

Necitumumab (Portrazza™)

Place of Service  
Office Administration  
Outpatient Facility Administration  
Infusion Center Administration

HCPCS: J9295 per 1 mg

**Condition listed in policy (see criteria for details)**

- [Squamous non-small cell lung cancer, metastatic](#)

**AHFS therapeutic class:** Antineoplastic agent

**Mechanism of action:** epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) antagonist monoclonal antibody

**(1) Special Instructions and Pertinent Information**

**Covered under the Medical Benefit**, please submit clinical information for prior authorization review via fax.

**(2) Prior Authorization/Medical Review is required for the following condition(s)**

All requests for Portrazza™ (necitumumab) must be sent for clinical review and receive authorization prior to drug administration or claim payment.

**Squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), metastatic**

1. Diagnosis of metastatic squamous NSCLC as evidenced by pathology report, **AND**
2. Use in combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin for first-line treatment of metastatic disease, **AND**
3. Patient has not received prior treatment for metastatic disease, **AND**
4. Patient has ECOG performance status of 0-2, **AND**
5. Due to safety concerns and marginal survival benefit with Portrazza, patient must have a medical reason why all NCCN-rated category 1- and 2A-rated treatment options cannot be used

**Covered Dose**

Up to 800 mg IV on days 1 and 8 of each 3-week cycle

**Coverage Period**

Indefinite

**ICD-10:**

C33, C34.00-C34.02, C34.10-C34.12, C34.2, C34.30-C34.32, C34.80-C34.82, C34.90-C34.92, Z85.118

**(3) The following condition(s) DO NOT require Prior Authorization/Preservice**

All requests for Portrazza™ (necitumumab) must be sent for clinical review and receive authorization prior to drug administration or claim payment.

**(4) This Medication is NOT medically necessary for the following condition(s)**

Coverage for a Non-FDA approved indication, requires that criteria outlined in Health and Safety Code § 1367.21, including objective evidence of efficacy and safety are met for the proposed indication.

Please refer to the Provider Manual and User Guide for more information.

**(5) Additional Information**

How supplied:

- 800 mg/50 mL (single-use vial)

**(6) References**

- AHFS®. Available by subscription at <http://www.lexi.com>
- DrugDex®. Available by subscription at <http://www.micromedexsolutions.com/home/dispatch>
- Portrazza™ (necitumumab) [Prescribing information]. Indianapolis, IN; Eli Lilly and Company; 11/2015.

**(7) Policy Update**

Date of last review: 3Q2023

Date of next review: 3Q2024

Changes from previous policy version:

- No clinical change to policy following routine annual review.

*BSC Drug Coverage Criteria to Determine Medical Necessity  
Reviewed by P&T Committee*