weight
5. Results from hematological laboratory tests at baseline showing **ALL** of the following:
  - a. Absolute neutrophil count:  $\geq 1.0 \times 10^9/L$
  - b. Platelet count:  $\geq 75 \times 10^9/L$
  - c. Hemoglobin:  $< 17$  g/dL

### **Continuation of Therapy**

For initial reauthorization, physician must provide results from hematological laboratory tests showing **ALL** of the following:

1. Absolute neutrophil count:  $\geq 1.0 \times 10^9/L$
2. Platelet count:  $\geq 50 \times 10^9/L$
3. Hemoglobin:  $< 17 \text{ g/dL}$

Subsequent reauthorizations will infer a positive response to therapy *without documentation* of hematological laboratory tests.

### **Limitations**

1. Initial approvals will be granted for 3 weeks.
2. Reauthorizations will be granted for 12 months.
3. Members who have already started treatment on Sylvant® may be approved for any FDA-approved indication.

### **References**

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### **Review History**

01/11/23 - Reviewed and created for Jan P&T; matched MH UPPL. Created criteria to be in compliance with Masshealth unified formulary requirements. Effective 4/1/23.

04/12/23 – Reviewed and updated for P&T. Admin: updated benefit coverage to align with coding. No clinical changes. Effective 5/1/23.

