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Pharmacy Medical Policy Oncology Drugs (Oral and SubQ)

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Policy

Commercial Members: Managed Care (HMO and POS), PPO, and Indemnity

Note: All requests for outpatient retail pharmacy for indications listed and not listed on the medical policy guidelines may be submitted to BCBSMA Clinical Pharmacy Operations by completing the Prior Authorization Form on the last page of this document. Physicians may also call BCBSMA Pharmacy Operations department at (800)366-7778 to request a prior authorization/formulary exception verbally. Patients must have pharmacy benefits under their subscriber certificates.

Please refer to the chart below for the formulary and step status of the medications affected by this policy.

Standard Formulary	
Drug	Formulary Status
Alecensa ® (alectinib)	PA Required
Alunbrig ™ (brigatinib)	PA Required
Ayvakit ™ (avapritinib)	PA Required
Balversa ™ (erdafitinib)	PA Required
Braftovi ™ (encorafenib)	PA Required
Copiktra ™ (duvelisib)	PA Required
Cotellic ™ (cobimetinib)	PA Required
Erlotinib	PA Required
Exkivity ™ (mobocertinib)	PA Required
Farydak ® (Panobinostat)	PA Required
Gavreto ™ (pralsetinib)	PA Required
Gilotrif ® (afatinib)	PA Required
Ibrance ™ (palbociclib)	PA Required
Idhifa ® (enasidenib)	PA Required

Iressa ® (gefitinib)	PA Required
Kisqali ® (ribociclib)	PA Required
Kisqali ® Femara Co-Pack (letrozole / ribociclib)	PA Required
Lenvima ™ (Lenvatinib)	PA Required
Lorbrena ® (lorlatinib)	PA Required
Lumakras ™ (sotorasib)	PA Required
Lynparza ™ (olaparib)	PA Required
Mekinist ™ (trametinib)	PA Required
Mektovi ® (binimetinib)	PA Required
Pemazyre ™ (pemigatinib)	PA Required
Piqray ® (alpelisib)	PA Required
Retevmo ™ (selpercatinib)	PA Required
Rozlytrek ™ (entrectinib)	PA Required
Rydapt ® (midostaurin)	PA Required
Scemblix ® (asciminib)	PA Required
Tabrecta ™ (capmatinib)	PA Required
Tafinlar ® (dabrafenib)	PA Required
Tagrisso ® (osimertinib)	PA Required
Talzenna ™ (talazoparib)	PA Required
Tarceva ® (erlotinib)	PA Required
Tepmetko ® (tepotinib)	PA Required
Tibsovo ® (ivosidenib)	PA Required
Truseltiq ™ (infigratinib)	PA Required
Verzenio ™ (abemaciclib)	PA Required
Vitrakvi ® (larotrectinib)	PA Required
Vizimpro ® (dacomitinib)	PA Required
Xalkori ® (crizotinib)	PA Required
Xospata ® (gilteritinib)	PA Required
Zelboraf ™ (vemurafenib)	PA Required
Zydelig ® (idelalisib)	PA Required
Zykadia ™ (ceritinib)	PA Required

- Solution.

We may cover Alecensa® (alectinib) for the treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- ALK-Positive mutation as determined by an FDA approved test

We may cover Ayvakit™ (avapritinib) for the treatment of adults when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- PDGFRA Exon 18 Mutation-Positive Unresectable or Metastatic Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor (GIST), including PDGFRA D842V mutations

OR

- Advanced Systemic Mastocytosis (AdvSM)
 1. AdvSM includes patients with aggressive systemic mastocytosis (ASM), systemic mastocytosis with an associated hematological neoplasm (SM-AHN), and mast cell leukemia (MCL)

We may cover Alunbrig™ (brigatinib) the treatment of adult patients with anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- Susceptible ALK genetic mutation confirmed by an FDA test

We may cover Balversa® (erdafitinib) the treatment of adult patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- Susceptible fibroblast growth factor receptors genetic alterations type 2 or type 3 (FGFR3 or FGFR2) confirmed by an FDA test, **AND**
- Progressed during or following at least one line of prior platinum-containing chemotherapy, including within 12 months of neoadjuvant or adjuvant platinum-containing chemotherapy.

We may cover Braftovi™ (encorafenib) for the treatment of patients when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- Diagnosis of unresectable or metastatic melanoma, And
- BRAF V600E or V600K mutation as determined by an FDA approved test, And
- Used in combination with binimetinib (Mektovi®)

OR

- Diagnosis of metastatic colorectal cancer (CRC), And
- Used in combination with cetuximab (Erbitux®), And
- BRAF V600E mutation, as detected by an FDA-approved test, And
- after prior therapy

We may cover Copiktra™ (duvelisib) for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL), or Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma (SLL) when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- Age 18 years of age or older
- Documented use of at least two prior therapies

We may cover Cotellic™ (cobimetinib) for the treatment of patients only with unresectable or metastatic melanoma when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- BRAF V600E or V600K mutation as determined by an FDA approved test, And
- Used in combination with vemurafenib.

We may cover erlotinib for the first-line treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletion or exon 21 L858R substitution mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- The patient has a documented diagnosis of NSCLC and
- The patient has either Exon 19 Deletion or Exon 21 L858R Substitution confirmed by an FDA test

OR

We may cover erlotinib for the first-line treatment of patients with locally advanced, unresectable or metastatic pancreatic cancer.

Tarceva (erlotinib) may be covered if the member has tried and failed generic erlotinib.

We may cover Exkivity® (mobocertinib) for locally advanced or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer

(NSCLC) when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- Progressed on or after platinum-based chemotherapy, **AND**
- epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 20 insertion mutation detected by an FDA-approved test.

We may cover Farydak® (Panobinostat) a histone deacetylase inhibitor when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- is indicated for the treatment of patients with multiple myeloma who have received at least 2 prior regimens,
- including, bortezomib and an immunomodulatory agent,
- Used in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone.

We may cover Gavreto™ (pralsetinib) for the treatment when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- Age 18 years of age or older, **AND**
 - Confirmed diagnosis of metastatic RET fusion-positive non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)
- OR**
- Age 12 years of age or older, **AND**
 - Confirmed diagnosis of advanced or metastatic RET-mutant medullary thyroid cancer (MTC) who require systemic therapy
- OR**
- Age 12 years of age or older, **AND**
 - Confirmed diagnosis of advanced or metastatic RET fusion-positive thyroid cancer, **AND**
 - requires systemic therapy and who are radioactive iodine-refractory

We may cover Gilotrif® (afatinib) for the first-line treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose tumors have non-resistant epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- The patient has a documented diagnosis of NSCLC
- The patient has epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) mutations confirmed by an FDA test

We may cover Ibrance™ (palbociclib) for the treatment of HR-positive, HER2-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer as indicated in its FDA approved label when used in combination with cancer when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- an aromatase inhibitor as initial endocrine-based therapy in postmenopausal women or in men,
- OR**
- fulvestrant in patients with disease progression following endocrine therapy.

We may cover Idhifa® (enasidenib) for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory acute myeloid leukemia (AML) when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- Age 18 years of age or older

AND

- An isocitrate dehydrogenase-2 (IDH2) mutation as determined by an FDA approved test

We may cover Iressa® (gefitinib) for the first-line treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletion or exon 21 L858R substitution mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- The patient has a documented diagnosis of NSCLC
- The patient has either Exon 19 Deletion or Exon 21 L858R Substitution confirmed by an FDA test

We may cover Kisqali® (ribociclib) for the treatment of HR-positive, HER2-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- Used in Combination with an aromatase inhibitor for the treatment of pre/perimenopausal or postmenopausal women with hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer, as initial endocrine-based therapy

OR

- Used in Combination with fulvestrant for the treatment of postmenopausal women with HR-positive, HER2-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer, as initial endocrine-based therapy or following disease progression on endocrine therapy

We may cover Kisqali® Femara Co-Pack (letrozole and ribociclib) for the treatment of initial endocrine-based therapy for HR-positive, HER2-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- Patient is a pre/perimenopausal or Postmenopausal woman

We may cover Lenvima™ (Lenvatinib) for the treatment of:

- Locally recurrent or metastatic, progressive, radioactive iodine-refractory differentiated thyroid cancer.

Or

- Advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC) in combination with Everolimus following one prior anti-angiogenic therapy.

Or

- Unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC).

Or

- In combination with pembrolizumab (Keytruda®), is indicated for the treatment of patients with advanced endometrial carcinoma that is not microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or mismatch repair deficient (dMMR), who have disease progression following prior systemic therapy and are not candidates for curative surgery or radiation.

We may cover Lorbrina® (lorlatinib) for the treatment of patients with anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) or as first-line anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) when **all** of the following criteria is met:

- Documentation of ALK-positive NSCLC as detected by an FDA approved test

We may cover Lumakras™ (sotorasib) for the treatment of patients with *KRAS G12C*-mutated locally advanced or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) when **all** of the following criteria is met:

- Documentation of *KRAS G12C* mutation as detected by an FDA approved test
- The Patient has received at least one prior systemic therapy

We may cover Lynparza™ (olaparib) for the treatment of ovarian cancer when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- Used for the maintenance treatment of adult patients with deleterious or suspected deleterious germline or somatic BRCA-mutated (gBRCAm or sBRCAm) as detected by an FDA test, advanced epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer who are in complete or partial response to first-line platinum-based chemotherapy. Select patients with gBRCAm advanced epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer for therapy based on an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for Lynparza.

Or

- Used in combination with bevacizumab (Avastin®) for the maintenance treatment of adult patients with advanced epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer who are in complete or partial response to first-line platinum-based chemotherapy and whose cancer is associated with homologous recombination deficiency (HRD)-positive status defined by either: a deleterious or suspected deleterious BRCA mutation, and/or genomic instability.

Or

- Used for the maintenance treatment of adult patients with recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer, who are in complete or partial response to platinum-based chemotherapy.

Or

- Used for the treatment of adult patients with deleterious or suspected deleterious gBRCAm advanced ovarian cancer who have been treated with three or more prior lines of chemotherapy.

Or

- Used in patients with deleterious or suspected deleterious gBRCAm, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative metastatic breast cancer who have previously been treated with chemotherapy in the neoadjuvant, adjuvant or metastatic setting. Patients with hormone receptor (HR)-positive breast cancer should have been treated with a prior endocrine therapy or be considered inappropriate for endocrine treatment.

Or

- Used for the maintenance treatment of adult patients with deleterious or suspected deleterious gBRCAm metastatic pancreatic adenocarcinoma whose disease has not progressed on at least 16 weeks of a first-line platinum-based chemotherapy regimen. Select patients for therapy based on an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for Lynparza.

Or

- Used for the treatment of adult patients with deleterious or suspected deleterious germline or somatic homologous recombination repair (HRR) gene-mutated metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC) who have progressed following prior treatment with enzalutamide (Xtandi[®]) or abiraterone (Zytiga[®]). Select patients for therapy based on an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for Lynparza

We may cover Mekinist[™] (trametinib) for treatment when **all** of the following criteria are met⁵:

- Safety and effectiveness have not been established in pediatric patients,
- as a single agent in BRAF-inhibitor treatment-naïve patients or in combination with dabrafenib (Tafinlar[®]), for the treatment of patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with BRAF V600E or V600K mutations, as detected by an FDA-approved test

OR

- In combination with dabrafenib (Tafinlar[®]), for the adjuvant treatment of patients with melanoma with BRAF V600E or V600K mutations, as detected by an FDA-approved test, and involvement of lymph node(s), following complete resection.

OR

- In combination with dabrafenib (Tafinlar[®]), for the treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with BRAF V600E mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test.

OR

- In combination with dabrafenib (Tafinlar[®]), for the treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic anaplastic thyroid cancer (ATC) with BRAF V600E mutation and with no satisfactory locoregional treatment options

We may cover Mektovi[®] (binimetinib) for the treatment of patients only with unresectable or metastatic melanoma when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- BRAF V600E or V600K mutation as determined by an FDA approved test, And
- Used in combination with encorafenib (Braftovi[™]).

We may cover Pemazyre[™] (pemigatinib) for the treatment of adults with previously treated, unresectable locally advanced or metastatic cholangiocarcinoma with when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- Confirmed diagnosis of unresectable locally advanced or metastatic cholangiocarcinoma, **AND**
- a fibroblast growth factor receptor 2 (FGFR2) fusion or other rearrangement as detected by an FDA-approved test, **AND**
- Document previous treatment

We may cover Piqray[®] (alpelisib) for the treatment of postmenopausal women, and men, with hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative, PIK3CA-mutated, advanced or metastatic breast cancer when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- Following progression on or after an endocrine-based regimen
- Catalytic alpha-subunit of phosphatidylinositol-3-kinase (PIK3CA) mutation is present as detected from an FDA approved test
- Used in combination with fulvestrant (Faslodex[®])

We may cover Retevmo[™] (selpercatinib) for the treatment when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- Age 18 years of age or older, **AND**
 - Confirmed diagnosis of metastatic RET fusion-positive non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)
- OR**
- Age 12 years of age or older, **AND**
 - Confirmed diagnosis of advanced or metastatic RET-mutant medullary thyroid cancer (MTC) who require systemic therapy
- OR**
- Age 12 years of age or older, **AND**
 - Confirmed diagnosis of advanced or metastatic RET fusion-positive thyroid cancer, **AND**
 - requires systemic therapy and who are radioactive iodine-refractory

We may cover Rozlytrek™ (entrectinib) for the treatment when **all** the following criteria are met:

- The patient is 12 years of age and older with solid tumors and has a neurotrophic receptor tyrosine kinase (NTRK) gene fusion without a known acquired resistance mutation as determined by an FDA approved test
- AND**
- The patient is metastatic or where surgical resection is likely to result in severe morbidity
- AND**
- The patient has no satisfactory alternative treatments or that have progressed following treatment

OR

- The patient is an adult with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose tumors are ROS1-positive as determined by an FDA approved test

We may cover Rydapt® (midostaurin) when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- A diagnosis of acute myeloid leukemia (AML) that is FLT3 mutation-positive
- Documentation of the above diagnosis from an FDA approved test.
- Used in combination with standard cytarabine and daunorubicin induction and cytarabine consolidation

We may cover Scemblix™ (asciminib) when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- Age 18 years of age or older, **AND**
- Philadelphia chromosome-positive chronic myeloid leukemia (Ph+ CML) in chronic phase (CP), previously treated with two or more tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs)

OR

- Ph+ CML in CP with the T315I mutation.

We may cover Tabrecta™ (capmatinib) when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- Age 18 years of age or older, **AND**
- Confirmed Diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)
- Documentation of a mutation that leads to mesenchymal-epithelial transition (MET) exon 14 skipping from an FDA approved test.

We may cover Tafinlar® (dabrafenib) for the treatment of unresectable or metastatic melanoma when **all** of the following criteria are met⁶:

- Unresectable or metastatic melanoma with BRAF V600E mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test,
- Not indicated for treatment of patients with wild-type BRAF melanoma,
- Safety and effectiveness have not been established in pediatric patients.

OR

- In combination with trametinib (Mekinist®), for the adjuvant treatment of patients with melanoma with BRAF V600E or V600K mutations, as detected by an FDA-approved test.

OR

- In combination with trametinib (Mekinist®), for the treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic anaplastic thyroid cancer (ATC) with BRAF V600E mutation and with no satisfactory locoregional treatment options.

We may cover Tagrisso (osimertinib) for the first-line treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletion or exon 21 L858R substitution mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- The patient has a documented diagnosis of NSCLC and
- The patient has either Exon 19 Deletion or Exon 21 L858R Substitution confirmed by an FDA test

OR

- The patient has a documented diagnosis of NSCLC and,
- The patient has EGFR T790M mutation-positive, as confirmed by an FDA test and,
- The patient has progressed on or after EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) therapy

We may cover Talzena™ (talazoparib) for the treatment of adult patients with deleterious or suspected deleterious germline breast cancer susceptibility gene (BRCA)-mutated (gBRCAm) human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- Age 18 years of age or older
- The patient has deleterious or suspected deleterious germline breast cancer susceptibility gene (BRCA)-mutated (gBRCAm) confirmed by an FDA test
- The patient is HER2-negative confirmed by an FDA test

We may cover Tepmetko® (tepotinib) for the treatment of adult patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) harboring mesenchymal-epithelial transition (MET) exon 14 skipping alterations when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- Age 18 years of age or older, **AND**
- Confirmed Diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)
- Documentation of a mutation that leads to mesenchymal-epithelial transition (MET) exon 14 skipping from an FDA approved test.

We may cover Tibsovo® (ivosidenib) for the treatment of patients only with relapsed or refractory acute myeloid leukemia (AML) when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- Susceptible isocitrate dehydrogenase-1 (IDH1) mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test.
- newly diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia (AML) with a susceptible isocitrate dehydrogenase-1 (IDH1) mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test in adult patients who are ≥ 75 years old or who have comorbidities that preclude use of intensive induction chemotherapy.

We may cover Truseltiq® (infigratinib) for the treatment of adults with previously treated, unresectable locally advanced or metastatic cholangiocarcinoma with a fibroblast growth factor receptor 2 (FGFR2) fusion or other rearrangement when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- Documentation of fibroblast growth factor receptor 2 (FGFR2) mutation as detected by an FDA approved test

We may cover Vitrakvi® (larotrectinib) for the treatment of adult and pediatric patients with solid tumors when **all** the following criteria are met:

- The patient has a neurotrophic receptor tyrosine kinase (NTRK) gene fusion without a known acquired resistance mutation as determined by an FDA approved test
- The patient is metastatic or where surgical resection is likely to result in severe morbidity
- The patient has no satisfactory alternative treatments or that have progressed following treatment

We may cover Vizimpro® (dacomitinib) for the first-line treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletion or exon 21 L858R substitution mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test when **all** of the following criteria are met:

- The patient has a documented diagnosis of NSCLC
- The patient has either Exon 19 Deletion or Exon 21 L858R Substitution confirmed by an FDA test

We may cover Verzenio™ (abemaciclib) when all of the following criteria are met:

- Used with endocrine therapy (tamoxifen or an aromatase inhibitor) for the adjuvant treatment of adult patients with hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative, node-positive, early breast cancer at high risk of recurrence and a Ki-67 score ≥20% as determined by an FDA approved test

OR

- Used as initial endocrine-based therapy for postmenopausal women with hormone receptor-positive (HR+), HER-2 negative, advanced metastatic breast cancer, when used in combination with an aromatase inhibitor

OR

- Used in combination with fulvestrant for the treatment of women with hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer with disease progression following endocrine therapy.

OR

- Used as monotherapy for the treatment of adult patients with HR-positive, HER2-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer with disease progression following endocrine therapy and prior chemotherapy in the metastatic setting.

We may cover Xalkori® (crizotinib) or when all of the following criteria are met²:

- Age 18 years of age or older for the treatment of locally advanced or metastatic nonsmall cell lung cancer (NSCLC)
- Age 1 years of age or older for the treatment of relapsed or refractory, systemic anaplastic large cell lymphoma (ALCL) that is anaplastic lymphoma kinase positive (ALK+)

AND

- Documentation of ALK-positive as detected by an FDA approved test,

OR

- Documentation of ROS1-positive metastatic NSCLC as detected by an FDA approved test.

We may cover Zelboraf™ (vemurafenib) for the treatment of patients when all of the following criteria are met¹:

- Diagnosis of unresectable melanoma, metastatic melanoma **OR** Erdheim-Chester Disease (ECD)
- Documentation of BRAF V600E mutation detected by an FDA-approved test,
- Safety and efficacy in pediatric patients below the age of 18 have not been established.

We may cover Xospata® (gilteritinib) for the treatment of patients when all of the following criteria are met¹:

- Diagnosis of relapsed or refractory acute myeloid leukemia (AML)
- Documentation of FMS-like tyrosine kinase 3 (FLT3) mutation detected by an FDA-approved test,
- Age 18 years of age or older

We may cover Zykadia™ (ceritinib) ZYKADIA is indicated for the treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose tumors are anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive as detected by an FDA-approved test when all of the following criteria are met:

- Age 18 years of age or older.

AND

- The tumors are anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive.

We may cover ZYDELIG® (idelalisib) as indicated in its FDA approved label:

- Relapsed Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia -- Zydelig is indicated, in combination with rituximab, for the treatment of patients with relapsed chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) for whom rituximab alone would be considered appropriate therapy due to other co-morbidities.

OR

- Relapsed Follicular B-cell non-Hodgkin Lymphoma -- Zydelig is indicated for the treatment of patients with relapsed follicular B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma (FL) who have received at least two prior systemic therapies;

OR

- Relapsed Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma -- Zydelig is indicated for the treatment of patients with relapsed small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL) who have received at least two prior systemic therapies.

We do not cover the above drugs for other conditions not listed above.

Other Information

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBSMA*) members (other than Medex®; Blue MedicareRx, Medicare Advantage plans that include prescription drug coverage) will be required to fill their prescriptions for the above medications at one of the providers in our retail specialty pharmacy network, see link below:

[Link to Specialty Pharmacy List](#)

Individual Consideration

All our medical policies are written for the majority of people with a given condition. Each policy is based on medical science. For many of our medical policies, each individual's unique clinical circumstances may be considered in light of current scientific literature. Physicians may send relevant clinical information for individual patients for consideration to:

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
Pharmacy Operations Department
25 Technology Place
Hingham, MA 02043
Tel: 1-800-366-7778
Fax: 1-800-583-6289

Prior Authorization Information

Outpatient

For services described in this policy, see below for products where prior authorization **IS REQUIRED** if the procedure is performed **outpatient**.

	Outpatient
Commercial Managed Care (HMO and POS)	Prior authorization is required .
Commercial PPO and Indemnity	Prior authorization is required .

Policy History

Date	Action
4/2022	Updated to remove FL indication for Copiktra™.
2/2022	Updated to add Scemblix to the policy and remove PA for Koselugo.
1/2022	Updated to add Alunbrig™ and Exkivity™ to the policy and a new indication for Verzenio. Clarified the incorrect note for Tarceva from 1/1/2021.
10/2021	Updated to include new Indication for Ayvakit™.
8/2021	Updated to include Lumakras™ and Truseltiq™ to the policy.
7/2021	Updated to include new indication for Lorbrenea and to move Opdivo to medical policy 099.
4/2021	Updated to add new indication for Xalkori, a new indication for Opdivo, and to add Tepmetko to the policy.
1/1/2021	Updated Tarceva®, to add Gavreto™, add a new indication for Opdivo® and to remove one Opdivo® Indication because it failed its confirmatory trial.
10/2020	Updated to add new Opdivo® indication.
9/2020	Updated to include new Braftovi® Indication, Lynparza® indication and Opdivo® indication. Added Pemazyre™, Retevmo™, and Tabrecta™ to the policy.

6/2020	Updated to include new HCC indication with Yervoy® for Opdivo® and to add Koselugo™ to the policy.
4/2020	Updated to include the new indication for Lynparza® and to add Ayvakit™ to the policy.
2/2020	Updated to add erlotinib and place the generic in front of the brand.
1/2020	Updated to include Rozlytrek™ to the policy and to add indications to Lenvima™ & Mekinist™ & Step to Inrebic.
8/2019	Updated to add new Tibsovo® indication and to add Piqray & Balversa to the policy.
7/2019	Updated to add Iressa®, Gilotrif®, Tarceva®, & Tagrisso® to the policy.
2/2019	Updated to include Copiktra™, Lorbrena®, Talzena™, Vitrakvi®, Vizimpro®, Xospata® and a new indication for Lynparza™.
11/2018	Updated to include Braftovi™, Mektovi®, & Tibsovo® to the policy.
9/2018	Clarified Ibrance™ indications and added new indications for Kisqali®, Lenvima, Mekinist, Opdivo, and Tafinlar. Also, remove Prior Auth requirements for Venclexta.
5/2018	Updated to include new indication for Verzenio™.
2/2018	Updated to include Verzenio™ and new indications for Lynparza™.
1/2018	Updated for new indications of Alecensa® and Zelboraf™.
11/2017	Updated to clarify Venclexta™ criteria and include Idhifa® plus change Walgreen's Specialty name.
10/2017	Updated for new indications, added Rydapt®, to remove Step requirement for Xtandi®,
9/2017	Moved Erbitux® & Vectibix® to Medical policy 033.
7/2017	Updated address for Pharmacy Operations and added Kisqali® & Kisqali® Femara.
5/2017	Updated to add new Opdivo® indication (mUC).
11/2016	Moved 114 (Erbitux® & Vectibix®) into this policy and new indication for Opdivo®.
10/2016	Updated to include Venclexta™ & update Opdivo® Indications.
6/2016	Updated to include Alecensa® & update Opdivo® Indications.
4/2016	Updated to include Cotellic™ and additional indication for Ibrance™, Opdivo® & Xalkori®.
7/2015	Updated to include All Cancer Policies and added Farydak® and Lenvima™.
2/2014	Updated Onco360 name and removed Curascript in Specialty Pharmacy section.
1/2014	Updated. To include Mekinist™ and Tafinlar®.
1/2013	New Policy, effective 1/1/2013.

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