Clinical Policy: Elotuzumab (Empliciti)

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Coding Implications
Revision Log

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

Description
Elotuzumab (Empliciti®) is a SLAMF7-directed immunostimulatory antibody.

FDA Approved Indication(s)
Empliciti is indicated in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone for the treatment of patients with multiple myeloma who have received one to three prior therapies.

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 Empliciti is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Multiple Myeloma (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of multiple myeloma;
2. Age ≥ 18 years;
3. Member has received ≥ 1 prior therapy (see Appendix B for examples);
4. One of the following (a or b):
   a. FDA approved use: Empliciti is prescribed in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone;
   b. Off-label NCCN recommended use: Empliciti is prescribed in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone;
5. Request meets one of the following (a or b):
   a. Dose does not exceed 10 mg/kg IV once weekly on cycles 1 and 2 (on days 1, 8, 15, and 22), then every 2 weeks (on days 1 and 15) thereafter;
   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. Other diagnoses/indications

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

II. Continued Therapy

A. Multiple Myeloma (must meet all)**:**

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy (e.g., no disease progression, no unacceptable toxicity);
3. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a or b):
   a. New dose does not exceed 10 mg/kg IV once weekly on cycles 1 and 2 (on days 1, 8, 15, and 22), then every 2 weeks (on days 1 and 15) thereafter;
   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
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network

*Appendix B: Examples of Myeloma Therapy**

Regimens
• Bortezomib/cyclophosphamide/dexamethasone • Bortezomib/thalidomide/dexamethasone • Bortezomib/doxorubicin/dexamethasone • Bortezomib/lenalidomide/dexamethasone • Bortezomib/dexamethasone • Lenalidomide/dexamethasone

**Not inclusive of all regimens*

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Multiple myeloma	10 mg/kg IV once weekly on cycles 1 and 2 (on days 1, 8, 15, and 22), then every 2 weeks (on days 1 and 15) thereafter. Administer in	10 mg/kg

	combination with lenalidomide 25 mg orally daily on days 1 through 21 and dexamethasone 28 mg orally (taken 3 to 24 hours prior to elotuzumab) on days 1, 8, 15, and 22 on cycles 1 and 2 and on days 1 and 15 of subsequent cycles; give dexamethasone 40 mg orally on days 8 and 22 of cycles 3 and beyond. Repeat treatment cycles every 28 days until disease progression.	

VI. Product Availability

Lyophilized powder in a single-dose vial for reconstitution for injection: 300 mg or 400 mg

VII. References

1. Empliciti Prescribing Information. Princeton, NJ: Bristol-Myers Squibb; May 2017. Available at: https://www.empliciti.com/. Accessed August 20, 2017.
2. Elotuzumab Drug Monograph. Clinical Pharmacology. Accessed August 2017. http://www.clinicalpharmacology-ip.com.
3. National Comprehensive Cancer Network Drugs and Biologics Compendium. Available at: http://www.nccn.org/professionals/drug_compendium. Accessed August 20, 2017.
4. National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Multiple Myeloma Version 03.2017. Available at: https://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/myeloma.pdf. Accessed August 30, 2017.

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
J9176	Injection, elotuzumab, 1 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy split from CP.PHAR.182 Excellus Oncology.	01.17	02.17
Converted to new template. Added age restriction as safety and effectiveness have not been established in pediatric patients per PI/safety approach. Added max dose criteria for both FDA and off-label NCCN uses. Increased initial/continued approval from 3/6 months to 6/12 months, respectively. Added Appendix B: Examples of Myeloma Therapy per NCCN guidelines for multiple myeloma.	08.30.17	11.17

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