

Clinical Policy: Obinutuzumab (Gazyva)

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Description

Obinutuzumab injection (Gazyva[®]) is a CD20-directed cytolytic antibody.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

- Chronic lymphocytic leukemia
 - Gazyva, in combination with chlorambucil, is indicated for the treatment of patients with previously untreated chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL).
- Follicular lymphoma
 - Gazyva, in combination with bendamustine followed by Gazyva monotherapy, is indicated for the treatment of patients with follicular lymphoma (FL) who relapsed after, or are refractory to, a rituximab-containing regimen.

Policy/Criteria

Provider must submit documentation (which may include office chart notes and lab results) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation[®] that Gazyva is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria**A. Non-Hodgkin Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia/Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma**
(must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) (i.e., small lymphocytic lymphoma [SLL]);
2. Age \geq 18 years;
3. Meets (a or b):
 - a. FDA approved use:
 - i. In combination with chlorambucil in previously untreated (CLL)/SLL;
 - b. NCCN recommended use (i or ii):
 - i. First-line therapy for CLL/SLL in combination with chlorambucil for disease without del(17p)/TP53 mutation if \geq 65 years of age, if younger with significant comorbidities, or if frail and unable to tolerate purine analogs;
 - ii. Single agent therapy for relapsed or refractory CLL/SLL without del(17p)/TP53 mutation;
4. Request meets one of the following (a or b):

- a. After initial loading doses, dose does not exceed 1,000 mg per 28-day cycle;
- b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

Approval duration: 6 months

B. Non-Hodgkin B-Cell Lymphomas (must meet all):

1. Age \geq 18 years;
2. One of the following diagnoses:
 - a. Follicular lymphoma (FL):
 - i. Meets (a or b):
 - a) FDA approved use:
 - 1) In combination with bendamustine followed by Gazyva monotherapy for FL that has relapsed after, or is refractory to, a rituximab-containing regimen;
 - b) NCCN recommended use:
 - 1) First-line therapy for stage I (bulky), contiguous stage II (bulky), non-contiguous stage II disease, or stage III or IV disease in combination with (1, 2 or 3):
 - a. CHOP (cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, and prednisone) regimen;
 - b. CVP (cyclophosphamide, vincristine, and prednisone) regimen;
 - c. Bendamustine;
 - 2) Second-line or subsequent therapy for refractory or progressive disease in combination with bendamustine;
 - 3) Maintenance therapy (1 or 2):
 - a. As first-line consolidation or extended dosing;
 - b. As second-line consolidation or extended dosing if refractory to rituximab;
 - b. A marginal zone lymphoma (i.e., gastric or nongastric MALT lymphoma, nodal marginal zone lymphoma, or splenic marginal zone lymphoma):
 - i. NCCN recommended use (a, b or c):
 - a) Second-line or subsequent therapy for recurrent or progressive disease in combination with bendamustine;
 - b) Maintenance therapy as second-line consolidation or extended dosing in rituximab refractory disease treated with obinutuzumab and bendamustine regimen for recurrent disease;
 - c) Second-line or subsequent therapy for refractory or progressive disease in combination with rituximab or obinutuzumab (nongastric MALT lymphoma only);
 3. Request meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. FL: After initial loading doses, dose does not exceed 1,000 mg per 28-day cycle;
 - b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

Approval duration: 6 months

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1. Diagnosis of primary cutaneous B-cell lymphoma;
2. Age \geq 18 years of age;
3. NCCN recommended use (a or b):
 - a. For primary cutaneous marginal zone or follicle center lymphoma as therapy for very extensive or refractory generalized T3 cutaneous disease or as second-line or subsequent therapy with bendamustine for refractory or progressive generalized extracutaneous disease;
 - b. Maintenance therapy for rituximab-refractory disease as second-line extended dosing;
4. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (prescriber must submit supporting evidence).

Approval duration: 6 months

D. Other diagnoses/indications

1. Refer to CP.PHAR.57 for specialty if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized).

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

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met all initial approval criteria;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy (e.g., no disease progression or unacceptable toxicity);
3. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. CLL/SLL and FL: After initial loading doses, new dose does not exceed 1,000 mg per 28-day cycle;
 - b. New dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

Approval duration: 12 months

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

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy.

Approval duration: Duration of request or 6 months (whichever is less); or

2. Refer to CP.PHAR.57 if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized).

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 – CP.PHAR.57 or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

CLL: chronic lymphocytic leukemia
 FDA: Food and Drug Administration
 FL: follicular lymphoma
 MALT: mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue

NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network
 NHL: non-Hodgkin lymphoma
 PTCL: peripheral T-cell lymphoma
 SLL: small lymphocytic lymphoma

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
CLL/SLL	Cycles 1 through 6 in combination with chlorambucil (each cycle is 28 days): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle 1: Day 1 - 100 mg; day 2 - 900 mg; day 8 - 1,000 mg; day 15 - 1,000 • Cycles 2-6: 1,000 mg every 28 days 	See regimen
FL	Cycles 1 through 6 in combination with bendamustine (each cycle is 28 days): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle 1: Day 1 - 1,000 mg; day 8 - 1,000 mg; day 15 - 1,000 • Cycles 2-6: 1,000 mg every 28 days Then as monotherapy: 1,000 mg every 2 months for 2 years	See regimen

VI. Product Availability

Gazyva 1000 mg/40 mL (25 mg/mL) single-dose vial preservative-free solution

VII. References

1. Gazyva Prescribing Information. South San Francisco, CA: Genentech, Inc.; February 2016. Available at: https://www.gene.com/download/pdf/gazyva_prescribing.pdf. Accessed August 2017.
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4. B-cell lymphomas (Version 3.2017). In: National Comprehensive Cancer Network Guidelines. Available at nccn.org. Accessed August 2017.
5. Peripheral T-cell lymphoma (Version 2.2017). In: National Comprehensive Cancer Network Guidelines. Available at nccn.org. Accessed August 2017.

Coding Implications

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HCPCS Codes	Description
J9301	Injection, obinutuzumab, 10 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
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Age and dosing added Safety information removed. NCCN recommended uses added separately. HCPCS code updated.	09.05.17	11.17

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