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Clinical Policy: Ravulizumab-cwvz (Ultomiris)

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****Please note: This policy is for medical benefit****

Description

Ravulizumab-cwvz (Ultomiris[®]) is a complement inhibitor.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Ultomiris is indicated for the treatment of:

- Adult and pediatric patients one month of age and older with paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH)
- Adult and pediatric patients one month of age and older with atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome (aHUS) to inhibit complement-mediated thrombotic microangiopathy (TMA)
- Adult patients with generalized myasthenia gravis (gMG) who are anti-acetylcholine receptor (AChR) antibody-positive
- Adult patients with neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD) who are anti-aquaporin-4 (AQP4) antibody positive

Limitation(s) of use: Ultomiris is not indicated for the treatment of patients with Shiga toxin E. coli related hemolytic uremic syndrome (STEC-HUS).

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 Louisiana Healthcare Connections that Ultomiris is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of PNH;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist;
3. Age \geq 1 month;
4. Flow cytometry shows detectable glycosylphosphatidylinositol (GPI)-deficient hematopoietic clones or \geq 5% PNH cells;
5. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. History of \geq 1 red blood cell transfusion in the past 24 months and (i or ii):
 - i. Documentation of hemoglobin $<$ 7 g/dL in members without anemia symptoms;

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- ii. Documentation of hemoglobin < 9 g/dL in members with anemia symptoms;
- b. History of thrombosis;
- 6. Ultomiris is not prescribed concurrently with BkemvTM, Empaveli[®], Epysqli[®], Fabhalta[®], ~~or~~ Soliris[®], ~~or~~ PiaSky[®];
- 7. Dose does not exceed the following (a, b, c, and d):
 - a. IV loading dose on Day 1:
 - i. Weight \geq 5 to < 10 kg: 600 mg;
 - ii. Weight \geq 10 to < 20 kg: 600 mg;
 - iii. Weight \geq 20 to < 30 kg: 900 mg;
 - iv. Weight \geq 30 to < 40 kg: 1,200 mg;
 - v. Weight \geq 40 to < 60 kg: 2,400 mg;
 - vi. Weight \geq 60 to < 100 kg: 2,700 mg;
 - vii. Weight \geq 100 kg: 3,000 mg;
 - b. If member is switching therapy from Soliris/Bkemv/Epysqli, administration of the IV loading dose should occur at the time of the next scheduled Soliris/Bkemv/Epysqli dose;
 - c. Maintenance dose (i or ii):
 - i. IV maintenance dose on Day 15 after IV Ultomiris loading dose (or starting 1 week after the last SC Ultomiris maintenance dose if switching from SC Ultomiris) and at the specified frequency thereafter:
 - 1) Weight \geq 5 to < 10 kg: 300 mg every 4 weeks;
 - 2) Weight \geq 10 to < 20 kg: 600 mg every 4 weeks;
 - 3) Weight \geq 20 to < 30 kg: 2,100 mg every 8 weeks;
 - 4) Weight \geq 30 to < 40 kg: 2,700 mg every 8 weeks;
 - 5) Weight \geq 40 to < 60 kg: 3,000 mg every 8 weeks;
 - 6) Weight \geq 60 to < 100 kg: 3,300 mg every 8 weeks;
 - 7) Weight \geq 100 kg: 3,600 mg every 8 weeks;
 - ii. SC maintenance dose on Day 15 after IV Ultomiris loading dose (or starting 8 weeks after the last IV Ultomiris maintenance dose if switching from IV Ultomiris) and at the specified frequency thereafter:
 - 1) Age \geq 18 years and weight \geq 40 kg: 490 mg every week;
 - d. If member has received plasma exchange (PE), plasmapheresis (PP), or intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg), a supplemental dose of Ultomiris may be administered within 4 hours following each PE/PP intervention or IVIg cycle (*see section V*).

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B. Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (must meet all):

- 1. Diagnosis of aHUS (i.e., complement-mediated HUS);
- 2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist or nephrologist;
- 3. Age \geq 1 month;
- 4. Member has signs of TMA as evidenced by all of the following (a, b, and c):
 - a. Platelet count \leq 150 \times 10⁹/L;
 - b. Hemolysis such as an elevation in serum lactate dehydrogenase (LDH);
 - c. Serum creatinine above the upper limits of normal or member requires dialysis;
- 5. Documentation that member does not have either of the following:

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- a. A disintegrin and metalloproteinase with thrombospondin type 1 motif, member 13 (ADAMTS13) deficiency;
- b. STEC-HUS;
- 6. Ultomiris is not prescribed concurrently with Soliris ~~or~~, Bkemv, or Ephysqli;
- 7. Dose does not exceed the following (a, b, c, and d):
 - a. IV loading dose on Day 1:
 - i. Weight \geq 5 to < 10 kg: 600 mg;
 - ii. Weight \geq 10 to < 20 kg: 600 mg;
 - iii. Weight \geq 20 to < 30 kg: 900 mg;
 - iv. Weight \geq 30 to < 40 kg: 1,200 mg;
 - v. Weight \geq 40 to < 60 kg: 2,400 mg;
 - vi. Weight \geq 60 to < 100 kg: 2,700 mg;
 - vii. Weight \geq 100 kg: 3,000 mg;
 - b. If member is switching therapy from Soliris/Bkemv/Ephysqli, administration of the IV loading dose should occur at the time of the next scheduled Soliris/Bkemv/Ephysqli dose;
 - c. Maintenance dose (i or ii):
 - i. IV maintenance dose on Day 15 after IV Ultomiris loading dose (or starting 1 week after the last SC Ultomiris maintenance dose if switching from SC Ultomiris) and at the specified frequency thereafter:
 - 1) Weight \geq 5 to < 10 kg: 300 mg every 4 weeks;
 - 2) Weight \geq 10 to < 20 kg: 600 mg every 4 weeks;
 - 3) Weight \geq 20 to < 30 kg: 2,100 mg every 8 weeks;
 - 4) Weight \geq 30 to < 40 kg: 2,700 mg every 8 weeks;
 - 5) Weight \geq 40 to < 60 kg: 3,000 mg every 8 weeks;
 - 6) Weight \geq 60 to < 100 kg: 3,300 mg every 8 weeks;
 - 7) Weight \geq 100 kg: 3,600 mg every 8 weeks;
 - ii. SC maintenance dose on Day 15 after IV Ultomiris loading dose (or starting 8 weeks after the last IV Ultomiris maintenance dose if switching from IV Ultomiris) and at the specified frequency thereafter:
 - 1) Age \geq 18 years and weight \geq 40 kg: 490 mg every week;
 - d. If member has received PE, PP, or IVIg, a supplemental dose of Ultomiris may be administered within 4 hours following each PE/PP intervention or IVIg cycle (*see section V*).

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C. Generalized Myasthenia Gravis (must meet all):

- 1. Diagnosis of gMG;
- 2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist;
- 3. Age \geq 18 years;
- 4. Myasthenia Gravis Activities of Daily Living (MG-ADL) score \geq 6 at baseline;
- 5. Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America (MGFA) clinical classification of Class II to IV;
- 6. Member has positive serological test for anti-aChR antibodies;
- 7. Failure of a corticosteroid (*see Appendix B*), unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced~~;~~

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8. Failure of a cholinesterase inhibitor (*see Appendix B*), unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;[‡]
9. Failure of at least one non-steroidal immunosuppressive therapy (*see Appendix B*), unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated;[‡]
10. Ultomiris is not prescribed concurrently with Bkemv, Ephysql, Rystiggo®, Soliris, Vyvgart®, Vyvgart® Hytrulo, or Zilbrysq®;
11. Dose does not exceed the following (a, b, c, and d):
 - a. IV loading dose on Day 1:
 - i. Weight \geq 40 to $<$ 60 kg: 2,400 mg;
 - ii. Weight \geq 60 to $<$ 100 kg: 2,700 mg;
 - iii. Weight \geq 100 kg: 3,000 mg;
 - b. If member is switching therapy from Soliris/Bkemv/Ephysql, administration of the IV loading dose should occur at the time of the next scheduled Soliris/Bkemv/Ephysql dose;
 - c. IV maintenance dose on Day 15 after IV Ultomiris loading dose and at the specified frequency thereafter:
 - i. Weight \geq 40 to $<$ 60 kg: 3,000 mg every 8 weeks;
 - ii. Weight \geq 60 to $<$ 100 kg: 3,300 mg every 8 weeks;
 - iii. Weight \geq 100 kg: 3,600 mg every 8 weeks;
 - d. If member has received PE, PP, or IVIg, a supplemental dose of Ultomiris may be administered within 4 hours following each PE/PP intervention or IVIg cycle (*see section V*).

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D. Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of NMOSD;
2. Prescribed by ~~or in~~ in consultation with a neurologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Member has positive serologic test for anti-AQP4 antibodies;
5. Member has experienced at least one relapse within the previous 12 months;
6. Baseline expanded disability status scale (EDSS) score of \leq 7;
7. Failure of rituximab (*Ruxience™ and Truxima® are preferred*)[‡] at up to maximally indicated doses, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;[‡]
*Prior authorization may be required for rituximab.
8. Ultomiris is not prescribed concurrently with rituximab, Bkemv, Enspryng®, Ephysql, Soliris, or Uplizna®;
9. Dose does not exceed the following (a, b, c, and d):
 - a. IV loading dose on Day 1:
 - i. Weight \geq 40 to $<$ 60 kg: 2,400 mg;
 - ii. Weight \geq 60 to $<$ 100 kg: 2,700 mg;
 - iii. Weight \geq 100 kg: 3,000 mg;
 - b. If member is switching therapy from Soliris/Bkemv/Ephysql, administration of the IV loading dose should occur at the time of the next scheduled Soliris/Bkemv/Ephysql dose;

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- c. IV maintenance dose on Day 15 after IV Ultomiris loading dose and at the specified frequency thereafter:
 - i. Weight \geq 40 to < 60 kg: 3,000 mg every 8 weeks;
 - ii. Weight \geq 60 to < 100 kg: 3,300 mg every 8 weeks;
 - iii. Weight \geq 100 kg: 3,600 mg every 8 weeks;
- d. If member has received PE, PP, or IVIg, a supplemental dose of Ultomiris may be administered within 4 hours following each PE/PP intervention or IVIg cycle (*see section V*).

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E. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):

- 1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to LA.PMN.255
- 2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy LA.PMN.53

II. Continued Therapy

A. All Indications in Section I (must meet all):

- 1. Currently receiving medication via Louisiana Healthcare Connections benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
- 2. Member is responding positively to therapy as evidenced by, including but not limited to, improvement in any of the following parameters (a, b, c, or d):
 - a. PNH:
 - i. Improved measures of intravascular hemolysis (e.g., normalization of LDH);
 - ii. Reduced need for red blood cell transfusions;
 - iii. Increased or stabilization of hemoglobin levels;
 - iv. Less fatigue;
 - v. Improved health-related quality of life;
 - vi. Fewer thrombotic events;
 - b. aHUS:
 - i. Improved measures of intravascular hemolysis (e.g., normalization of LDH);
 - ii. Increased or stabilized platelet counts;
 - iii. Improved or stabilized serum creatinine or estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR);
 - iv. Reduced need for dialysis;
 - c. gMG:
 - i. Improved MG-ADL total score as evidenced by a 2-point reduction from baseline;
 - d. NMOSD:
 - i. Frequency of relapse;
 - ii. EDSS;
 - iii. Visual acuity;
- 3. Ultomiris is not prescribed concurrently with (a, b, c, or d):
 - a. PNH: Bkemv, Empaveli, Epgsql, Fabhalta, ~~or~~ Soliris, or PiaSky;

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- b. aHUS: Bkemv, [Epyqlsli](#), or Soliris;
- c. gMG: Bkemv, [Epyqlsli](#), Rystiggo, Soliris, Vyvgart, Vyvgart Hytrulo, or Zilbrysq;
- d. NMOSD: rituximab, Bkemv, Enspryng, [Epyqlsli](#), Soliris, or Uplizna;

4. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed one of the following (a, b, or c):

- a. PNH/aHUS (i or ii):
 - i. IV (at least 1 week must have elapsed since last dose of SC Ultomiris if switching):
 - 1) Weight \geq 5 to < 10 kg: 300 mg every 4 weeks;
 - 2) Weight \geq 10 to < 20 kg: 600 mg every 4 weeks;
 - 3) Weight \geq 20 to < 30 kg: 2,100 mg every 8 weeks;
 - 4) Weight \geq 30 to < 40 kg: 2,700 mg every 8 weeks;
 - 5) Weight \geq 40 to < 60 kg: 3,000 mg every 8 weeks;
 - 6) Weight \geq 60 to < 100 kg: 3,300 mg every 8 weeks;
 - 7) Weight \geq 100 kg: 3,600 mg every 8 weeks;
 - ii. SC (at least 8 weeks must have elapsed since last maintenance dose of IV Ultomiris if switching):
 - 1) Age \geq 18 years and weight \geq 40 kg: 490 mg every week;
- b. gMG/NMOSD:
 - i. Weight \geq 40 to < 60 kg: 3,000 mg every 8 weeks;
 - ii. Weight \geq 60 to < 100 kg: 3,300 mg every 8 weeks;
 - iii. Weight \geq 100 kg: 3,600 mg every 8 weeks;
- c. All indications: If member has received PE, PP, or IVIg, a supplemental dose of Ultomiris may be administered within 4 hours following each PE/PP intervention or IVIg cycle (see section V).

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B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to LA.PMN.255
If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy LA.PMN.53

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 policy LA.PMN.53
- B. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

aChR: acetylcholine receptor
ADAMTS13: a disintegrin and metalloproteinase with thrombospondin type 1 motif, member 13

aHUS: atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome
AQP-4: aquaporin-4
EDSS: Expanded Disability Status Scale
FDA: Food and Drug Administration

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gMG: generalized myasthenia gravis
 GPI: glycosyl phosphatidylinositol
 IVIg: intravenous immunoglobulin
 LDH: lactate dehydrogenase
 MG-ADL: Myasthenia Gravis Activities of Daily Living
 MGFA: Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America

NMOSD: neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder
 PE: plasma exchange
 PNH: paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria
 PP: plasmapheresis
 STEC-HUS: Shiga toxin E. coli related hemolytic uremic syndrome
 TMA: thrombotic microangiopathy

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent and may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
Corticosteroids		
betamethasone	Oral: 0.6 to 7.2 mg PO per day	7.2 mg/day
dexamethasone	Oral: 0.75 to 9 mg/day PO	9 mg/day
methylprednisolone	Oral: 12 to 20 mg PO per day; increase as needed by 4 mg every 2-3 days until there is marked clinical improvement or to a maximum of 40 mg/day	40 mg/day
prednisone	Oral: 15 mg/day to 20 mg/day; increase by 5 mg every 2-3 days as needed. Maximum: 60 mg/day	60 mg/day
Cholinesterase Inhibitors		
pyridostigmine (Mestinon®, Regonol®)	Oral immediate-release: 600 mg daily in divided doses (range, 60-1500 mg daily in divided doses) Oral sustained release: 180-540 mg QD or BID IV or IM: 2 mg every 2-3 hours	See regimen
neostigmine (Bloxiverz®)	Oral: 15 mg TID. The daily dosage should be gradually increased at intervals of 1 or more days. The usual maintenance dosage is 15-375 mg/day (average 150 mg) IM or SC: 0.5 mg based on response to therapy	See regimen
Immunosuppressants		
azathioprine (Imuran®)	Oral: 50 mg QD for 1 week, then increase gradually to 2 to 3 mg/kg/day	3 mg/kg/day
mycophenolate mofetil (Cellcept®)*	Oral: Dosage not established. 1 gram BID has been used with adjunctive corticosteroids or other non-steroidal immunosuppressive medications	2 g/day
cyclosporine (Sandimmune®)*	Oral: initial dose of cyclosporine (non-modified), 5 mg/kg/day in 2 divided doses	5 mg/kg/day

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Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
Rituxan® (rituximab), Riabni™ (rituximab-arrx), Ruxience™ (rituximab-pvvr), Truxima® (rituximab-abbs)*†	<p>gMG IV: 375 mg/m² once a week for 4 weeks; an additional 375 mg/m² dose may be given every 1 to 3 months afterwards</p> <p>NMOSD IV: 375 mg/m² per week for 4 weeks as induction, followed by 375 mg/m² biweekly every 6 to 12 months</p>	See regimen

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name® (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name®) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

*Off-label

†Prior authorization is required for rituximab products

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s): patients with unresolved serious *Neisseria meningitidis* infection
- Boxed warning(s): serious meningococcal infections

Appendix D: General Information

- Ultomiris is only available through a REMS (Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy) program due to the risk of life-threatening and fatal meningococcal infection. Vaccination for meningococcal bacteria (for serogroups A, C, W, Y, and B) should be completed or updated at least 2 weeks prior to the first dose of Ultomiris, unless the risks of delaying therapy with Ultomiris outweigh the risk of developing a serious infection. Patients should be monitored for early signs and symptoms of serious meningococcal infections, evaluated immediately if infection is suspected, and treated with antibiotics if necessary.
- Examples of symptoms of anemia include but are not limited to: dizziness or lightheadedness, fatigue, pale or yellowish skin, shortness of breath, chest pain, cold hands and feet, and headache.
- Ultomiris is a humanized monoclonal antibody to complement component C5 that was engineered from Soliris. It is virtually identical to Soliris but has a longer half-life that allows for less frequent dosing intervals.
- In August 2021, Alexion announced it is discontinuing the global CHAMPION-ALS phase 3 clinical study of Ultomiris in adults with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis due to an interim data review showing a lack of efficacy.
- The MGFA classification has some subjectivity in it when it comes to distinguishing mild (Class II) from moderate (Class III) and moderate (Class III) from severe (Class IV). Furthermore, it is insensitive to change from one visit to the next.
- gMG: a 2-point reduction in MG-ADL total score is considered a clinically meaningful improvement. The scale can be accessed here: <https://myasthenia.org/Portals/0/ADL.pdf>.
- NMOSD:
 - AQP-4: AQP-4-IgG-seropositive status is confirmed with the use of commercially available cell-binding kit assay (Euroimmun).

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- Stabilization or reduction in EDSS total score is an example of positive response.
EDSS ranges from 0 (no disability) to 10 (death).

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen*			Maximum Dose
PNH, aHUS	IV dosing: Day 1: Loading dose IV Day 15 and thereafter: Maintenance dose IV. If currently receiving SC Ultomiris, administer IV Ultomiris maintenance dose starting 1 week after last SC Ultomiris maintenance dose			IV: 3,600 mg/ 8 weeks SC: 490 mg/week
	Body Weight Range (kg)	Loading Dose (mg)	Maintenance Dose (mg)	
	≥ 5 to < 10	600	300 every 4 weeks	
	≥ 10 to < 20	600	600 every 4 weeks	
	≥ 20 to < 30	900	2,100 every 8 weeks	
	Body Weight Range (kg)	Loading Dose (mg)	Maintenance Dose (mg)	
	≥ 30 to < 40	1,200	2,700 every 8 weeks	
	≥ 40 to < 60	2,400	3,000 every 8 weeks	
	≥ 60 to < 100	2,700	3,300 every 8 weeks	
	≥ 100	3,000	3,600 every 8 weeks	
	SC dosing (maintenance only for age ≥ 18 years and weight ≥ 40 kg): 490 mg SC per week, starting 2 weeks after IV Ultomiris loading dose or 8 weeks after last IV Ultomiris maintenance dose			
gMG, NMOSD	Body Weight Range (kg)	Loading Dose (mg)	Maintenance Dose (mg)	3,600 mg/ 8 weeks
	≥ 40 to < 60	2,400	3,000 every 8 weeks	
	≥ 60 to < 100	2,700	3,300 every 8 weeks	
	≥ 100	3,000	3,600 every 8 weeks	
	Day 1: Loading dose IV Day 15 and thereafter: Maintenance dose IV			
Supplemental doses	A supplemental dose of Ultomiris is required within 4 hours of PE, PP, or IVIg as they have been shown to reduce Ultomiris serum levels:			See regimen
	Body Weight Range (kg)	Most Recent Ultomiris Dose (mg)	Supplemental Dose (mg)	
			After PE/PP	After IVIg
	≥ 40 to < 60	2,400	1,200	600
		3,000	1,500	
	≥ 60 to < 100	2,700	1,500	
		3,300	1,800	

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Indication	Dosing Regimen*			Maximum Dose
	≥ 100	3,000	1,500	
		3,600	1,800	

*For patients switching from Soliris/Bkemv/[Ephysql](#) to Ultomiris, administer the loading dose of Ultomiris IV at the time of the next scheduled Soliris/Bkemv/[Ephysql](#) dose, and then administer maintenance doses at the specified frequency, starting 2 weeks after loading dose administration.

VI. Product Availability

- Single-dose vials for IV injection: 300 mg/30 mL, 300 mg/3 mL, 1,100 mg/11 mL
- Single-dose prefilled cartridge for use with supplied single-use on-body injector for SC injection: 245 mg/3.5 mL

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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
J1303	Injection, ravulizumab-cwvz, 10 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	LDH Approval Date
Converted corporate to local policy	03.21	
Updated age and dosing requirements for PNH per FDA pediatric expansion (from age at least 18 years to age at least 1 month). For PNH, added requirement for no concurrent use with Empaveli; added amyotrophic lateral sclerosis to section III as an indication not covered due to lack of efficacy; references reviewed and updated.	02.22	05.07.22
Criteria added for new FDA indication: gMG. Added new SC injection dosage form and updated dosing requirements in criteria and section V (including allowance for supplemental doses if member has received PE, PP, or IVIG); for gMG, added requirement for no concurrent use with Vyvgart. For gMG modified from two to one immunosuppressive therapy required; clarified MG-ADL total score should be assessed on continuation of therapy requests; template changes applied to other diagnoses/indications and continued therapy section. References reviewed and updated.	06.27.23	10.24.23
Added blurb this policy is for medical benefit only.	04.29.24	07.29.24
Annual review: updated the list of therapies that Ultomiris should not be prescribed concurrently with to include Bkemv for all indications, Fabhalta for PNH, and Rystiggo, Vyvgart Hytrulo, and Zilbrysq for gMG; references reviewed and updated.	02.05.25	<u>05.19.25</u>
<u>Annual review: updated the list of therapies that Ultomiris should not be prescribed concurrently with to include Epsyqli for all indications and PiaSky for PNH; for gMG, clarified that the required immunosuppressive therapy should be non-steroidal; revised continued approval duration from 6 to 12 months for all indications as they are chronic conditions; references reviewed and updated.</u>	<u>12.17.25</u>	

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