

eptinezumab-jjmr (Vyepti)

Commercial Medical Benefit Drug Policy

Place of Service

Home Infusion Administration

Infusion Center Administration

Office Administration

Outpatient Facility Infusion Administration

Drug Details

USP Category: ANTIMIGRAINE AGENTS

Mechanism of Action: Calcitonin gene-related peptide receptor antagonist

HCPCS:

J3032:Injection, eptinezumab-jjmr, 1 mg

How Supplied:

100 mg/mL solution in a single-dose vial

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

- Prevention of Migraine Headache

Any condition not listed in this policy requires a review to confirm it is medically necessary. For conditions that have not been approved for intended use by the Food and Drug Administration (i.e., off-label use), the criteria outlined in the Health and Safety Code section 1367.21 must be met.

Special Instructions and Pertinent Information

Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) to ensure the member has met all medical necessity requirements.

The member's specific benefit may impact drug coverage. Other utilization management processes, and/or legal restrictions may take precedence over the application of this clinical criteria.

For billing purposes, drugs must be submitted with the drug's assigned HCPCS code (as listed in the drug policy) and the corresponding NDC (national drug code). An unlisted, unspecified, or miscellaneous code should not be used if there is a specific code assigned to the drug.

Members with the following plans: **PPO, Direct Contract HMO, and when applicable, ASO, Shared Advantage, HMO (non-direct)** 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 VYEPTI IN THE HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT FACILITY SITE OF CARE
REQUIRES ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (*Supporting Documentation must be submitted*)

1. Patient is initiating on Vyepti (allowed for the first dose) or is being re-initiated on Vyepti 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 Vyepti based on documentation submitted.
3. Patient continues to experience moderate to severe adverse events on Vyepti 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.

Coverage Criteria

The following condition(s) require Prior Authorization/Preservice.

Prevention of Migraine Headache

Meets medical necessity if all the following are met:

Initial

1. Patient is at least 18 years old
2. Patient experiences at least 4 migraine headache days per month
3. Inadequate response or intolerable side effect to two of the following: Aimovig, Emgality and Nurtec, or contraindication to all
4. ***Effective 2/1/2026 and after:*** Not being used in combination with another cGRP antagonist for preventive treatment of migraines

Reauthorization

1. ***Effective 2/1/2026 and after:*** Patient is responding to therapy (e.g., reduction in migraine days, reduction in severe migraines)
2. ***Effective 2/1/2026 and after:*** Not being used in combination with another CGRP antagonist for preventive treatment of migraines

Covered Doses:

Up to 300 mg given intravenously every 3 months

Coverage Period:

Yearly

ICD-10:

G43.001-G43.819

Additional Information

AAN 2012 Level A and B Recommended Preventive Anti-Migraine Agents by Drug Class⁴

Antiepileptic Drugs	Beta Blockers	Antidepressants	Triptans
Level A	Level A	Level A	Level A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> divalproex sodium sodium valproate topiramate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> metoprolol propranolol timolol 	(None listed)	Frovatriptan [^]
Level B	Level B	Level B	Level B
(None listed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> atenolol nadolol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> amitriptyline venlafaxine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> naratriptan[^] zolmitriptan[^]

Level A = Established efficacy (≥ 2 Class I trials)

Level B = Probably effective (1 Class I or 2 Class II studies)

[^]= for short term prophylaxis of menstrual migraine only

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Review History

Date of Last Annual Review: 3Q2025

Changes from previous policy version:

- Prevention of migraine headaches:
 - **Effective 2/1/2026 and after**, will add requirement to not be used in combination with other cGRP antagonists (Rationale: 2024 AHS guidelines)
 - **Effective 2/1/2026 and after**, will add reauthorization criteria (Rationale: Ensure appropriate use)
 - Removed requirement for prerequisite therapies for prevention of migraines in adults (Rationale: Ensure appropriate use)

Blue Shield of California Medication Policy to Determine Medical Necessity

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Reviewed by P&T Committee