

Uplizna™ (inebilizumab-cdon) injection

When requesting Uplizna™ (inebilizumab-cdon) injection, the individual requiring treatment must be diagnosed with an FDA-approved indication and meet the specific coverage guidelines and applicable safety criteria for the covered indication.

FDA-approved Indication

Treatment of neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD) in adult patients who are anti-aquaporin-4 antibody positive.

Coverage Guidelines

Neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD)

The individual must meet **all** of the following criteria for initial authorization:

- Is 18 years of age or older;
- Diagnosis has been confirmed by blood serum test for anti-aquaporin-4 antibody positive neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder;
- Has previously tried Soliris or Enspryng, OR
- Is currently receiving or has previously tried two of the following systemic therapies: azathioprine, corticosteroid, mycophenolate mofetil, rituximab, AND
- Uplizna is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist.

The individual must meet **all** of the following criteria for re-authorization:

- Is 18 years of age or older;
- Diagnosis has been confirmed by blood serum test for anti-aquaporin-4 antibody positive neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder;
- Has had clinical benefit [examples: reduction in relapse rate, reduction in symptoms (e.g. pain, fatigue, motor function), slowing progression in symptoms].
- Uplizna is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist.

Approval duration: 12 months

Dosing Recommendations

Approve 300 mg by intravenous infusion once every 2 weeks for 2 doses, then 300 mg by intravenous infusion once every 6 months thereafter, starting 6 months from the first infusion.

References

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