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# STANDARD MEDICARE PART B MANAGEMENT

**NEULASTA** (pegfilgrastim) **FULPHILA** (pegfilgrastim-jmdb) FYLNETRA (pegfilgrastim-pbbk) NYVEPRIA (pegfilgrastim- apgf) STIMUFEND (pegfilgrastim-fpgk) **UDENYCA** (pegfilgrastim-cbqv) **ZIEXTENZO** (pegfilgrastim-bmez)

#### **POLICY**

#### **INDICATIONS**

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

## A. FDA-Approved Indications

### **Neulasta**

- 1. Patients with Cancer Receiving Myelosuppressive Chemotherapy Neulasta is indicated to decrease the incidence of infection, as manifested by febrile neutropenia, in patients with non-myeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a clinically significant incidence of febrile neutropenia.
- 2. Hematopoietic Subsyndrome of Acute Radiation Syndrome Neulasta is indicated to increase survival in patients acutely exposed to myelosuppressive doses of radiation (Hematopoietic Subsyndrome of Acute Radiation Syndrome).

# Fulphila

Indicated to decrease the incidence of infection, as manifested by febrile neutropenia, in patients with non-myeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a clinically significant incidence of febrile neutropenia.

### Udenyca

Indicated to decrease the incidence of infection, as manifested by febrile neutropenia, in patients with non-myeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a clinically significant incidence of febrile neutropenia.

#### Ziextenzo

Indicated to decrease the incidence of infection, as manifested by febrile neutropenia, in patients with non-myeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a clinically significant incidence of febrile neutropenia.

# **Nyvepria**

Indicated to decrease the incidence of infection, as manifested by febrile neutropenia, in patients with

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non-myeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a clinically significant incidence of febrile neutropenia.

# **Fylnetra**

Patients with Cancer Receiving Myelosuppressive Chemotherapy

Fylnetra is indicated to decrease the incidence of infection, as manifested by febrile neutropenia, in patients with non-myeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a clinically significant incidence of febrile neutropenia.

# Stimufend

Patients with Cancer Receiving Myelosuppressive Chemotherapy

Stimufend is indicated to decrease the incidence of infection, as manifested by febrile neutropenia, in patients with non-myeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a clinically significant incidence of febrile neutropenia.

# B. Compendial Uses

- 1. Stem cell transplantation-related indications
- 2. Prophylaxis for chemotherapy-induced febrile neutropenia in patients with solid tumors
- 3. Hematopoietic Subsyndrome of Acute Radiation Syndrome
- 4. Hairy cell leukemia, neutropenic fever

All other indications will be assessed on an individual basis. Submissions for indications other than those enumerated in this policy should be accompanied by supporting evidence from Medicare approved compendia.

## II. DOCUMENTATION

The following documentation must be available, upon request, for all submissions:

# **Primary Prophylaxis of Febrile Neutropenia**

Documentation of the member's diagnosis and chemotherapeutic regimen.

## III. CRITERIA FOR INITIAL APPROVAL

# A. Prevention of neutropenia in cancer patients receiving myelosuppressive chemotherapy

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for prevention of febrile neutropenia for members with solid tumors or non-myeloid malignancies when the requested medication will not be administered with weekly chemotherapy regimens and the member will not be receiving chemotherapy and radiation therapy at the same time.

#### B. Other indications

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for members with any of the following indications:

- 1. Stem cell transplantation-related indications
- 2. Hematopoietic subsyndrome of acute radiation syndrome
- 3. Hairy cell leukemia with neutropenic fever following chemotherapy

# IV. CONTINUATION OF THERAPY

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All members (including new members) requesting authorization for continuation of therapy must meet all initial authorization criteria

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