

Clinical Policy: Cemiplimab-rwlc (Libtayo)

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****Please note: This policy is for medical benefit****

Description

Cemiplimab-rwlc (Libtayo®) is a programmed death receptor-1 (PD-1) blocking antibody.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Libtayo is indicated:

- For the treatment of patients with metastatic cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma (CSCC) or locally advanced CSCC who are not candidates for curative surgery or curative radiation.
- For the treatment of patients with locally advanced basal cell carcinoma (BCC) previously treated with a hedgehog pathway inhibitor or for whom a hedgehog pathway inhibitor is not appropriate.
- For the treatment of patients with metastatic BCC previously treated with a hedgehog pathway inhibitor or for whom a hedgehog pathway inhibitor is not appropriate.*
- In combination with platinum-based chemotherapy for the first-line treatment of adult patients with non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with no epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR), anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) or ROS1 aberrations and is locally advanced where patients are not candidates for surgical resection or definitive chemoradiation or metastatic.
- For the first-line treatment of patients with NSCLC whose tumors have high PD-L1 expression [Tumor Proportion Score (TPS) \geq 50%] as determined by an FDA-approved test, with no EGFR, ALK or ROS1 aberrations, and is locally advanced where patients are not candidates for surgical resection or definitive chemoradiation or metastatic.

*The metastatic BCC indication is approved under accelerated approval based on tumor response rate and durability of response. Continued approval for metastatic BCC may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit.

Policy/Criteria

Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

It is the policy of Louisiana Healthcare Connections that Libtayo is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

- A. Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of CSCC;
2. Disease is metastatic or locally advanced;
3. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
4. Age \geq 18 years;
5. Member is not a candidate for curative surgery or curative radiation;
6. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed both of the following (i and ii):
 - i. 350 mg every 3 weeks;
 - ii. 1 vial every 3 weeks;
 - b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

Approval duration: 6 months

B. Basal Cell Carcinoma (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of BCC;
2. Disease is metastatic or locally advanced;
3. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
4. Age \geq 18 years;
5. Previous treatment with a hedgehog pathway inhibitor (e.g., Erivedge[®], Odomzo[®]), unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced, all are contraindicated, or medical justification indicates that hedgehog pathway inhibitor therapy is not appropriate;
6. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed both of the following (i and ii):
 - i. 350 mg every 3 weeks;
 - ii. 1 vial every 3 weeks;
 - b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

Approval duration: 6 months

C. Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of NSCLC;
2. Disease is metastatic or locally advanced where members are not candidates for surgical resection or definitive chemoradiation;
3. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
4. Age \geq 18 years;
5. Disease is EGFR wild-type, ALK negative, and ROS1 negative;
6. Prescribed in one of the following ways (a, b, or c):
 - a. As a single agent, and one of the following (i or ii):
 - i. Tumor has high PD-L1 expression (TPS \geq 50%);
 - ii. Tumor has PD-L1 expression $<$ 50%, and therapy is prescribed following first-line therapy with Libtayo combination therapy (e.g., cemiplimab-rwlc, [pemetrexed or paclitaxel], and [carboplatin or cisplatin]);
 - b. In combination with platinum-based chemotherapy (e.g., cisplatin carboplatin);

- c. In combination with pemetrexed as continuation maintenance therapy following first-line therapy with Libtayo combination therapy for nonsquamous cell tumors;
 7. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed both of the following (i or ii):
 - i. 350 mg every 3 weeks;
 - ii. 1 vial every 3 weeks;
 - b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).
- *Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN

Approval duration: 6 months

D. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to LA.PMN.255
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy LA.PMN.53

II. Continued Therapy

A. All Indications in Section I (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Louisiana Healthcare Connections benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Libtayo for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
 2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
 3. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. New dose does not exceed both of the following (i or ii):
 - i. 350 mg every 3 weeks;
 - ii. 1 vial every 3 weeks;
 - b. New dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).
- *Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN

Approval duration: 12 months

B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):

3. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to LA.PMN.255
4. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy LA.PMN.53

III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:

- A. Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off label use policies – LA.PMN.53 for Medicaid, or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

ALK: anaplastic lymphoma kinase
 BCC: basal cell carcinoma
 CSCC: cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma
 EGFR: epidermal growth factor receptor

FDA: Food and Drug Administration
 NSCLC: non-small cell lung cancer
 PD-1: programmed death receptor-1
 TPS: tumor proportion score

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

None reported

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
BCC, CSCC, NSCLC	350 mg IV over 30 minutes every 3 weeks	See dosing regimen

VI. Product Availability

Single-dose vial for injection: 350 mg/7 mL (50 mg/mL) solution

VII. References

1. Libtayo Prescribing Information. Tarrytown, NY: Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; November 2022. Available at: <https://www.libtayohcp.com>. Accessed November 30, 2022.
2. Cemiplimab. In: National Comprehensive Cancer Network Drugs and Biologics Compendium. Available at: http://www.nccn.org/professionals/drug_compendium. Accessed December 12, 2022.
3. National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer, Version 6.2022. Available at https://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/nscl.pdf. Accessed December 12, 2022.

Coding Implications

Codes referenced in this clinical policy are for informational purposes only. Inclusion or exclusion of any codes does not guarantee coverage. Providers should reference the most up-to-date sources of professional coding guidance prior to the submission of claims for reimbursement of covered services.

HCPCS Codes	Description
J9119	Injection, cemiplimab-rwlc, 1 mg

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Updated criteria for other diagnoses/indications.	06.25.23	

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	LDH Approval Date
Added new indication for NSCLC in combination with platinum-based chemotherapy; updated criteria per NCCN NSCLC guidelines. References reviewed and updated.		

Important Reminder

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