Clinical Policy: Cytomegalovirus Immune Globulin (CytoGam)

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Line of Business: Commercial, Medicaid, HIM-Medical Benefit

Coding Implications
Revision Log

See Important Reminder at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.

Description

Cytomegalovirus immune globulin (CytoGam®) is an intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) containing antibody to cytomegalovirus (CMV).

FDA Approved Indication(s)

CytoGam is indicated for the prophylaxis of cytomegalovirus disease associated with transplantation of kidney, lung, liver, pancreas, and heart. In transplants of these organs other than kidney from CMV seropositive donors into seronegative recipients, prophylactic CMV-IVIG should be considered in combination with ganciclovir.

Policy/Criteria

Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation® that CytoGam is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. CMV Prophylaxis (must meet all)**:**

1. Prescribed for prophylaxis of CMV disease associated with transplantation of kidney, lung, liver, pancreas, or heart;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an immunologist, nephrologist, pulmonologist, hepatologist, gastroenterologist, cardiologist, or transplant specialist;
3. Dose does not exceed maximum dose indicated in Section V.

Approval duration: 16 weeks

B. Other diagnoses/indications

1. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.CPA.09 for commercial and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid and HIM-Medical Benefit.

II. Continued Therapy

A. CMV Prophylaxis

1. Reauthorization beyond 16 weeks is not permitted. Members must meet the initial approval criteria.

Approval duration: Not applicable

B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2)**:**
1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy.
   Approval duration: Duration of request or 16 weeks (whichever is less); or
2. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.CPA.09 for commercial and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid and HIM-Medical Benefit.

III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:

A. Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off label use policies – CP.CPA.09 for commercial and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid and HIM-Medical Benefit, or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key
CMV: Cytomegalovirus
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
IVIG: intravenous immune globulin

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives
Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings
None reported

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Prophylaxis of CMV disease in kidney transplant	Initial dose (within 72 hrs of transplant): 150 mg/kg/dose IV At 2, 4, 6, and 8 weeks after transplant: 100 mg/kg/dose IV At 12 and 16 weeks after transplant: 50 mg/kg/dose IV	See regimen
Prophylaxis of CMV disease in liver, lung, pancreas, or heart transplant	Initial dose (within 72 hrs of transplant): 150 mg/kg/dose IV At 2, 4, 6, and 8 weeks after transplant: 150 mg/kg/dose IV	See regimen

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
	At 12 and 16 weeks after transplant: 100 mg/kg/dose IV	

VI. Product Availability

Vial for intravenous injection: 50 mg/mL

VII. References

1. CytoGam Prescribing Information. Kankakee, IL: CSL Behring, LLC; November 2017. Available at http://labeling.cslbehring.com/PI/US/Cytogam/EN/Cytogam-Prescribing-Information.pdf. Accessed May 21, 2019.

Coding Implications

Codes referenced in this clinical policy are for informational purposes only. Inclusion or exclusion of any codes does not guarantee coverage. Providers should reference the most up-to-date sources of professional coding guidance prior to the submission of claims for reimbursement of covered services.

HCPCS Codes	Description
J0850	Injection, cytomegalovirus immune globulin intravenous (human), per vial

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
3Q2018 annual review: new policy created- policy split from CP.PHAR.103 Immune globulins into individual policy for CytoGam; specialist requirement was added; references reviewed and updated.	05.15.18	08.18
3Q 2019 annual review: added commercial and HIM-Medical Benefit lines of business; no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	05.21.19	08.19

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This clinical policy has been developed by appropriately experienced and licensed health care professionals based on a review and consideration of currently available generally accepted standards of medical practice; peer-reviewed medical literature; government agency/program approval status; evidence-based guidelines and positions of leading national health professional organizations; views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas affected by this clinical policy; and other available clinical information. The Health Plan makes no representations and accepts no liability with respect to the content of any external information used or relied upon in developing this clinical policy. This clinical policy is consistent with standards of medical practice current at the time that this clinical policy was approved. "Health Plan" means a health plan that has adopted this clinical policy and that is operated or administered, in whole or in part, by Centene Management Company, LLC, or any of such health plan's affiliates, as applicable.

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Note:
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