Clinical Policy: Trastuzumab/Biosimilars, Trastuzumab-Hyaluronidase

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See Important Reminder at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.

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

Description

- Trastuzumab (Herceptin®) is a human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)/neu receptor antagonist.
- Trastuzumab-dkst (Ogivri®), trastuzumab-pkrb (Herzuma®), trastuzumab-dttb (Ontruzant®), trastuzumab-qyyp (Trazimera®), trastuzumab-anns (Kanjinti®), and trastuzumab-strf (Hercessi™) are Herceptin biosimilars.
- Trastuzumab-hyaluronidase-oysk (Herceptin Hylecta™) is a combination of trastuzumab and hyaluronidase, an endoglycosidase.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Indications*	Description		Herceptin, Hercessi, Herzuma, Ogivri, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti	Herceptin Hylecta
Adjuvant breast cancer	For adjuvant treatment of HER2-overexpressing node positive or node negative (ER/PR negative or with one high risk feature**) breast cancer:	As part of a treatment regimen consisting of doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide, and either paclitaxel or docetaxel	X	X
		As part of a treatment regimen with docetaxel and carboplatin	X	X
		As a single agent following multi-modality anthracycline based therapy	X	X
Metastatic breast cancer	In combination with paclitaxel for first-line treatment of HER2-overexpressing metastatic breast cancer		X	X
	As a single agent for treatment of HER2-overexpressing breast cancer in patients who have received one or more		X	X

Indications*	Description	Herceptin, Hercessi, Herzuma, Ogivri, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti	Herceptin Hylecta
	chemotherapy regimens for metastatic disease		
Gastric cancer	In combination with cisplatin and capecitabine or 5-fluorouracil for the treatment of patients with HER2-overexpressing metastatic gastric or gastroesophageal junction (esophagogastric junction; EGJ) adenocarcinoma who have not received prior treatment for metastatic disease	X	–

*Select patients for therapy based on an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for trastuzumab.
** High-risk is defined as ER/PR positive with one of the following features: tumor size > 2 cm, age < 35 years, or tumor grade 2 or 3>

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 Louisiana Healthcare Connections® that Herceptin/biosimilars and Herceptin Hylecta are **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Breast Cancer (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of HER2-positive breast cancer or leptomeningeal metastases from HER2-positive breast cancer;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. If request is for Herceptin, Hercessi, Herzuma, or Ontruzant, member meets one of the following (a or b):
   a. If request if for Herceptin, member must use ALL of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (i and ii):
      i. Kanjinti, Ogivri, Trazimera;
      ii. If member has failed Kanjinti, Ogivri, and Trazimera, then member must use Ontruzant, Hercessi, and Herzuma;
      **Prior authorization may be required*
   b. If request is for Herzuma, Hercessi, or Ontruzant, member must use ALL of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated: Kanjinti, Ogivri, Trazimera;
      **Prior authorization may be required*

5. Request meets one of the following (a, b, c, or d):*
   a. Herceptin, Ogivri, Herzuma, Hercessi, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti: Dose does not exceed 8 mg/kg IV for adjuvant therapy or 4 mg/kg IV for treatment of metastatic disease (*see Appendix D for dose rounding guidelines*);
   b. Herceptin, Ogivri, Herzuma, Hercessi, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti: Intrathecal administration for leptomeningeal metastasis;
   c. Herceptin Hylecta: Dose does not exceed 600 mg/10,000 units SC every 3 weeks (*see Appendix D for dose rounding guidelines*);
   d. Dose/product 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. Gastric, Esophageal and Esophagogastric Junction Cancer (must meet all):
1. Diagnosis of HER2-positive gastric, esophageal, or EGJ adenocarcinoma;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Disease is advanced, recurrent, unresectable, metastatic or member is not a surgical candidate;
5. Prescribed in combination with systemic chemotherapy;
   **Prior authorization may be required.*
6. If request is for Herceptin, Hercessi, Herzuma, or Ontruzant, member meets one of the following (a or b):
   a. If request if for Herceptin, member must use ALL of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (i and ii):
      i. Kanjinti, Ogivri, Trazimera;
      ii. If member has failed Kanjinti, Ogivri, and Trazimera, then member must use Ontruzant, Hercessi, and Herzuma;

      **Prior authorization may be required*
   b. If request is for Herzuma, Hercessi, or Ontruzant, member must use ALL of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated: Kanjinti, Ogivri, Trazimera;

      **Prior authorization may be required*
6. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
   a. Herceptin, Herzuma, Hercessi, Ogivri, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti: Dose does not exceed 8 mg/kg IV (*see Appendix D for dose rounding guidelines*);
   b. Dose/product 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

C. Endometrial Carcinoma (off-label) (must meet all):
1. Diagnosis of HER2-positive endometrial carcinoma with serous or carcinosarcoma histology;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;

4. Disease is advanced (i.e., stage III/IV) or recurrent;
5. Prescribed in one of the following ways (a or b):
   a. In combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel;*
      **Prior authorization may be required.*
   b. As a single agent for maintenance therapy;
6. If request is for Herceptin, Hercessi, Herzuma, or Ontruzant, member meets one of the following (a or b):
   a. If request if for Herceptin, member must use ALL of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (i and ii):
      i. Kanjinti, Ogivri, Trazimera;
      ii. If member has failed Kanjinti, Ogivri, and Trazimera, then member must use Ontruzant, Hercessi, and Herzuma;
      **Prior authorization may be required*
   b. If request is for Herzuma, Hercessi, or Ontruzant, member must use ALL of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated: Kanjinti, Ogivri, Trazimera;
      **Prior authorization may be required*
7. Dose is within FDA maximum limit for any FDA-approved indication or 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

D. Colorectal Cancer (off-label) (must meet all):
1. Diagnosis of advanced or metastatic colorectal cancer and disease is all of the following (a, b, and c):
   a. HER2 positive;

E. Salivary Gland Tumor (off-label) (must meet all)**:**
1. Diagnosis of HER2-positive salivary gland tumor;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Disease is recurrent;
5. Prescribed in one of the following manners (a, b, or c):
   a. Single agent;
   b. Combination with docetaxel;*
   c. Combination with pertuzumab;*
   **Prior authorization may be required.*
6. If request is for Herceptin, Hercessi, Herzuma, or Ontruzant, member meets one of the following (a or b):*
   a. If request if for Herceptin, member must use ALL of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (i and ii):
      i. Kanjinti, Ogivri, Trazimera;
      ii. If member has failed Kanjinti, Ogivri, and Trazimera, then member must use Ontruzant, Hercessi, and Herzuma;
      **Prior authorization may be required*

b. If request is for Herzuma, Hercessi, or Ontruzant, member must use ALL of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated: Kanjinti, Ogivri, Trazimera;
**Prior authorization may be required*

7. Dose is within FDA maximum limit for any FDA-approved indication or 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

F. Gallbladder Cancer or Cholangiocarcinoma (off-label) (must meet all):
1. Diagnosis of HER2-positive gallbladder cancer or cholangiocarcinoma;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Disease is unresectable, resected gross residual (R2), or metastatic;
5. Prescribed in combination with pertuzumab or Tukysa*;
**Prior authorization may be required.*
6. If request is for Herceptin, Hercessi, Herzuma, or Ontruzant, member meets one of the following (a or b):
   a. If request if for Herceptin, member must use ALL of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (i and ii):
      i. Kanjinti, Ogivri, Trazimera;
      ii. If member has failed Kanjinti, Ogivri, and Trazimera, then member must use Ontruzant, Hercessi, and Herzuma;
      **Prior authorization may be required*
   b. If request is for Herzuma, Hercessi, or Ontruzant, member must use ALL of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated: Kanjinti, Ogivri, Trazimera;
      **Prior authorization may be required*
   c.
7. Dose is within FDA maximum limit for any FDA-approved indication or 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: 12months
or to the member's renewal date, whichever is longer

G. NCCN Recommended Uses (off-label) (must meet all):
1. Diagnosis of one of the following (a, b, c, or d):
   a. Brain metastasis due to breast cancer;
   b. Colorectal cancer (CRC);
   c. Appendiceal neoplasm or cancer;
   d. Advanced or metastatic small bowel adenocarcinoma;
2. Disease is HER2 positive;

3. For CRC, appendiceal neoplasm/cancer, and small bowel adenocarcinoma: All of the following (a, b, and c):
   a. Wild-type *RAS* (defined as wild-type in both KRAS and NRAS [i.e., KRAS and NRAS mutation-negative] as determined by an FDA-approved test for this use);
   b. Wild-type *BRAF* (i.e., BRAF mutation-negative);
4. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
5. Age ≥ 18 years;
6. If request is for Herceptin, Hercessi, Herzuma, or Ontruzant, member meets one of the following (a or b):
   a. If request if for Herceptin, member must use ALL of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (i and ii):
      i. Kanjinti, Ogivri, Trazimera;
      ii. If member has failed Kanjinti, Ogivri, and Trazimera, then member must use Ontruzant, Hercessi, and Herzuma;

      **Prior authorization may be required*
   b. If request is for Herzuma, Hercessi, or Ontruzant, member must use ALL of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated: Kanjinti, Ogivri, Trazimera;

      **Prior authorization may be required*
7. Prescribed in combination with one of the following* (a, b, or c):
   a. Pertuzumab;
   b. Tykerb® (lapatinib), if colorectal disease;
   c. Tukysa® (tucatinib);

   **Prior authorization may be required.*
8. Dose is within FDA maximum limit for any FDA-approved indication or 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

H. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet all):

1. One of the following (a or b):
   a. If request if for Herceptin, member must use ALL of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (i and ii):
      i. Kanjinti, Ogivri, Trazimera;
      ii. If member has failed Kanjinti, Ogivri, and Trazimera, then member must use Ontruzant, Hercessi, and Herzuma;

      **Prior authorization may be required*
   b. If request is for Herzuma, Hercessi, or Ontruzant, member must use ALL of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated: Kanjinti, Ogivri, Trazimera;

      **Prior authorization may be required*

2. One of the following (a or b):
   a. 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.
   b. b. 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 2a above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy LA.PMN.53.

II. Continued Approval

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

1. Currently receiving medication via Louisiana Healthcare benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving the requested agent for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. For adjuvant breast cancer therapy, member has received ≤ 52 weeks of therapy total;
4. If request is for Herceptin, Hercessi, Herzuma, or Ontruzant, member meets one of the following (a or b):
   a. If request if for Herceptin, member must use ALL of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (I and ii):
      i. Kanjinti, Ogivri, Trazimera;
      ii. If member has failed Kanjinti, Ogivri, and Trazimera, then member must use Ontruzant, Hercessi, and Herzuma;
      **Prior authorization may be required*
   b. If request is for Herzuma, Hercessi, or Ontruzant, member must use ALL of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated: Kanjinti, Ogivri, Trazimera;
      **Prior authorization may be required*
5. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):*
   a. Breast cancer (i, ii, or iii):
      i. Herceptin, Ogivri, Hercessi, Herzuma, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti: New dose does not exceed 8 mg/kg IV for adjuvant therapy or 4 mg/kg IV for treatment of metastatic disease (*see Appendix D for dose rounding guidelines*);
      ii. Herceptin, Ogivri, Hercessi, Herzuma, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti: Intrathecal administration for leptomeningeal metastases;
      iii. Herceptin Hylecta: New dose does not exceed 600 mg/10,000 units SC every 3 weeks (*see Appendix D for dose rounding guidelines*);
   b. Gastric, esophageal, EGJ cancer: Herceptin, Hercessi, Herzuma, Ogivri, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti: New dose does not exceed 8 mg/kg IV (*see Appendix D for dose rounding guidelines*);
   c. New dose/product 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 all)**:**
1. One of the following (a or b):
   a. If request if for Herceptin, member must use ALL of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (i and ii):
      i. Kanjinti, Ogivri, Trazimera;
      ii. If member has failed Kanjinti, Ogivri, and Trazimera, then member must use Ontruzant, Hercessi, and Herzuma;
      **Prior authorization may be required*
   b. If request is for Herzuma, Hercessi, or Ontruzant, member must use ALL of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated: Kanjinti, Ogivri, Trazimera;
      **Prior authorization may be required*
2. One of the following (a or b):
   a. 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.
   b. b. 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), 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 policy LA.PMN.53.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

BRAF: v-Raf murine sarcoma viral oncogene homolog B1
CRC: colorectal cancer
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
EGJ: esophagogastric junction
HER2: human epidermal growth factor receptor 2
KRAS: Kirsten rat sarcoma 2 viral oncogene homologue
NRAS: neuroblastoma RAS viral oncogene homologue

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s): none reported
- Boxed warning(s): cardiomyopathy, embryo-fetal toxicity, pulmonary toxicity
  - Additionally, Herceptin, Ogivri, Herzuma, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti, Hercessi for infusion reactions

Appendix D: Dose Rounding Guidelines

Weight-based Dose Range	Vial Quantity Recommendation
≤ 157.49 mg	1 vial of 150 mg
157.5 mg to 314.99 mg	2 vials of 150 mg
315 mg to 440.99 mg	1 vial of 420 mg
441 mg to 598.49 mg	1 vial of 150 mg and 1 vial 420 mg
598.5 mg to 881.99 mg	2 vials of 420 mg
882 mg to 1,039.49 mg	1 vial of 150 mg and 2 vials of 420 mg
1,039.5 mg to 1,322.99 mg	3 vials of 420 mg

Appendix E: : General Information

Residual Tumor (R) Classification		
R0	no residual tumor	resected, negative margin
R1	microscopic residual tumor	resected, positive margin
R2	macroscopic residual tumor	resected, gross residual disease

V. Dosage and Administration

Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Trastuzumab (Herceptin), Trastuzumab-dkst (Ogivri), Trastuzumab-dttb (Ontruzant),	Adjuvant treatment, breast cancer	Administer according to one of the following doses and schedules for a total of 52 weeks: ***Herceptin, Ogivri, Herzuma, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti, Hercessi:*** During and following paclitaxel, docetaxel, or docetaxel/carboplatin: • Initial dose of 4 mg/kg as an IV infusion over 90 minutes then at 2 mg/kg as an IV	8 mg/kg

Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Trastuzumab-pkrb (Herzuma), Trastuzumab-qyyp (Trazimera), Trastuzumab-hyaluronidase-oysk (Herceptin Hylecta), Trastuzumab-anns (Kanjinti), Trastuzumab-strf (Hercessi)		infusion over 30 minutes weekly during chemotherapy for the first 12 weeks (paclitaxel or docetaxel) or 18 weeks (docetaxel/carboplatin). • One week following the last weekly dose of the trastuzumab product, administer trastuzumab product at 6 mg/kg as an IV infusion over 30 to 90 minutes every 3 weeks. ***Herceptin, Ogivri, Herzuma, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti, Hercessi:*** As a single agent within 3 weeks following completion of multi-modality, anthracycline based chemotherapy regimens: • Initial dose: 8 mg/kg as an IV infusion over 90 minutes. • Subsequent doses: 6 mg/kg as an IV infusion over 30 to 90 minutes every 3 weeks	
		Herceptin Hylecta (subcutaneous product): As part of a treatment regimen consisting of doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide, and either paclitaxel or docetaxel; as part of a treatment regimen with docetaxel and carboplatin; as a single agent following multi-modality anthracycline based therapy: 600 mg trastuzumab and 10,000 units hyaluronidase administered subcutaneously over approximately 2-5 minutes once every 3 weeks	600 mg/10,000 units every 3 weeks
Trastuzumab (Herceptin), Trastuzumab-dkst (Ogivri), Trastuzumab-dttb (Ontruzant), Trastuzumab-pkrb (Herzuma), Trastuzumab-qyyp (Trazimera),	Metastatic treatment, breast cancer	***Herceptin, Ogivri, Herzuma, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti, Hercessi:*** As a single agent, or in combination with paclitaxel, at an initial dose of 4 mg/kg as a 90-minute intravenous infusion followed by subsequent once weekly doses of 2 mg/kg as 30-minute intravenous infusions until disease progression.	4 mg/kg
		Herceptin Hylecta (subcutaneous product): As a single agent or in combination with paclitaxel: 600 mg trastuzumab and 10,000 units hyaluronidase administered subcutaneously over approximately 2-5 minutes once every 3 weeks.	600 mg/10,000 units every 3 weeks

Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Trastuzumab-hyaluronidase-oysk (Herceptin Hylecta), Trastuzumab-anns (Kanjinti), Trastuzumab-strf (Hercessi)			
Trastuzumab (Herceptin), Trastuzumab-dkst (Ogivri), Trastuzumab-dttb (Ontruzant), Trastuzumab-qyyp (Trazimera), Trastuzumab-anns (Kanjinti), Trastuzumab-strf (Hercessi)	Metastatic gastric cancer	***Herceptin, Herzuma, Ogivri, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti, Hercessi:*** Administer at an initial dose of 8 mg/kg as a 90 minute intravenous infusion followed by subsequent doses of 6 mg/kg as an intravenous infusion over 30 to 90 minutes every three weeks until disease progression.	8 mg/kg

VI. Product Availability

Drug Name	Availability*
Trastuzumab (Herceptin)	Single-dose vial: 150 mg
Trastuzumab-dkst (Ogivri)	Single-dose vial: 150 mg Multi-dose vial: 420 mg**
Trastuzumab-pkrb (Herzuma)	Single-dose vial: 150 mg Multi-dose vial: 420 mg
Trastuzumab-dttb (Ontruzant)	Single-dose vial: 150 mg Multi-dose vial: 420 mg
Trastuzumab-qyyp (Trazimera)	Single-dose vial: 150 mg Multi-dose vial: 420 mg
Trastuzumab-hyaluronidase-oysk (Herceptin Hylecta)	Single-dose vial: 600 mg (trastuzumab)/10,000 units (hyaluronidase)/5 mL
Trastuzumab-anns (Kanjinti)	Single-dose vial: 150 mg Multi-dose vial: 420 mg
Trastuzumab-strf (Hercessi)	Single-dose vial: 150 mg Multi-dose vial: 420 mg

**All products are supplied as a powder for reconstitution with the exception of Herceptin Hylecta which is supplied as a solution.*
*** Product available with or without diluent provided*

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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
J9355	Injection, trastuzumab, excludes biosimilar, 10 mg
J9356	Injection, trastuzumab, 10 mg and hyaluronidase-oysk
Q5112	Injection, trastuzumab-dttb, biosimilar, (Ontruzant), 10 mg
Q5113	Injection, trastuzumab-pkrb, biosimilar, (Herzuma), 10 mg

HCPCS Codes	Description
Q5114	Injection, trastuzumab-dkst, biosimilar, (Ogivri), 10 mg
Q5116	Injection, trastuzumab-qyyp, biosimilar, (Trazimera), 10 mg
Q5117	Injection, trastuzumab-anns, biosimilar, (Kanjinti), 10 mg
Q5146	Injection, trastuzumab-strf (hercessi), biosimilar, 10 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	LDH Approval Date
Converted corporate to local policy	04.22	07.23.22
Template changes applied to other diagnoses/indications. Added gallbladder cancer and cholangiocarcinoma as NCCN supported off-label indication; references reviewed and updated. Added blurb this policy is for medical benefit only.	06.27.23	10.05.23
Annual review: added gallbladder cancer and cholangiocarcinoma as NCCN supported off-label indication; reviewed and updated Dosing and Administration; references reviewed and updated.	05.20.24	07.29.24
Annual review: Removal of all mentions of prior Appendix E, as LDH previously advised it is not applicable to Medicaid. For adjuvant breast cancer continued therapy, added member has received ≤ 52 weeks of therapy per PI; for gastric, esophageal, or EGJ, added option for unresectable disease, revised prescribed combination therapy to "systemic chemotherapy" as additional regimens options available per NCCN; for endometrial carcinoma added option to be prescribed as single agent for maintenance therapy per NCCN; for colorectal cancer, removed requirement for no previous use of HER2 inhibitor therapy and added tucatinib as option to be prescribed in combination with; for gallbladder cancer or cholangiocarcinoma, added option for treatment with resected gross residual (R2) disease per NCCN; residual (R) tumor classification added to Appendix E; for Ogivri, updated product availability of 420 mg multi-dose vial supplied with or without diluent; references reviewed and updated. Added Hercessi to policy as non-preferred biosimilar; added new multi-dose vial formulation for Hercessi; HCPCS code added [Q5146] and removed codes [J3590, C9399]	01.21.25	04.07.25
Annual review: For gallbladder cancer or cholangiocarcinoma, added option to be prescribed with tucatinib per NCCN; references reviewed and updated.	12.17.25	04.18.26
For gastric, esophageal and esophagogastric junction cancer, added option for use in members who are not surgical candidates per NCCN; for endometrial carcinoma, added option for carcinosarcoma histology; added off-label indication for brain metastasis due to breast cancer; appendiceal neoplasms and small bowel adenocarcinoma per NCCN; for all indications, extended initial approval duration from 6 to 12 months; references reviewed and updated.	07.18.26	10.07.26

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