

Vedolizumab, IV (Entyvio®)

Place of Service

Infusion Center Administration

Home Infusion Administration

Office Administration

Outpatient Facility Infusion

Administration* [*Prior authorization required – see section (1)]

HCPs: J3380 per 1 mg

Conditions listed in policy (see criteria for details)

- [Crohn's disease](#)
- [Immunotherapy-related diarrhea or colitis secondary to immune-checkpoint inhibitor therapy](#)
- [Ulcerative colitis](#)

AHFS therapeutic class: GI drug, monoclonal antibody

Mechanism of action: Integrin receptor antagonist

(1) Special Instructions and Pertinent Information

Entyvio, given as a subcutaneous (SC) injection: Refer to the "Self-Administered Drugs" medical benefit drug policy for commercial plans.

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

Members with the following plan: **PPO, Direct Contract HMO, and when applicable, ASO/Shared Advantage/HMO (non-direct contract)** may be required to have their medication administered at a preferred site of service, including the home, a physician's office, or an independent infusion center not associated with a hospital.

For members that cannot receive infusions in the preferred home or ambulatory setting AND meet one of the following criteria points, drug administration may be performed at a hospital outpatient facility infusion center.

CRITERIA FOR HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT FACILITY ADMINISTRATION

MCG™ Care Guidelines, 19th edition, 2015

ADMINISTRATION OF ENTYVIO IN THE HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT FACILITY SITE OF CARE REQUIRES ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (*Supporting Documentation must be submitted*)

1. Patient is receiving their first 3 induction infusions of Entyvio or is being re-initiated on Entyvio after at least 6 months off therapy. *Subsequent doses will require medical necessity for continued use in the hospital outpatient facility site of care.*

Or

Additional clinical monitoring is required during administration as evidenced by one of the following:

2. Patient has experienced a previous severe adverse event on Entyvio based on documentation submitted.
3. Patient continues to experience moderate to severe adverse events on Entyvio based on documentation submitted, despite receiving premedication such as acetaminophen, steroids, diphenhydramine, fluids, etc.
4. Patient is clinically unstable based on documentation submitted.
5. Patient is physically or cognitively unstable based on documentation submitted.

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

All requests for Entyvio® (vedolizumab) must be sent for clinical review and receive authorization prior to drug administration or claim payment.

Crohn's disease

1. Patient age greater than or equal to 18 years, **AND**
2. Not being used in combination with natalizumab, a TNF-blocker, or another targeted immunomodulator, **AND**
3. Inadequate response or intolerable side effect with two BSC-preferred agents [Hadlima, Humira, infliximab (Avsola or Inflectra), Rinvoq, Skyrizi, and Stelara], or contraindication to all preferred agents

Covered Doses

Initial induction dosing: 300 mg IV at Weeks 0, 2, and 6

Maintenance: Beginning at Week 14, 300mg IV every 8 weeks.

Coverage Period

Initial induction phase: 14 weeks

Reauthorization: Indefinite (if patient had clinical benefit by week 14 & drug given at an approved site of service)

ICD-10:

K50.00-K50.119, K50.80-K50.919

Immunotherapy-related diarrhea or colitis secondary to immune-checkpoint inhibitor therapy

1. Treatment of moderate or severe diarrhea or colitis secondary to immune-checkpoint inhibitor therapy, **AND**
2. Prior treatment with corticosteroids was ineffective, **AND**

3. Inadequate response, intolerable side effect, or contraindication to infliximab (Avsola or Inflectra)

Covered Doses

300 mg IV at Weeks 0, 2, and 6

Coverage Period

Cover up to 3 doses

ICD-10:

K52.1, R19.7

Ulcerative colitis

1. Patient age greater than or equal to 18 years, **AND**
2. Not being used in combination with natalizumab, a TNF-blocker, or another targeted immunomodulator, **AND**
3. Either of the following:
 - a. ***Effective through 3/31/2024:*** Inadequate response or intolerable side effect with a BSC-preferred agent [Hadlima, Humira, infliximab (Avsola or Inflectra), Rinvoq, Stelara, Xeljanz/Xeljanz XR], or contraindication to all preferred drugs, OR
 - b. ***Effective 4/1/2024:*** Inadequate response or intolerable side effect with BSC-preferred agent [infliximab (Avsola or Inflectra)], or contraindication to the preferred agent

Covered Doses

Initial induction dosing: 300 mg IV at Weeks 0, 2, and 6

Maintenance: Beginning at Week 14, 300 mg IV every 8 weeks. Entyvio can also be self-injected subcutaneously for maintenance. The subcutaneous form can be requested from the patient's Pharmacy Benefit.

Coverage Period

Initial induction phase: 14 weeks

Reauthorization: Indefinite (if patient had clinical benefit by week 14 & drug given at an approved site of service)

ICD-10:

K51.0-K51.319, K51.5-K51.519, K51.80-K51.919

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

All requests for Entyvio® (vedolizumab) 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:

- Sterile 20 mL single-use glass vials, containing 300 mg of vedolizumab

(6) References

Commercial

vedolizumab (Entyvio®)

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- DrugDex®. Available by subscription at <http://www.micromedexsolutions.com/home/dispatch>
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- Terdiman JP, Gruss CB, Heidelbaugh JJ, et al. American Gastroenterological Association Institute guideline on the use of thiopurines, methotrexate, and anti-TNF-alpha biologic drugs for the induction and maintenance of remission in inflammatory Crohn's disease. *Gastroenterology* 2013; 145:1459-63.

(7) Policy Update

Date of last revision: 1Q2024

Date of next review: 3Q2024

Changes from previous policy version:

- Section (2): Ulcerative colitis – **Effective 4/1/2024**, infliximab (Avsola or Inflectra)] will be the preferred drug.
Rationale: Selection of preferred drugs is supported by similar safety and efficacy and are guideline supported agents

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