



Bavencio® (avelumab) (Intravenous)

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I. Length of Authorization

Coverage will be provided for six months and may be renewed.

II. Dosing Limits

A. Quantity Limit (max daily dose) [Pharmacy Benefit]:

- Bavencio 200 mg single-use vial: 4 vials per 14 days

B. Max Units (per dose and over time) [Medical Benefit]:

- 80 billable units every 14 days (all indications)

III. Initial Approval Criteria

Coverage is provided in the following conditions:

- Patient has not received previous therapy with a programmed death (PD-1/PD-L1)-directed therapy (e.g., nivolumab, pembrolizumab, atezolizumab, durvalumab, cemiplimab, etc.) unless otherwise specified; **AND**

Merkel Cell Carcinoma (MCC) †

- Patient must be at least 12 years old; **AND**
- Used as a single agent; **AND**
- Patient has metastatic disease

Bladder Cancer/Urothelial Carcinoma †

- Patient must be at least 18 years old; **AND**
- Used as a single agent; **AND**
- Must be used as subsequent therapy after previous platinum treatment*; **AND**
- Patient has a diagnosis of one of the following:
 - Locally advanced or metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma; **OR**
 - Disease recurrence post-cystectomy; **OR**

- Metastatic Upper Genitourinary Tract Tumors; **OR**
- Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma of the Prostate; **OR**
- Recurrent or metastatic Primary Carcinoma of the Urethra; **AND**
 - Patient does not have recurrence of stage T3-4 disease or palpable inguinal lymph nodes.

Renal Cell Carcinoma †

- Patient must be at least 18 years old; **AND**
- Used in combination with axitinib; **AND**
- Used as first line therapy for the treatment of advanced disease.

**If platinum treatment occurred greater than 12 months ago, the patient should be re-treated with platinum-based therapy. Patients with comorbidities (e.g., hearing loss, neuropathy, poor PS, renal insufficiency, etc.) may not be eligible for cisplatin. Carboplatin may be substituted for cisplatin particularly in those patients with a GFR <60 mL/min or a PS of 2.*

† FDA Approved Indication(s); ‡ Compendia Recommended Indication(s)

IV. Renewal Criteria

Coverage can be renewed based upon the following criteria:

- Patient continues to meet the criteria identified in section III; **AND**
- Disease response with treatment as defined by stabilization of disease or decrease in size of tumor or tumor spread; **AND**
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include the following: severe infusion reactions, hepatotoxicity, immune-mediated adverse reactions (e.g., pneumonitis, hepatitis, colitis, endocrinopathies, nephritis and renal dysfunction, skin), major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE), etc.

V. Dosage/Administration

Indication	Dose
All indications	The recommended dose is 800 mg via intravenous infusion over 60 minutes every 2 weeks until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.
<p><u>Dosing should be calculated using actual body weight and not flat dosing (as applicable) based on the following:</u></p> <p><u>Weight > 60 kg:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard dose 800 mg IV every 2 weeks <p><u>Weight is ≤ 60kg:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use 600 mg IV every 2 weeks <p><i>Note: This information is not meant to replace clinical decision making when initiating or modifying medication therapy and should only be used as a guide. Patient-specific variables should be taken into account.</i></p>	

VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

Jcode:

J9023 – Injection, avelumab, 10 mg; 1 billable unit = 10 mg

NDC:

Bavencio 200 mg/10 mL single-dose vial: 44087-3535-xx

VII. References

1. Bavencio [package insert]. New York, NY; EMD Serono, Inc; May 2019. Accessed May 2019.
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Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C4A.0	Merkel cell carcinoma of lip
C4A.10	Merkel cell carcinoma of eyelid, including canthus
C4A.11	Merkel cell carcinoma of right eyelid, including canthus
C4A.12	Merkel cell carcinoma of left eyelid, including canthus

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ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C4A.20	Merkel cell carcinoma of unspecified ear and external auricular canal
C4A.21	Merkel cell carcinoma of right ear and external auricular canal
C4A.22	Merkel cell carcinoma of left ear and external auricular canal
C4A.30	Merkel cell carcinoma of unspecified part of face
C4A.31	Merkel cell carcinoma of nose
C4A.39	Merkel cell carcinoma of other parts of face
C4A.4	Merkel cell carcinoma of scalp and neck
C4A.51	Merkel cell carcinoma of anal skin
C4A.52	Merkel cell carcinoma of skin of breast
C4A.59	Merkel cell carcinoma of other part of trunk
C4A.60	Merkel cell carcinoma of unspecified upper limb, including shoulder
C4A.61	Merkel cell carcinoma of right upper limb, including shoulder
C4A.62	Merkel cell carcinoma of left upper limb, including shoulder
C4A.70	Merkel cell carcinoma of unspecified lower limb, including hip
C4A.71	Merkel cell carcinoma of right lower limb, including hip
C4A.72	Merkel cell carcinoma of left lower limb, including hip
C4A.8	Merkel cell carcinoma of overlapping sites
C4A.9	Merkel cell carcinoma, unspecified
C61	Malignant neoplasm of prostate
C64.1	Malignant neoplasm of right kidney, except renal pelvis
C64.2	Malignant neoplasm of left kidney, except renal pelvis
C64.9	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified kidney, except renal pelvis
C65.1	Malignant neoplasm of right renal pelvis
C65.2	Malignant neoplasm of left renal pelvis
C65.9	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified renal pelvis
C66.1	Malignant neoplasm of right ureter
C66.2	Malignant neoplasm of left ureter
C66.9	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified ureter
C67.0	Malignant neoplasm of trigone of bladder
C67.1	Malignant neoplasm of dome of bladder
C67.2	Malignant neoplasm of lateral wall of bladder
C67.3	Malignant neoplasm of anterior wall of bladder
C67.4	Malignant neoplasm of posterior wall of bladder
C67.5	Malignant neoplasm of bladder neck
C67.6	Malignant neoplasm of ureteric orifice
C67.7	Malignant neoplasm of urachus
C67.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of bladder
C67.9	Malignant neoplasm of bladder, unspecified

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ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C68.0	Malignant neoplasm of urethra
C7B.1	Secondary Merkel cell carcinoma
D09.0	Carcinoma in situ of bladder
Z85.51	Personal history of malignant neoplasm of bladder
Z85.528	Personal history of other malignant neoplasm of kidney
Z85.59	Personal history of malignant neoplasm of other urinary tract organ
Z85.821	Personal history of Merkel cell carcinoma

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

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 Determination (NCD) and Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. They can be found at: <http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search/advanced-search.aspx>. Additional indications may be covered at the discretion of the health plan.

Medicare Part B Covered Diagnosis Codes (applicable to existing NCD/LCD): 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.
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, LLC
M (11)	NC, SC, WV, VA (excluding below)	Palmetto GBA, LLC
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