

# **Medical Policy:**

## Briumvi™ (ublituximab-xiij) Intravenous

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### **Definitions**

Briumvi, a CD20-directed cytolytic antibody, is indicated for the treatment of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS), to include clinically isolated syndrome, relapsing remitting disease, and active secondary progressive disease, in adults.

## **Length of Authorization**

Coverage will be provided for 12 months and may be renewed.

# **Dosing Limits [Medical Benefit]**

150 mg by intravenous infusion, followed 2 weeks later by a second 450 mg intravenous infusion; **OR** 450 by intravenous infusion once every 24 weeks.

### Max Units (per dose and over time) [HCPCS Unit]:

Initial dose: 300 mg on day 1 and 450 mg on day 15 and 168 Subsequent doses: 450 mg every 6 months thereafter

## Guideline

#### I. INITIAL CRITERIA

## 1. Multiple Sclerosis, Relapsing Forms.

- A. Patient is ≥ 18 years of age; **AND**
- B. Patient has a relapsing form of multiple sclerosis; **AND**<u>Note</u>: Examples of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis include clinically isolated syndrome, relapsing remitting disease, and active secondary progressive disease.
- C. Medication will not be used concomitantly with other Disease Modifying Agents for MS; AND
- D. Medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist or a physician who specializes in the treatment of multiple sclerosis

#### II. RENEWAL CRITERIA

Multiple Sclerosis, Relapsing Forms: Patient has been receiving Briumvi for 1 year or more:

Note: A patient who has received < 1 year of therapy or who is restarting therapy with Briumvi should be considered under initial therapy criteria.

- A. Patient is ≥ 18 years of age; AND
- B. Patient has a relapsing form of multiple sclerosis; AND

<u>Note</u>: Examples of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis include clinically isolated syndrome, relapsing remitting disease, and active secondary progressive multiple sclerosis.

- C. Patient meets one of the following (i **OR** ii):
  - Patient experienced a beneficial clinical response when assessed by at least one objective measure;
     OR
    - Note: Examples include stabilization or reduced worsening in disease activity as evaluated by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) [absence or a decrease in gadolinium enhancing lesions, decrease in the number of new or enlarging T2 lesions]; stabilization or reduced worsening on the Expanded Disability Status Scale (EDSS) score; achievement in criteria for No Evidence of Disease Activity-3 (NEDA-3) or NEDA-4; improvement on the fatigue symptom and impact questionnaire-relapsing multiple sclerosis (FSIQ-RMS) scale; reduction or absence of relapses; improvement or maintenance on the six-minute walk test or 12-Item Multiple Sclerosis Walking Scale; improvement on the Multiple Sclerosis Functional Composite (MSFC) score; and/or attenuation of brain volume loss.
  - ii. Patient experienced stabilization, slowed progression, or improvement in at least one symptom such as motor function, fatigue, vision, bowel/bladder function, spasticity, walking/gait, or pain/numbness/tingling sensation; **AND**
- D. Medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist or a physician who specializes in the treatment of multiple sclerosis.

# **Applicable Procedure Codes**

Code	Description	
J2329	Injection, ublituximab-xiiy, 1mg	

# **Applicable NDCs**

Code	Description	
73150-0150-06	Briumvi 150 mg/6 mL, single dose vial	

# **ICD-10 Diagnoses**

Code	Description
G35	Multiple Sclerosis

# **Revision History**

Company(ies)	DATE	REVISION
EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	2/27/2025	Annual Review Addition for renewal criteria0 Note: A patient who has received < 1 year of therapy or who is restarting therapy with Briumvi should be considered under initial therapy criteria.
EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	3/25/2024	Annual Review: updated dosing limits, removed J3590, added J2329 Initial Criteria: removed: "According to the prescriber, the patient has experienced inadequate efficacy or significant intolerance to one disease modifying agent used for multiple sclerosis; AND" Renewal criteria- removed section with less than 1 year therapy with Briumvi
EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	02/09/2023	New Policy

## References

1. Briumvi™ intravenous infusion [prescribing information]. Morrisville, NC: TG Therapeutics; December 2022.