Harvard Pilgrim Health Care | TUFTS Health Plan

Medical Necessity Guidelines
Medical Benefit Drugs

Multiple Sclerosis Agents: Lemtrada® (alemtuzumab), Ocrevus® (ocrelizumab), Ocrevus Zunovo® (ocrelizumab and hyaluronidase-ocsq)

Effective: December 9, 2025

Guideline Type	☒ Prior Authorization ☐ Non-Formulary ☐ Step-Therapy ☐ Administrative

Applies to:

Commercial Products

☐ Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Commercial products; Fax 617-673-0988

☐ Tufts Health Plan Commercial products; Fax 617-673-0988

CareLink℠ – Refer to CareLink Procedures, Services and Items Requiring Prior Authorization

Public Plans Products

☐ Tufts Health Direct – A Massachusetts Qualified Health Plan (QHP) (a commercial product); Fax 617-673-0988

☐ Tufts Health Together – MassHealth MCO Plan and Accountable Care Partnership Plans; Fax 617-673-0939

☒ Tufts Health RITogether – A Rhode Island Medicaid Plan; Fax 617-673-0939

☐ Tufts Health One Care* – A Medicare-Medicaid Plan (a dual-eligible product); Fax 617-673-0956

*The MNG applies to Tufts Health One Care members unless a less restrictive LCD or NCD exists.

Senior Products

☐ Tufts Health Plan Senior Care Options (SCO), (a dual-eligible product); Fax 617-673-0956

☐ Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO, (a Medicare Advantage product); Fax 617-673-0956

☐ Tufts Medicare Preferred PPO, (a Medicare Advantage product); Fax 617-673-0956

Note: While you may not be the provider responsible for obtaining prior authorization, as a condition of payment you will need to ensure that prior authorization has been obtained.

Overview

Food and Drug Administration - Approved Indications

Lemtrada (alemtuzumab) is a CD52-directed cytolytic monoclonal antibody indicated for the treatment of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS), to include relapsing-remitting disease and active secondary progressive disease, in adults. Because of its safety profile, the use of Lemtrada should generally be reserved for patients who have had an inadequate response to two or more drugs indicated for the treatment of MS. Lemtrada is not recommended for use in patients with clinically isolated syndrome because of its safety profile.

Ocrevus (ocrelizumab) is a CD20-directed cytolytic antibody indicated for the treatment of relapsing forms of MS, to include clinically isolated syndrome, relapsing-remitting disease, and active secondary progressive disease, in adults, and primary progressive MS, in adults.

Ocrevus Zunovo (ocrelizumab and hyaluronidase-ocsq) is a CD20-directed cytolytic antibody indicated for the treatment of relapsing forms of MS, to include clinically isolated syndrome, relapsing-remitting disease, and active secondary progressive disease, in adults, and primary progressive MS, in adults.

Clinical Guideline Coverage Criteria

Lemtrada (alemtuzumab)

The plan may authorize coverage of Lemtrada for Members when the following criteria are met:

1. Documented diagnosis of **one (1)** of the following relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis:
    a. Relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis
    b. Active secondary progressive disease

AND

2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist

AND

3. Documentation of **one (1)** of the following:
    a. Inadequate response or adverse reaction to **two (2)** or contraindication to all of the following:
        i. teriflunomide (Aubagio)
        ii. fingolimod (Gilenya)
        iii. glatiramer acetate therapy (Copaxone)
        iv. interferon therapy
        v. ocrelizumab (Ocrevus)
        vi. dimethyl fumarate (Tecfidera)
    b. Patient is new to the plan and stable on Lemtrada

Ocrevus (ocrelizumab), Ocrevus Zunovo (ocrelizumab and hyaluronidase-ocsq)

The plan may authorize coverage of Ocrevus for Members when the following criteria are met:

1. Documented diagnosis of **one (1)** of the following:
    a. Relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis, to include clinically isolated syndrome, relapsing-remitting disease, and active secondary progressive disease
    b. Primary progressive MS

AND

2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist

Limitations

- None

Codes

The following code(s) require prior authorization:

Table 1: HCPCS Codes

HCPCS Codes	Description
J0202	Injection, alemtuzumab, 1 mg
J2350	Injection, ocrelizumab, 1 mg
J2351	INJ OCRELIZUMAB 1MG HYA-OCSQ

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Approval And Revision History

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Subsequent endorsement date(s) and changes made:

- September 21, 2022: Reviewed by the Medical Policy Approval Committee (MPAC)
- November 14, 2024: Expanded diagnosis requirements for Ocrevus to align with FDA-approved indications. Minor wording updates (eff 12/1/2023).
- November 2023: Administrative update to rebrand Tufts Health Unify to Tufts Health One Care for 2024.
- October 8, 2024: No changes (eff 10/8/24)
- November 12, 2024: Added Ocrevus Zunovo to the Medical Necessity Guideline (eff 12/1/24).
- March 11, 2025: Administrative Update: Added J Code J2351 (eff 4/1/25)
- July 2025: Administrative update to remove Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Stride Medicare Advantage from the Medical Necessity Guideline template.
- December 9, 2025: No changes.

Background, Product and Disclaimer Information

Medical Necessity Guidelines are developed to determine coverage for benefits and are published to provide a better understanding of the basis upon which coverage decisions are made. We make coverage decisions using these guidelines, along with the Member's benefit document, and in coordination with the Member's physician(s) on a case-by-case basis considering the individual Member's health care needs.

Medical Necessity Guidelines are developed for selected therapeutic or diagnostic services found to be safe and proven effective in a limited, defined population of patients or clinical circumstances. They include concise clinical coverage criteria based on current literature review, consultation with practicing physicians in our service area who are medical experts in the particular field, FDA and other government agency policies, and standards adopted by national accreditation organizations. We revise and update Medical Necessity Guidelines annually, or more frequently if new evidence becomes available that suggests needed revisions.

For self-insured plans, coverage may vary depending on the terms of the benefit document. If a discrepancy exists between a Medical Necessity Guideline and a self-insured Member's benefit document, the provisions of the benefit document will govern. For Tufts Health Together (Medicaid), coverage may be available beyond these guidelines for pediatric members under age 21 under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefits of the plan in accordance with 130 CMR 450.140 and 130 CMR 447.000, and with prior authorization.

Treating providers are solely responsible for the medical advice and treatment of Members. The use of this guideline is not a guarantee of payment or a final prediction of how specific claim(s) will be adjudicated. Claims payment is subject to eligibility and benefits on the date of service, coordination of benefits, referral/authorization, utilization management guidelines when applicable, and adherence to plan policies, plan procedures, and claims editing logic.