Imlygic® (talimogene laherparepvec)

Intralesional

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I. Length of Authorization

- Initial: Prior authorization validity will be provided initially for 6 months (180 days).
- Renewal: Prior authorization validity may be renewed every 6 months (180 days) thereafter.

II. Dosing Limits

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

Initial treatment:

- 4 billable units

Second treatment:

- 400 billable units occurring 3 weeks after initial treatment

All subsequent treatments:

- 400 billable units occurring 2 weeks after previous treatment

III. Initial Approval Criteria [1,2]

Prior authorization validity is provided in the following conditions:

- Patient is at least 18 years of age; **AND**

Universal Criteria

- Patient is not pregnant (*Note: Women of childbearing potential should be advised to use an effective method of contraception to prevent pregnancy during treatment*); **AND**

- Patient is not immunocompromised (i.e., patients with a history of primary or acquired immunodeficient states, leukemia, lymphoma, AIDS or other clinical manifestations of infection with human immunodeficiency viruses, and those on immunosuppressive therapy); **AND**
- Treatment will be administered via intralesional injection; **AND**

Cutaneous Melanoma † ‡ Φ [1,2,7]

- Patient does not have visceral metastases; **AND**
  - Used for unresectable recurrent disease **†**; **OR**
  - Used as primary treatment for unresectable or borderline resectable stage III disease with clinically positive node(s); **OR**
  - Used for oligometastatic disease with accessible lesions; **OR**
  - Used for widely disseminated distant metastatic disease for symptomatic extracranial disease; **OR**
  - Patient has limited resectable or unresectable/borderline resectable disease; **AND**
    - Used for stage III disease with clinical satellite/in-transit metastases; **OR**
    - Used for local satellite/in-transit recurrence

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.

Enhanced Oncology Value (EOV) Program – Redacted indications
Uses not listed above have inadequate data to support efficacy and are excluded from coverage. Other treatment options including, but are not limited to, the following may be appropriate: radiation therapy, surgery, traditional chemotherapy (e.g., platinum, taxane), compassionate use/expanded access programs, clinical trials, supportive care, integrative and complementary therapies.

† FDA Approved Indication(s); **‡** Compendia Recommended Indication(s); **Φ** Orphan Drug

IV. Renewal Criteria [1,2]

Prior authorization validity may be renewed based upon the following criteria:

- Patient continues to meet the universal and other indication-specific relevant criteria such as concomitant therapy requirements (not including prerequisite therapy), performance status, etc. identified in section III; **AND**
- Patient continues to have injectable lesions; **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: herpetic infection, injection site complications (e.g., necrosis, ulceration, cellulitis, systemic bacterial infection, etc.), immune-mediated events, plasmacytoma at injection site, obstructive airway disorder, etc.

V. Dosage/Administration [1,5]

Indication	Dose
All Indications	**Initial Treatment** • Imlygic 10^6 (1 million) PFU per mL • Inject largest lesion(s) first • Prioritize injection of remaining lesion(s) based on lesion size until maximum injection volume is reached or until all injectable lesion(s) have been treated
	Second Treatment • Imlygic 10^8 (100 million) PFU per mL • Administer 3 weeks after initial treatment • Inject any new lesion(s) (lesions that have developed since initial treatment) first. • Prioritize injection of remaining lesion(s) based on lesion size until maximum injection volume is reached or until all injectable lesion(s) have been treated.
	All subsequent Treatments (including reinitiation) • Imlygic 10^8 (100 million) PFU per mL • Administer 2 weeks after previous treatment • Inject any new lesion(s) (lesions that have developed since previous treatment) first. • Prioritize injection of remaining lesion(s) based on lesion size until maximum injection volume is reached or until all injectable lesion(s) have been treated.
The total injection volume for each treatment visit should not exceed 4 mL for all injected lesions combined. It may not be possible to inject all lesions at each treatment visit or over the full course of treatment. Previously injected and/or uninjected lesion(s) may be injected at subsequent treatment visits.	

Lesion size (longest dimension)	Intralesional Injection Volume
> 5 cm	up to 4 mL
> 2.5 cm to 5 cm	up to 2 mL
> 1.5 cm to 2.5 cm	up to 1 mL

> 0.5 cm to 1.5 cm	up to 0.5 mL
≤ 0.5 cm	up to 0.1 mL

VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

HCPCS Code:

- J9325 – Injection, talimogene laherparepvec, per 1 million plaque forming units; 1 billable unit = 10^6 (1 million) PFU

NDC(s):

- Imlygic 10^6 (1 million) PFU per mL single-use vial: 55513-0078-xx
- Imlygic 10^8 (100 million) PFU per mL single-use vial: 55513-0079-xx

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Appendix A – Non-Quantitative Treatment Limitations (NQTL) Factor Checklist

Non-quantitative treatment limitations (NQTLs) refer to the methods, guidelines, standards of evidence, or other conditions that can restrict how long or to what extent benefits are provided under a health plan. These may include things like utilization review or prior authorization. The utilization management NQTL applies comparably, and not more stringently, to mental health/substance use disorder (MH/SUD) Medical Benefit Prescription Drugs and medical/surgical (M/S) Medical Benefit Prescription Drugs. The table below lists the factors that were considered in designing and applying prior authorization to this drug/drug group, and a summary of the conclusions that Prime's assessment led to for each.

Factor	Conclusion
Indication	Yes: Consider for PA
Safety and efficacy	No: PA not a priority
Potential for misuse/abuse	No: PA not a priority
Cost of drug	Yes: Consider for PA

Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C43.0	Malignant melanoma of lip
C43.111	Malignant melanoma of right upper eyelid, including canthus
C43.112	Malignant melanoma of right lower eyelid, including canthus
C43.121	Malignant melanoma of left upper eyelid, including canthus

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C43.122	Malignant melanoma of left lower eyelid, including canthus
C43.20	Malignant melanoma of unspecified ear and external auricular canal
C43.21	Malignant melanoma of right ear and external auricular canal
C43.22	Malignant melanoma of left ear and external auricular canal
C43.30	Malignant melanoma of unspecified part of face
C43.31	Malignant melanoma of nose
C43.39	Malignant melanoma of other parts of face
C43.4	Malignant melanoma of scalp and neck
C43.51	Malignant melanoma of anal skin
C43.52	Malignant melanoma of skin of breast
C43.59	Malignant melanoma of other part of trunk
C43.60	Malignant melanoma of unspecified upper limb, including shoulder
C43.61	Malignant melanoma of right upper limb, including shoulder
C43.62	Malignant melanoma of left upper limb, including shoulder
C43.70	Malignant melanoma of unspecified lower limb, including hip
C43.71	Malignant melanoma of right lower limb, including hip
C43.72	Malignant melanoma of left lower limb, including hip
C43.8	Malignant melanoma of overlapping sites of skin
C43.9	Malignant melanoma of skin, unspecified

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

The preceding information is intended for non-Medicare coverage determinations. 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 Determinations (NCDs) and/or Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) may also exist for claims payment purposes or to clarify benefit eligibility under Part B for drugs which may be self-administered. The following link may be used to search for NCD, LCD, or LCA documents: https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search.aspx. Additional indications, including any preceding information, may be applied at the discretion of the health plan.

Medicare Part B Covered Diagnosis Codes (applicable to existing NCD/LCD/LCA): 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)

Medicare Part B Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdictions		
Jurisdiction	**Applicable State/US Territory**	**Contractor**
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
M (11)	NC, SC, WV, VA (excluding below)	Palmetto GBA
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