

Colony Stimulating Factors: Neulasta® (pegfilgrastim)

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I. Length of Authorization

Coverage is provided for four months and may be renewed.

II. Dosing Limits

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

- Neulasta 6 mg prefilled syringe: 1 syringe per 14 days

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

Neulasta (J2505)

Male 1 billable unit per 14 days

Female 1 billable unit per 14 days

III. Initial Approval Criteria

Coverage for Neulasta® (pegfilgrastim) is provided in the following conditions:

Patient with non-myeloid malignancy†

- Patient is undergoing myelosuppressive chemotherapy with an expected incidence of febrile neutropenia of 20% or greater‡; **OR**
- Patient is undergoing myelosuppressive chemotherapy with an expected incidence of febrile neutropenia of 10% or greater ‡ AND one or more of the following co-morbidities:
 - Elderly patients (age 65 or older)
 - History of recurrent febrile neutropenia from chemotherapy
 - Extensive prior exposure to chemotherapy
 - Previous exposure of pelvis, or other areas of large amounts of bone marrow, to radiation

- Pre-existing neutropenia (ANC \leq 1000/mm³) or bone marrow involvement with tumor
- Patient has a condition that can potentially increase the risk of serious infection (i.e. HIV/AIDS) Infection/open wounds
- Recent surgery
- Poor performance status
- Poor renal function
- Liver dysfunction (elevated bilirubin)

Patient who experienced a neutropenic complication from a prior cycle of the same chemotherapy

Patients acutely exposed to myelosuppressive doses of radiation (Hematopoietic Syndrome of Acute Radiation Syndrome)

Patient requiring supportive care post-transplant and ONE of the following:

- Bone marrow transplantation (BMT) failure or engraftment delay; OR
- Peripheral blood progenitor cell (PBPC) mobilization and transplant

IV. Renewal Criteria

Same as initial prior authorization policy criteria.

V. Dosage/Administration

Indication	Dose
Neulasta – all indications	<10kg = 0.1mg/kg 10-20kg = 1.5mg 21-30kg = 2.5mg 31-44kg = 4mg 45kg and up = 6mg Neulasta is dosed no more frequently that every 14 days

*Do not administer within 14 days before or 24 hours after administration of a cytotoxic chemotherapy

*On-Body Injector may be administered on the same day as chemotherapy as long as the Neulasta is administered no less than 24 hours after administration of chemotherapy

VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

Jcode:

- J2505 – Neulasta (Amgen) 6 mg injection: 1 billable unit = 6 mg

NDC:

- Neulasta 6 mg prefilled syringe – 55513-0190-xx (Amgen)

- Neulasta 6 mg prefilled syringe with On-body injector – 55513-192-xx (Amgen)

VII. References

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Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

ICD-9 Codes	Diagnosis
288.03	Drug induced neutropenia
996.85	Complications of transplanted bone marrow
V07.8	Other specified prophylactic or treatment measure
V42.81	Bone marrow replaced by transplant
V42.82	Peripheral stem cells replaced by transplant
V59.02	Blood donors, stem cells
V58.11	Encounter for antineoplastic chemotherapy
V66.2	Convalescence following chemotherapy

NEULASTA®(pegfilgrastim) Prior Auth Criteria

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ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
D70.1	Agranulocytosis secondary to cancer chemotherapy
D70.2	Other drug-induced agranulocytosis
T86.00	Unspecified complication of bone marrow transplant
T86.01	Bone marrow transplant rejection
T86.02	Bone marrow transplant failure
T86.03	Bone marrow transplant infection
T86.09	Other complications of bone marrow transplant
Z41.8	Encounter for other procedures for purposes other than remedying health state
Z48.290	Encounter for aftercare following bone marrow transplant
Z51.11	Encounter for antineoplastic chemotherapy
Z51.89	Encounter for other specified aftercare
Z52.001	Unspecified donor, stem cells
Z52.011	Autologous donor, stem cells
Z52.091	Other blood donor, stem cells
Z94.81	Bone marrow transplant status
Z94.84	Stem cells transplant status

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):

Jurisdiction(s): 5,8	NCD/LCD Document (s): L34699
ICD-10 Codes	Diagnosis
https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/lcd-details.aspx?LCDId=34699&ver=15&SearchType=Advanced&CoverageSelection=Both&NCSelection=NCA%7cCAL%7cNCD%7cMEDCAC%7cTA%7cMCD&ArticleType=Ed&PolicyType=Final&s=All&KeyWord=pegfilgrastim&KeyWordLookUp=	

Jurisdiction(s): 10(J)	NCD/LCD Document (s): L34254
ICD-10 Codes	Diagnosis

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/lcd-details.aspx?LCDId=34254&ver=6&SearchType=Advanced&CoverageSelection=Both&NCSelection=NCA%7cCAL%7cNCD%7cMEDCAC%7cTA%7cMCD&ArticleType=Ed&PolicyType=Final&s=All&KeyWord=pegfilgrastim&KeyWordLookUp=D>

Jurisdiction(s): 6, K	NCD/LCD Document (s): A52408
ICD-10 Codes	Diagnosis
https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/article-details.aspx?articleId=52408&ver=13&SearchType=Advanced&CoverageSelection=Both&NCSelection=NC A%7cCAL%7cNCD%7cMEDCAC%7cTA%7cMCD&ArticleType=Ed&PolicyType=Final&s=All&KeyWord=pegfilgrastim&KeyWor	

Jurisdiction(s): 9 (N)	NCD/LCD Document (s): L33747
ICD-10 Codes	Diagnosis
https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/lcd-details.aspx?LCDId=33747&ver=7&SearchType=Advanced&CoverageSelection=Both&NCSelection=NCA%7cCAL%7cNCD%7cMEDCAC%7cTA%7cMCD&ArticleType=Ed&PolicyType=Final&s=All&KeyWord=pegfilgrastim&KeyWordLookUp=D	

Medicare Part B Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdictions		
Jurisdiction	Applicable State/US Territory	Contractor
E	CA, HI, NV, AS, GU, CNMI	Noridian Administrative Services (NAS)
F	AK, WA, OR, ID, ND, SD, MT, WY, UT, AZ	Noridian Administrative Services (NAS)
5	KS, NE, IA, MO	Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS)
6	MN, WI, IL	National Government Services (NGS)
H	LA, AR, MS, TX, OK, CO, NM	Novitas Solutions
8	MI, IN	Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS)
9 (N)	FL, PR, VI	First Coast Service Options
10 (J)	TN, GA, AL	Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators
11 (M)	NC, SC, VA, WV	Palmetto GBA
12 (L)	DE, MD, PA, NJ, DC	Novitas Solutions
K	NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, ME, NH	National Government Services (NGS)
15	KY, OH	CGS Administrators, LLC