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I. Length of Authorization ^{1,5,8,14,25,26,35-41}

Coverage will be provided for 6 months and may be renewed unless otherwise specified.

- Initial treatment for Multiple Myeloma: Coverage will be provided for a total of 9 cycles (42-days per cycle).
- Re-treatment of Multiple Myeloma, initial treatment of Mantle Cell Lymphoma, & Adult T-Cell Leukemia/Lymphoma: Coverage will be provided for a total of 8 cycles (21-days per cycle).
- Systemic Light Chain Amyloidosis as a single agent or in combination with cyclophosphamide and/or dexamethasone: Coverage will be provided for a total of 8 cycles (35-days per cycle as a single agent; 21- or 28-days per cycle in combination with cyclophosphamide and/or dexamethasone).
- Systemic Light Chain Amyloidosis in combination with melphalan and dexamethasone: Coverage will be provided for a total of 9 cycles (21-days per cycle)
- Systemic Light Chain Amyloidosis in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone: Coverage will be provided for a total of 8 cycles (28-days per cycle).
- Systemic Light Chain Amyloidosis in combination with daratumumab and hyaluronidase-fihj, cyclophosphamide, and dexamethasone: Coverage will be provided for a total of 2 years.
- Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia in combination with rituximab and/or dexamethasone: Coverage will be provided for a total of 6 cycles (28-days per cycle) or 8 cycles (21-days per cycle).
- Pediatric Hodgkin Lymphoma: Coverage will be provided for a total of 4 cycles (21-days per cycle).

II. Dosing Limits

A. Quantity Limit (max daily dose) [NDC Unit]:

- Velcade 3.5 mg powder for injection: 8 vials per 28 day supply

B. Max Units (per dose and over time) [HCPCS Unit]:

- **Multiple Myeloma & Systemic Light Chain Amyloidosis:**
 - 280 billable units every 35 days
- **Waldenström’s Macroglobulinemia:**
 - 210 billable units every 28 days
- **Pediatric Hodgkin Lymphoma:**
 - 105 billable units every 21 days
- **All Other Indications:**
 - 140 billable units every 21 days

III. Initial Approval Criteria ^{1,2}

Coverage is provided in the following conditions:

- Patient is at least 18 years of age (unless otherwise specified); **AND**

Universal Criteria ¹

- Will not be administered intrathecally; **AND**

Multiple Myeloma † ⊕ ^{1-5,13,15-20,24-26,27e,28e,58e}

- Used in combination with a corticosteroid-containing regimen as primary therapy for symptomatic disease or for relapse (re-treatment) after 6 months following primary induction therapy with the same regimen; **OR**
- Used as maintenance therapy; **AND**
 - Used as a single agent; **OR**
- Used for relapsed or progressive disease in combination with a dexamethasone-containing regimen

Mantle Cell Lymphoma – B-Cell Lymphoma † ⊕ ^{1,2,12,21-23,27}

- Used as induction or additional therapy; **AND**
 - Used as a component of VR-CAP (bortezomib, rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, and prednisone); **OR**
- Used as subsequent therapy; **AND**
 - Used as a single agent; **OR**
 - Used in combination with rituximab

Systemic Light Chain Amyloidosis ‡ ^{2,10,46,30e-34e,56e,64e,65e}

- Patient has newly diagnosed disease **OR** used as repeat initial therapy if relapse-free for several years; **AND**

- Used in combination with cyclophosphamide and dexamethasone; **OR**
- Used in combination with dexamethasone with melphalan or lenalidomide; **AND**

In combination with dexamethasone and lenalidomide ONLY:

- Use of bortezomib will be restricted to patients with a contraindication or intolerance to bortezomib/cyclophosphamide/dexamethasone; **OR**

- Used in combination with daratumumab and hyaluronidase-fihj, cyclophosphamide, and dexamethasone; **OR**
- Patient has relapsed or refractory disease; **AND**
 - Used as a single agent; **OR**
 - Used in combination with dexamethasone with or without melphalan

Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia/Lymphoplasmacytic Lymphoma (WM/LPL) ‡

2,5,11,14,29,38,41e,43e-45e,52e,61e-62e

- Used as primary therapy in combination with dexamethasone and rituximab; **AND**

- Use of bortezomib will be restricted to patients with a contraindication or intolerance to rituximab/cyclophosphamide/dexamethasone; **OR**

- Used as a single agent; **AND**

Primary therapy (no step therapy is required for previously treated disease):

- Use of bortezomib will be restricted to patients with a contraindication or intolerance to fludarabine; **OR**

- Used in combination with rituximab; **AND**

Primary therapy:

- Use of bortezomib will be restricted to patients with a contraindication or intolerance to one of the following alternative agents/regimens: cladribine/rituximab or fludarabine/rituximab; **OR**

Previously treated disease:

- Patient must demonstrate an inadequate response to one of the following agents/regimens prior to approval of bortezomib: cladribine/rituximab, or fludarabine/rituximab

Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) – Adult* ‡^{3,9}

- Used in combination with chemotherapy; **AND**
- Patient has relapsed/refractory Philadelphia (Ph) chromosome negative T-cell disease (T-ALL)

*NCCN recommendations for ALL may be applicable to adolescent and young adult (AYA) patients within the age range of 15-39 years.

Pediatric Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) †^{2,8,28}

- Patient is at least 1 year of age^{**}; **AND**
 - Patient has relapsed or refractory disease; **AND**
 - Used as a component of the COG AALL07P1 regimen (bortezomib, vincristine, doxorubicin, pegaspargase, prednisone); **AND**
 - Patient has Philadelphia (Ph) chromosome negative B-cell disease (B-ALL); **OR**
 - Patient has Philadelphia (Ph) chromosome positive disease; **OR**
 - Patient has relapsed or refractory T-cell disease (T-ALL); **AND**
 - Used in combination with a corticosteroid, vincristine, doxorubicin, and pegaspargase

***NCCN recommendations for Pediatric ALL may be applicable to certain adolescent and young adult (AYA) patients up to 31 years of age.*

Pediatric Hodgkin Lymphoma †^{3,45}

- Patient age is 18 years and under^{***}; **AND**
- Used for relapsed or refractory disease in combination with ifosfamide and vinorelbine

**** Pediatric Hodgkin Lymphoma patients may include certain adolescent and young adult (AYA) patients up to 39 years of age.*

Preferred therapies and recommendations are determined by review of clinical evidence. NCCN category of recommendation is taken into account as a component of this review. Regimens deemed equally efficacious (i.e., those having the same NCCN categorization) are considered to be therapeutically equivalent.

† FDA Approved Indication(s); ‡ Compendia recommended indication(s); Ⓞ Orphan Drug

IV. Renewal Criteria^{1,2,6}

Coverage can be renewed based upon the following criteria:

- Patient continues to meet universal and other indication-specific relevant criteria such as concomitant therapy requirements (not including prerequisite therapy), performance status, etc. 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. Example of unacceptable toxicity include: peripheral neuropathy, hypotension, cardiac toxicity, pulmonary toxicity, posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome, gastrointestinal toxicity, thrombocytopenia, neutropenia, tumor lysis syndrome, hepatic toxicity, thrombotic microangiopathy, etc.

V. Dosage/Administration ^{1,5,6,8,14,25,26,30,35-43}

| Indication | Dose |
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| Multiple Myeloma – initial treatment | 1.3 mg/m ² intravenously (IV)/subcutaneously (SC) in combination with oral melphalan and oral prednisone for nine 6-week treatment cycles. In cycles 1-4, Velcade is given twice weekly (days 1, 4, 8, 11, 22, 25, 29, and 32). In cycles 5-9, Velcade is given once weekly (days 1, 8, 22, and 29). |
| Multiple Myeloma – maintenance therapy | <p><u>Following primary therapy with a bortezomib-containing regimen for transplant-ineligible patients:</u></p> <p>1.3 mg/m² IV/SC every two weeks or 1.6 mg/m² IV/SC once weekly (days 1, 8, 15, and 22) every 35 days until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity</p> <p><u>Following autologous stem cell transplant:</u></p> <p>1.3 mg/m² IV/SC every two weeks until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity</p> |
| Multiple Myeloma – re-treatment | 1.3 mg/m ² IV/SC twice weekly (days 1, 4, 8, and 11) followed by a 10-day rest period (days 12-21) for up to 8 cycles |
| Mantle Cell Lymphoma – previously untreated | 1.3 mg/m ² IV/SC in combination with rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, and oral prednisone for six 3-week treatment cycles. Velcade is given twice weekly (Days 1, 4, 8, and 11) followed by a 10-day rest period on Days 12-21. For patients with a response first documented at cycle 6, two additional cycles are recommended. |
| Multiple myeloma & Mantle Cell Lymphoma- relapsed | <p>1.3 mg/m² IV/SC twice weekly (days 1, 4, 8, and 11) followed by a 10-day rest period (days 12-21).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For extended therapy of more than 8 cycles, Velcade may be administered on the standard schedule or, for relapsed multiple myeloma, on a maintenance schedule of once weekly for 4 weeks (days 1, 8, 15, and 22), followed by a 13-day rest period (days 23 to 35) |
| Systemic Light Chain Amyloidosis | <p><u>Single agent:</u></p> <p>1.6 mg/m² IV/SC weekly (days 1, 8, 15, and 22) every 35 days or 1.3 mg/m² IV/SC twice weekly (days 1, 4, 8, and 11) every 21 days for up to 8 cycles</p> <p><u>In combination with cyclophosphamide and/or dexamethasone:</u></p> <p>1.3 mg/m² IV/SC twice weekly (days 1, 4, 8, and 11) every 21 or 28 days for up to 8 cycles</p> <p><u>In combination with melphalan and dexamethasone:</u></p> <p>1.3mg/m² IV/SC twice weekly (days 1, 4, 8, and 11) every 28 days for up to 9 cycles</p> <p><u>In combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone:</u></p> <p>1.3mg/m² IV/SC twice weekly (days 1, 8, and 15) every 28 days for up to 8 cycles</p> <p><u>In combination with daratumumab and hyaluronidase-fihj, cyclophosphamide, and dexamethasone:</u></p> <p>1.3mg/m² IV/SC weekly (days 1, 8, 15, and 22) every 28 days for up to 2 years</p> |

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| Waldenström's macroglobulinemia | <u>Single agent:</u> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.3 mg/m² IV twice weekly (days 1, 4, 8, and 11) every 21 days, until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity |
| | <u>In combination with rituximab with or without dexamethasone:</u> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.3 mg/m² IV/SC twice weekly (days 1, 4, 8, and 11) every 21 days for 4 continuous cycles, followed by a 12-week rest period, then up to 4 additional cycles given every 12 weeks 1.6 mg/m² IV weekly (days 1, 8, and 15) every 28 days for up to 6 cycles |
| Pediatric Hodgkin Lymphoma | 1.2 mg/m ² IV/SC on days 1, 4, and 8 every 21 days for up to 4 cycles |
| All Other Indications | 1.3 mg/m ² IV/SC twice weekly (days 1, 4, 8, and 11) for 2 weeks of a 21 day cycle |
| <i>Reconstituted concentration varies by route of administration:</i> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 mg/mL intravenously 2.5 mg/mL subcutaneously | |

VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

HCPCS Code:

- J9041– Injection, bortezomib (velcade), 0.1 mg; 1 billable unit = 0.1 mg

NDC:

- Velcade 3.5 mg single-dose vial powder for injection: 63020-0049-xx

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Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

| ICD-10 | ICD-10 Description |
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| C81.10 | Nodular sclerosis Hodgkin lymphoma, unspecified site |
| C81.11 | Nodular sclerosis Hodgkin lymphoma, lymph nodes of head, face, and neck |
| C81.12 | Nodular sclerosis Hodgkin lymphoma, intrathoracic lymph nodes |
| C81.13 | Nodular sclerosis Hodgkin lymphoma, intra-abdominal lymph nodes |
| C81.14 | Nodular sclerosis Hodgkin lymphoma, lymph nodes of axilla and upper limb |
| C81.15 | Nodular sclerosis Hodgkin lymphoma, lymph nodes of inguinal region and lower limb |
| C81.16 | Nodular sclerosis Hodgkin lymphoma, intrapelvic lymph nodes |
| C81.17 | Nodular sclerosis Hodgkin lymphoma, spleen |
| C81.18 | Nodular sclerosis Hodgkin lymphoma, lymph nodes of multiple sites |
| C81.19 | Nodular sclerosis Hodgkin lymphoma, extranodal and solid organ sites |
| C81.20 | Mixed cellularity Hodgkin lymphoma, unspecified site |
| C81.21 | Mixed cellularity Hodgkin lymphoma, lymph nodes of head, face, and neck |
| C81.22 | Mixed cellularity Hodgkin lymphoma, intrathoracic lymph nodes |
| C81.23 | Mixed cellularity Hodgkin lymphoma, intra-abdominal lymph nodes |
| C81.24 | Mixed cellularity Hodgkin lymphoma, lymph nodes of axilla and upper limb |

| ICD-10 | ICD-10 Description |
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| C81.25 | Mixed cellularity Hodgkin lymphoma, lymph nodes of inguinal region and lower limb |
| C81.26 | Mixed cellularity Hodgkin lymphoma, intrapelvic lymph nodes |
| C81.27 | Mixed cellularity Hodgkin lymphoma, spleen |
| C81.28 | Mixed cellularity Hodgkin lymphoma, lymph nodes of multiple sites |
| C81.29 | Mixed cellularity Hodgkin lymphoma, extranodal and solid organ sites |
| C81.30 | Lymphocyte depleted Hodgkin lymphoma, unspecified site |
| C81.31 | Lymphocyte depleted Hodgkin lymphoma, lymph nodes of head, face, and neck |
| C81.32 | Lymphocyte depleted Hodgkin lymphoma, intrathoracic lymph nodes |
| C81.33 | Lymphocyte depleted Hodgkin lymphoma, intra-abdominal lymph nodes |
| C81.34 | Lymphocyte depleted Hodgkin lymphoma, lymph nodes of axilla and upper limb |
| C81.35 | Lymphocyte depleted Hodgkin lymphoma, lymph nodes of inguinal region and lower limb |
| C81.36 | Lymphocyte depleted Hodgkin lymphoma, intrapelvic lymph nodes |
| C81.37 | Lymphocyte depleted Hodgkin lymphoma, spleen |
| C81.38 | Lymphocyte depleted Hodgkin lymphoma, lymph nodes of multiple sites |
| C81.39 | Lymphocyte depleted Hodgkin lymphoma, extranodal and solid organ sites |
| C81.40 | Lymphocyte-rich Hodgkin lymphoma, unspecified site |
| C81.41 | Lymphocyte-rich Hodgkin lymphoma, lymph nodes of head, face, and neck |
| C81.42 | Lymphocyte-rich Hodgkin lymphoma, intrathoracic lymph nodes |
| C81.43 | Lymphocyte-rich Hodgkin lymphoma, intra-abdominal lymph nodes |
| C81.44 | Lymphocyte-rich Hodgkin lymphoma, lymph nodes of axilla and upper limb |
| C81.45 | Lymphocyte-rich Hodgkin lymphoma, lymph nodes of inguinal region and lower limb |
| C81.46 | Lymphocyte-rich Hodgkin lymphoma, intrapelvic lymph nodes |
| C81.47 | Lymphocyte-rich Hodgkin lymphoma, spleen |
| C81.48 | Lymphocyte-rich Hodgkin lymphoma, lymph nodes of multiple sites |
| C81.49 | Lymphocyte-rich Hodgkin lymphoma, extranodal and solid organ sites |
| C81.70 | Other Hodgkin lymphoma unspecified site |
| C81.71 | Other Hodgkin lymphoma lymph nodes of head, face, and neck |
| C81.72 | Other Hodgkin lymphoma intrathoracic lymph nodes |
| C81.73 | Other Hodgkin lymphoma intra-abdominal lymph nodes |
| C81.74 | Other Hodgkin lymphoma lymph nodes of axilla and upper limb |
| C81.75 | Other Hodgkin lymphoma lymph nodes of inguinal region and lower limb |
| C81.76 | Other Hodgkin lymphoma intrapelvic lymph nodes |
| C81.77 | Other Hodgkin lymphoma spleen |
| C81.78 | Other Hodgkin lymphoma lymph nodes of multiple sites |

| ICD-10 | ICD-10 Description |
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| C81.79 | Other Hodgkin lymphoma extranodal and solid organ sites |
| C81.90 | Hodgkin lymphoma, unspecified, unspecified site |
| C81.91 | Hodgkin lymphoma, unspecified, lymph nodes of head, face, and neck |
| C81.92 | Hodgkin lymphoma, unspecified, intrathoracic lymph nodes |
| C81.93 | Hodgkin lymphoma, unspecified, intra-abdominal lymph nodes |
| C81.94 | Hodgkin lymphoma, unspecified, lymph nodes of axilla and upper limb |
| C81.95 | Hodgkin lymphoma, unspecified, lymph nodes of inguinal region and lower limb |
| C81.96 | Hodgkin lymphoma, unspecified, intrapelvic lymph nodes |
| C81.97 | Hodgkin lymphoma, unspecified, spleen |
| C81.98 | Hodgkin lymphoma, unspecified, lymph nodes of multiple sites |
| C81.99 | Hodgkin lymphoma, unspecified, extranodal and solid organ sites |
| C83.10 | Mantle cell lymphoma, unspecified site |
| C83.11 | Mantle cell lymphoma, lymph nodes of head, face and neck |
| C83.12 | Mantle cell lymphoma, intrathoracic lymph nodes |
| C83.13 | Mantle cell lymphoma, intra-abdominal lymph nodes |
| C83.14 | Mantle cell lymphoma, lymph nodes of axilla and upper limb |
| C83.15 | Mantle cell lymphoma, lymph nodes of inguinal region and lower limb |
| C83.16 | Mantle cell lymphoma, intrapelvic lymph nodes |
| C83.17 | Mantle cell lymphoma, spleen |
| C83.18 | Mantle cell lymphoma, lymph nodes of multiple sites |
| C83.19 | Mantle cell lymphoma, extranodal and solid organ sites |
| C83.50 | Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, unspecified site |
| C83.51 | Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, lymph nodes of head, face, and neck |
| C83.52 | Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, intrathoracic lymph nodes |
| C83.53 | Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, intra-abdominal lymph nodes |
| C83.54 | Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, lymph nodes of axilla and upper limb |
| C83.55 | Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, lymph nodes of inguinal region and lower limb |
| C83.56 | Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, intrapelvic lymph nodes |
| C83.57 | Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, spleen |
| C83.58 | Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, lymph nodes of multiple sites |
| C83.59 | Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, extranodal and solid organ sites |
| C88.0 | Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia |
| C90.00 | Multiple myeloma not having achieved remission |
| C90.01 | Multiple myeloma in remission |

| ICD-10 | ICD-10 Description |
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| C90.02 | Multiple myeloma, in relapse |
| C90.10 | Plasma cell leukemia not having achieved remission |
| C90.12 | Plasma cell leukemia in relapse |
| C90.20 | Extramedullary plasmacytoma not having achieved remission |
| C90.22 | Extramedullary plasmacytoma in relapse |
| C90.30 | Solitary plasmacytoma not having achieved remission |
| C90.32 | Solitary plasmacytoma in relapse |
| C91.00 | Acute lymphoblastic leukemia not having achieved remission |
| C91.01 | Acute lymphoblastic leukemia, in remission |
| C91.02 | Acute lymphoblastic leukemia, in relapse |
| E85.81 | Light chain (AL) amyloidosis |
| E85.89 | Other amyloidosis |
| E85.9 | Amyloidosis, unspecified |
| Z85.71 | Personal history of Hodgkin Lymphoma |
| Z85.79 | Personal history of other malignant neoplasms of lymphoid, hematopoietic and related tissues |

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), Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs), Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. They can be found at: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/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/LCA):

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| Jurisdiction(s): 6, K | NCD/LCD/LCA Document (s): A52371 |
| https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/new-search/search-results.aspx?keyword=a52371&areaId=all&docType=NCA%2CCAL%2CNCD%2CMEDCAC%2CTA%2CMCD%2C6%2C3%2C5%2C1%2CF%2CP | |

| 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) |

| Medicare Part B Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdictions | | |
|---|---|---|
| Jurisdiction | Applicable State/US Territory | Contractor |
| 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 |