

Ocrevus® (ocrelizumab) (Intravenous)

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I. Length of Authorization

Coverage will be provided for 12 months and may be renewed annually thereafter.

II. Dosing Limits

Max Units (per dose and over time) [HCPCS Unit]:

Initial dose:

- 300 billable units (300 mg) on day 1 and day 15

Subsequent doses:

- 600 billable units (600 mg) every 6 months

III. Initial Approval Criteria ¹

Coverage is provided in the following conditions:

Patient is required to meet Site of Service specialty infusion program requirements (refer to the [Dean Health Plan Site of Service Policy](#)).

- Patient is at least 18 years of age; **AND**
- Patient has been screened for the presence of Hepatitis B virus (HBV) prior to initiating treatment AND does not have active disease (i.e., positive HBsAg and anti-HBV tests); **AND**
- Patient has had baseline serum immunoglobulins assessed; **AND**
- Patient does not have a history of life-threatening administration reactions to ocrelizumab; **AND**

Universal Criteria ¹

- Patient will not receive live or live-attenuated vaccines while on therapy or within 4 weeks prior to initiation of treatment; **AND**
- Patient does not have an active infection; **AND**
- Must be used as single agent therapy; **AND**

- Patient has not received a dose of ocrelizumab or ublituximab within the past 5 months; **AND**

Multiple Sclerosis †^{1,7,11}

- **For relapsing MS: Patient must try and have an inadequate response, contraindication, or intolerance to a 3 month trial of one of the following drugs: a glatiramer acetate or dimethyl fumarate product; OR**
 - **Patient is continuing treatment with a different product used for RRMS; OR**
 - **Patient would have a life-threatening situation if required to meet step therapy requirements; AND**
- Patient must have a confirmed diagnosis of multiple sclerosis (MS) as documented by laboratory report (i.e., MRI); **AND**
 - Patient has a diagnosis of a relapsing form of MS [i.e., relapsing-remitting MS (RRMS)*, active secondary progressive disease (SPMS)**, or clinically isolated syndrome (CIS)***]; **OR**
 - Patient has a diagnosis of primary progressive MS (PPMS)****

† FDA Approved Indication(s); ‡ Compendia Recommended Indication(s); Ⓢ Orphan Drug

***Definitive diagnosis of MS with a relapsing-remitting course is based upon BOTH dissemination in time and space. Unless contraindicated, MRI should be obtained (even if criteria are met).¹¹**

<u>Dissemination in time</u> (Development/appearance of new CNS lesions over time)	<u>Dissemination in space</u> (Development of lesions in distinct anatomical locations within the CNS; multifocal)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≥ 2 clinical attacks; OR • 1 clinical attack AND one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MRI indicating simultaneous presence of gadolinium-enhancing and non-enhancing lesions at any time or by a new T2-hyperintense or gadolinium-enhancing lesion on follow-up MRI compared to baseline scan ○ CSF-specific oligoclonal bands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≥ 2 lesions; OR • 1 lesion AND one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clear-cut historical evidence of a previous attack involving a lesion in a distinct anatomical location ○ MRI indicating ≥ 1 T2-hyperintense lesions characteristic of MS in ≥ 2 of 4 areas of the CNS (periventricular, cortical or juxtacortical, infratentorial, or spinal cord)

****Active secondary progressive MS (SPMS) is defined as the following:^{8,11-13,15}**

- Expanded Disability Status Scale (EDSS) score ≥ 3.0; **AND**
- Disease is progressive ≥ 3 months following an initial relapsing-remitting course (i.e., EDSS score increase by 1.0 in patients with EDSS ≤5.5 or increase by 0.5 in patients with EDSS ≥6); **AND**
 - ≥ 1 relapse within the previous 2 years; **OR**
 - Patient has gadolinium-enhancing activity OR new or unequivocally enlarging T2 contrast-enhancing lesions as evidenced by MRI

*****Definitive diagnosis of CIS is based upon ALL of the following: ¹¹**

- A monophasic clinical episode with patient-reported symptoms and objective findings reflecting a focal or multifocal inflammatory demyelinating event in the CNS
- Neurologic symptom duration of at least 24 hours, with or without recovery
- Absence of fever or infection
- Patient is not known to have multiple sclerosis

******Definitive diagnosis of MS with a primary progressive course is based upon the following: ¹¹**

- 1 year of disability progression independent of clinical relapse; **AND**
- TWO of the following:
 - ≥ 1 T2-hyperintense lesion characteristic of MS in one or more of the following regions of the CNS: periventricular, cortical or juxtacortical, or infratentorial
 - ≥ 2 T2-hyperintense lesions in the spinal cord
 - Presence of CSF-specific oligoclonal bands

IV. Renewal Criteria ^{1,6,10,14}

Coverage can be renewed based on the following criteria:

- Patient continues to meet the universal and other indication-specific relevant criteria identified in section III; **AND**
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include: severe infusion reactions, severe infections, progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy, malignancy, hypogammaglobulinemia, immune-mediated colitis, etc.; **AND**
- Continuous monitoring of response to therapy indicates a beneficial response* [manifestations of MS disease activity include, but are not limited to, an increase in annualized relapse rate (ARR), development of new/worsening T2 hyperintensities or enhancing lesions on brain/spinal MRI, and progression of sustained impairment as evidenced by expanded disability status scale (EDSS), timed 25-foot walk (T25-FW), 9-hole peg test (9-HPT)]

***Note:**

- Inadequate response, in those who have been adherent and receiving therapy for sufficient time to realize the full treatment effect, is defined as ≥ 1 relapse, ≥ 2 unequivocally new MRI-detected lesions, or increased disability on examination over a one-year period.

Note: patients with primary progressive MS generally do not have clinical relapses and do not typically develop new lesions on MRI

V. Dosage/Administration ¹

Indication	Dose
Multiple Sclerosis	<u>Initial dose:</u> 300 mg intravenous infusion, followed two weeks later by a second 300 mg IV infusion

Indication	Dose
	<u>Subsequent doses:</u> 600 mg IV infusion every 6 months <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer first subsequent dose 6 months after infusion of the initial dose

VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

HCPCS:

- J2350 – Injection, ocrelizumab, 1 mg; 1 mg = 1 billable unit

NDC:

- Ocrevus 300 mg/10 mL single-dose vial: 50242-0150-xx

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Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
G35	Multiple Sclerosis

Appendix 2 – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

The preceding information is intended for non-Medicare coverage determinations. Medicare coverage for outpatient (Part B) drugs is outlined in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-2), Chapter 15, §50 Drugs and Biologicals. In addition, National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) and/or Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) may also exist for claims payment purposes or to clarify benefit eligibility under Part B for drugs which may be self-administered. The following link may be used to search for NCD, LCD, or LCA documents: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search.aspx>. Additional indications, including any preceding information, may be applied at the discretion of the health plan. .

Medicare Part B Covered Diagnosis Codes (applicable to existing NCD/LCD/LCA): N/A

Medicare Part B Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdictions		
Jurisdiction	Applicable State/US Territory	Contractor
E (1)	CA, HI, NV, AS, GU, CNMI	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
F (2 & 3)	AK, WA, OR, ID, ND, SD, MT, WY, UT, AZ	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
5	KS, NE, IA, MO	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)
6	MN, WI, IL	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)
H (4 & 7)	LA, AR, MS, TX, OK, CO, NM	Novitas Solutions, Inc.

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8	MI, IN	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)
N (9)	FL, PR, VI	First Coast Service Options, Inc.
J (10)	TN, GA, AL	Palmetto GBA
M (11)	NC, SC, WV, VA (excluding below)	Palmetto GBA
L (12)	DE, MD, PA, NJ, DC (includes Arlington & Fairfax counties and the city of Alexandria in VA)	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
K (13 & 14)	NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, ME, NH	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)
15	KY, OH	CGS Administrators, LLC