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## Cytogam (cytomegalovirus immune globulin)

### PRODUCTS AFFECTED

Cytogam (cytomegalovirus immune globulin)

### COVERAGE POLICY

Coverage for services, procedures, medical devices and drugs are dependent upon benefit eligibility as outlined in the member's specific benefit plan. This Coverage Guideline must be read in its entirety to determine coverage eligibility, if any.

This Coverage Guideline provides information related to coverage determinations only and does not imply that a service or treatment is clinically appropriate or inappropriate. The provider and the member are responsible for all decisions regarding the appropriateness of care. Providers should provide Molina Healthcare complete medical rationale when requesting any exceptions to these guidelines

#### **Documentation Requirements:**

Molina Healthcare reserves the right to require that additional documentation be made available as part of its coverage determination; quality improvement; and fraud; waste and abuse prevention processes.

Documentation required may include, but is not limited to, patient records, test results and credentials of the provider ordering or performing a drug or service. Molina Healthcare may deny reimbursement or take additional appropriate action if the documentation provided does not support the initial determination that the drugs or services were medically necessary, not investigational or experimental, and otherwise within the scope of benefits afforded to the member, and/or the documentation demonstrates a pattern of billing or other practice that is inappropriate or excessive

#### **DIAGNOSIS:**

FDA labeled, and compendia diagnoses here combined

#### **REQUIRED MEDICAL INFORMATION:**

This clinical policy is consistent with standards of medical practice current at the time that this clinical policy was approved. If a drug within this policy receives an updated FDA label within the last 180 days, medical necessity for the member will be reviewed using the updated FDA label information along with state and federal requirements, benefit being administered and formulary preferencing. Coverage will be determined on a case-by case basis until the criteria can be updated through Molina Healthcare, Inc. clinical governance. Additional information may be required on a case-by-case basis to allow for adequate review

#### **A. CYTOMEGALOVIRUS PROPHYLAXIS POST SOLID ORGAN TRANSPLANT:**

1. Documentation member has a history of a kidney, lung, liver, pancreas, heart, and kidney-pancreas transplant  
AND
2. Organ donor or recipient is CMV seropositive  
AND
3. Prescriber attests that CMV immunoglobulin will be provided in addition to antiviral therapies (valganciclovir, ganciclovir, foscarnet, etc.)

## Drug and Biologic Coverage Criteria

### B. CYTOMEGALOVIRUS (CMV) PNEUMONITIS:

1. Documentation diagnosis of cytomegalovirus pneumonitis  
AND
2. Documentation that Cytomegalovirus Immune Globulin (CMV-IVIG) will be used on combination with antiviral therapy

### CONTINUATION OF THERAPY:

NA Must meet initial criteria

### DURATION OF APPROVAL:

CYTOMEGALOVIRUS PROPHYLAXIS POST SOLID ORGAN TRANSPLANT: Initial authorization: 16 weeks. Reauthorization beyond 16 weeks is not permitted. Members must meet the initial approval criteria.

CYTOMEGALOVIRUS (CMV) PNEUMONITIS: Initial authorization: 1 month, Reauthorization beyond 1 month is not permitted. Members must meet the initial approval criteria.

### PRESCRIBER REQUIREMENTS:

Prescribed by or in consultation with an immunologist, nephrologist, pulmonologist, hepatologist, gastroenterologist, cardiologist, or transplant specialist. [If prescribed in consultation, consultation notes must be submitted within initial request and reauthorization requests]

### AGE RESTRICTIONS:

18 years of age and older

### QUANTITY:

Dosage, frequency, and total treatment duration must be supported by FDA label or compendia supported dosing for prescribed indication

### PLACE OF ADMINISTRATION:

The recommendation is that infused medications in this policy will be for pharmacy or medical benefit coverage administered in a place of service that is a non-inpatient hospital facility-based location.

## DRUG INFORMATION

### ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION:

Intravenous

### DRUG CLASS:

Immune Serums

### FDA-APPROVED USES:

Cytomegalovirus Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human) is indicated for:

- the prophylaxis of cytomegalovirus disease associated with transplantation of kidney, lung, liver, pancreas, and heart.

In transplants of these organs other than kidney from CMV seropositive donors into seronegative recipients, prophylactic CMV-IGIV should be considered in combination with ganciclovir

### COMPENDIAL APPROVED OFF-LABELED USES:

Cytomegalovirus (CMV) pneumonitis in solid organ transplant (adjunctive therapy); Cytomegalovirus (CMV) pneumonitis in hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) (adjunctive therapy)

## APPENDIX

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None

## BACKGROUND AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

### BACKGROUND:

**For primary cytomegalovirus (CMV) disease prophylaxis after organ transplantation, including kidney, lung, liver, pancreas, and heart transplantation.**

In CMV seronegative recipients of a renal allograft from a CMV seropositive donor. 150 mg/kg by IV infusion administered within 72 hours posttransplant. Subsequent single IV doses of 100 mg/kg are administered at 2, 4, 6, and 8 weeks posttransplant. Then, the dosage is decreased to 50 mg/kg IV as a single dose during weeks 12 and 16 posttransplant.

In CMV seronegative recipients of a heart, liver, lung, or pancreas allograft from a CMV seropositive donor. 150 mg/kg IV given within 72 hours of transplant. Subsequent single doses of 150 mg/kg IV are given 2, 4, 6, and 8 weeks following transplantation. Then, the dosage is decreased to 100 mg/kg IV as a single dose during weeks 12 and 16 post-transplant. The manufacturer recommends consideration of adding ganciclovir in these patients. The efficacy of CMV-IVIG in preventing CMV and related infections was studied in a trial of patients receiving CMV-positive liver transplants.

CMV-IVIG reduced the incidence of severe CMV-associated disease, including CMV pneumonia, multiorgan CMV disease, and invasive fungal disease in all serologic groups, regardless of recipient/donor CMV serologic status, except for the CMV-seropositive donor/CMV-seronegative recipient group.

### Use NOT supported by evidence:

**In CMV seronegative recipients of a bone marrow allograft from a CMV seropositive donor.** In 1 study, bone marrow transplant patients were randomized to receive CMV-IVIG 200 mg/kg IV on days 8 and 6 pretransplant, on the day after marrow infusion, and on days 7, 14, 21, 28, 42, 56, and 70 for a total of 10 doses or no CMV-IVIG as primary prophylaxis of CMV infection. Although CMV viremia and excretion were less in the active drug group, there was no difference between groups with regard to clinical CMV disease.

### CONTRAINDICATIONS/EXCLUSIONS/DISCONTINUATION:

All other uses of CMV-IVIG (Cytogam) are considered experimental/investigational and therefore will follow the Molina Healthcare, Inc. off-label policy. Cytogam (cytomegalovirus immune globulin intravenous) is contraindicated in members with a history of prior severe reaction associated with the administration of any human immunoglobulin preparations and members with selective IgA deficiency with antibodies to IgA and a history of anaphylactic reactions to human immune globulin preparations.

### OTHER SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None

## CODING/BILLING INFORMATION

*Note: 1) This list of codes may not be all-inclusive. 2) Deleted codes and codes which are not effective at the time the service is rendered may not be eligible for reimbursement*

## Drug and Biologic Coverage Criteria

HCPCS CODE	DESCRIPTION
J0850	injection, cytomegalovirus immune globulin intravenous(human), per vial

### AVAILABLE DOSAGE FORMS:

Cytogam INJ 50MG/ML

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