

## Zinplava™ (bezlotoxumab)

When requesting Zinplava™ (bezlotoxumab), the individual requiring treatment must be diagnosed with the following FDA-approved indication and meet the specific coverage guidelines and applicable safety criteria for the covered indication.

### FDA-Approved Indication

Zinplava is indicated to reduce recurrence of *Clostridium difficile* infection (CDI) in adults and pediatric patients 1 year of age and older who are receiving antibacterial drug treatment for CDI and are at a high risk for CDI recurrence.

### Coverage Guidelines

#### *Clostridium difficile* infection

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

- Is currently receiving antibacterial drug treatment for *Clostridium difficile* infection;
- Is at high risk for *Clostridium difficile* infection recurrence;
- Has not previously received bezlotoxumab.

**Approval duration: One dose**

### Dosing Recommendations

The recommended dosage is a single dose of 10 mg/kg administered as an intravenous infusion over 60 minutes. The safety and efficacy of repeat administration of Zinplava in patients with CDI have not been studied.

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