

Keytruda Qlex™ (pembrolizumab and berahyaluronidase alfa-pmph) (Subcutaneous)



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I. Length of Authorization ^Δ 1-3,5,6,15-17,50,51,53,57,62,65,68,69,72,73,75-77,82,85-87,95,101,103,117,118,123,124

- Initial: Prior authorization validity will be provided initially for 6 months, unless otherwise specified.
 - Neoadjuvant therapy in TNBC: Prior authorization validity may be provided for up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) weeks of therapy.*
 - Neoadjuvant therapy of resectable Head and Neck Cancers: Prior authorization validity may be provided for up to a maximum of six (6) weeks of therapy.
 - Neoadjuvant therapy for resectable NSCLC: Prior authorization validity may be provided for up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks of therapy
 - Neoadjuvant therapy for Cutaneous Melanoma: Prior authorization validity may be provided for up to a maximum of nine (9) weeks of therapy (3 doses).
- Renewal: Prior authorization validity may be renewed every 6 months thereafter, unless otherwise specified.
 - Biliary Tract Cancers**, Bladder Cancer/Urothelial Carcinoma (excluding adjuvant therapy), Cervical Cancer, Cutaneous Melanoma (in combination with lenvatinib OR trametinib and dabrafenib), cSCC, Endometrial Carcinoma (Uterine Neoplasms), Esophageal and Esophagogastric/Gastroesophageal Junction Cancer (first-line, induction, or subsequent therapy), Gastric Cancer (first-line therapy), HCC, MCC, MSI-H/dMMR Cancer**, NSCLC (first-line or subsequent therapy), RCC (first-line or subsequent therapy), Head and Neck Cancers (excluding use as neoadjuvant or adjuvant treatment), Thymic Carcinoma, Thyroid Carcinoma, TMB-H Cancer, TNBC (recurrent unresectable or metastatic disease), and Pleural Mesothelioma: Prior authorization validity may be renewed up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) months of therapy.*

- Neoadjuvant therapy for all the following: TNBC, resectable NSCLC, Biliary Tract Cancer (MSI-H/dMMR Gallbladder Cancer), and resectable Head and Neck Cancer: Prior authorization validity may not be renewed.
- Therapy for MSI-H/dMMR Esophageal, Esophagogastric/Gastroesophageal Junction, and Gastric Cancer: Prior authorization validity may be renewed for a maximum of 48 weeks (16 doses) of postoperative therapy after surgery.
- Adjuvant therapy of resected NSCLC, Bladder/Urothelial Cancer, RCC, Head and Neck Cancer, and Cutaneous Melanoma (*if no previous neoadjuvant pembrolizumab was used*): Prior authorization validity may be renewed up to a maximum of twelve (12) months of therapy.*
- Adjuvant therapy (following neoadjuvant therapy) for resectable NSCLC: Prior authorization validity may be renewed for up to a maximum of thirty-nine (39) weeks of adjuvant therapy.*
- Adjuvant therapy for Cutaneous Melanoma (following neoadjuvant treatment): Prior authorization validity may be renewed for up to a maximum of 8 weeks of neoadjuvant therapy (3 doses), followed by a maximum of 44 weeks (15 doses) of adjuvant therapy.
- Adjuvant therapy in TNBC: Prior authorization validity may be renewed up to a maximum of twenty-seven (27) weeks of therapy.*

****Excluding post-operative therapy for MSI-H/dMMR Esophageal, Esophagogastric/Gastroesophageal Junction, & Gastric Cancer, and Neoadjuvant therapy for Biliary Tract Cancer (MSI-H/dMMR Gallbladder cancer)**

*Note: The maximum number of doses is dependent on the dosing frequency and duration of therapy. Refer to Section V for exact dosage.		
Dosing Frequency	Maximum length of therapy	Maximum number of doses
3 weeks	24 weeks	8 doses
	27 weeks	9 doses
	1 year	18 doses
	2 years	35 doses
6 weeks	24 weeks	4 doses
	27 weeks	5 doses
	1 year	9 doses
	2 years	18 doses

II. Dosing Limits

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

- 790 billable units every 6 weeks

III. Initial Approval Criteria ^{1,2}

Prior authorization validity is provided in the following conditions:

- Patient is at least 18 years of age, unless otherwise specified; **AND**

Universal Criteria

- Patient has not received previous therapy with a programmed death (PD-1/PD-L1)-directed therapy unless otherwise specified ^Δ (*Note: Not applicable when used as switch-therapy from intravenous pembrolizumab*); **AND**
- Therapy will not be used concomitantly with intravenous pembrolizumab; **AND**
- Therapy will not be used concurrently with intravenous chemotherapy agents (*not applicable when used for FDA approved combination therapy indicated with †*); **AND**
- Intravenous pembrolizumab must be used for patients weighing <55 kg; **AND**

Substitution/Switch-Therapy for Intravenous Pembrolizumab ‡ ^{2,4,5,8-12,15-17,22-29,31,32,35-46,51-53,54-58,62,63,65-70,72-77,80,83-95,98,100,101,103-115,124,125,128,129}

- Used as substitution for OR switch-therapy from intravenous pembrolizumab; **AND**
 - Patient has previously met criteria for use of intravenous pembrolizumab [*see Keytruda IV-E policy Document Number: IC-0523, as applicable*]; **AND**
 - Patient has been receiving treatment with intravenous pembrolizumab and has shown a beneficial disease response and absence of unacceptable toxicity while on therapy; **OR**
 - Patient currently meets criteria for use of intravenous pembrolizumab [*see Keytruda IV-E policy Document Number: IC-0523, as applicable*]; **AND**
- Patient has any of the following indications for treatment (*may not be all inclusive*):
 - Urothelial Carcinoma (Bladder Cancer)
 - Triple-Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC)
 - Cervical Cancer
 - Esophageal Cancer and Esophagogastric/Gastroesophageal Junction Cancer
 - Head and Neck Cancers
 - Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC)
 - Renal Cell Carcinoma (RCC)
 - Cutaneous Melanoma
 - Merkel Cell Carcinoma (MCC) (≥ 12 years of age)

- Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)
- Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma (cSCC)
- Thymic Carcinoma
- Thyroid Carcinoma
- Endometrial Carcinoma (Uterine Neoplasms)
- Microsatellite Instability-High (MSI-H) or Mismatch Repair Deficient (dMMR) Cancer (≥ 12 years of age)
- Tumor Mutational Burden-High (TMB-H) Cancer (≥ 12 years of age)

Biliary Tract Cancers (Gallbladder Cancer or Intra-/Extra-Hepatic Cholangiocarcinoma) † Φ
1,2,94,187e

- Used in combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin; **AND**
- Patient has locally advanced unresectable or metastatic disease; **AND**
- Used as primary treatment

Urothelial Carcinoma (Bladder Cancer) † 1,2,8,10,35-37,88,93,99,111,192e

- Used in combination with enfortumab vedotin; **AND**
 - Used as first-line therapy; **AND**
 - Patient has locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma; **OR**
- Used as a single agent; **AND**
 - Patient has Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG)-unresponsive**, high-risk, non-muscle invasive bladder cancer (NMIBC) defined as one of the following:
 - Persistent disease despite adequate BCG therapy
 - Disease recurrence after an initial tumor free state following an adequate BCG course of therapy
 - T1 disease following a single induction course of BCG therapy; **AND**
 - Patient has carcinoma in situ (CIS); **AND**
 - Patient is ineligible for or has elected not to undergo cystectomy; **OR**
 - Patient has locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma; **AND**
 - Used for disease that progressed during or following platinum-containing chemotherapy*; **OR**
 - Used as first-line therapy in patients not eligible for any platinum-containing chemotherapy (i.e., both cisplatin and carboplatin-ineligible*)

* **Note:** 10,71,79

– If patient was progression free for > 12 months after platinum therapy, consider re-treatment with platinum-based therapy if the patient is still platinum eligible (see below for cisplatin- or platinum-ineligible comorbidities).

- Cisplatin-ineligible comorbidities may include the following: CrCl < 60 mL/min, ECOG PS ≥ 2 or KPS ≤ 70%, hearing loss of ≥ 25 decibels (dB) at two contiguous frequencies, grade ≥ 2 peripheral neuropathy, or NYHA Heart Failure class ≥ 3. Carboplatin may be substituted for cisplatin in the metastatic setting for cisplatin-ineligible patients such as those with a GFR less than 60 mL/min.
- Platinum-ineligible comorbidities may include the following: CrCl < 30 mL/min, ECOG PS ≥ 3, grade ≥ 2 peripheral neuropathy, or NYHA Heart Failure class > 3, etc.

** Adequate BCG therapy is defined as administration of at least five of six doses of an initial induction course AND at least two of three doses of maintenance therapy or at least two of six doses of a second induction course.

Triple-Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC) † Ψ 1,2,69

- Used as first-line therapy for locally recurrent unresectable or metastatic disease; **AND**
 - Used in combination with albumin-bound paclitaxel, paclitaxel, OR gemcitabine with carboplatin; **AND**
 - Tumor expresses PD-L1 (combined positive score [CPS] ≥10) as determined by an FDA-approved or CLIA-compliant test❖; **OR**
- Patient has high-risk early-stage disease; **AND**
 - Used as neoadjuvant/preoperative therapy in combination with carboplatin and docetaxel; **AND**
 - Use of pembrolizumab is restricted to patients with a contraindication or intolerance to a neoadjuvant/preoperative regimen including doxorubicin and/or cyclophosphamide; **OR**
 - Used as adjuvant therapy as a single agent* following use as neoadjuvant/preoperative therapy in combination with chemotherapy

*There are no data on sequencing or combining adjuvant pembrolizumab with capecitabine or olaparib in patients who meet criteria for treatment with one or more of these agents. However, their sequential/combined use may be considered given high-risk of recurrence in patients with residual disease

Cervical Cancer † 1,2,42,70,100

- Patient has FIGO 2014 Stage III-IVA disease*; **AND**
 - Used in combination with platinum-containing chemoradiotherapy (CRT); **OR**
- Tumor expresses PD-L1 (CPS ≥1) as determined by an FDA-approved or CLIA-compliant test❖; **AND**

- Used as a single agent; **AND**
 - Used as subsequent therapy for recurrent or metastatic disease; **OR**
- Used in combination with cisplatin or carboplatin AND paclitaxel (with or without bevacizumab)[^]; **AND**
 - Patient has persistent, recurrent, or metastatic disease; **AND**
 - Disease is not amenable to curative treatment (i.e., surgery and/or radiation); **AND**
 - Used as first-line therapy

**FIGO 2014 Stage III-IVA disease is locally advanced cervical cancer involving the lower third of the vagina, with or without extension to pelvic sidewall, or hydronephrosis/non-functioning kidney, or spread to adjacent pelvic organs*

[^]*Pembrolizumab may be continued as maintenance therapy*

Esophageal Cancer and Esophagogastric/Gastroesophageal Junction Cancer † Φ ^{1,2,39-41,66,67,95,98,101}

- Patient has locally advanced unresectable or metastatic disease; **AND**
 - Used as first-line therapy and tumor expresses PD-L1 (CPS ≥ 1) as determined by an FDA-approved or CLIA compliant test[❖]; **AND**
 - Patient has HER2-positive adenocarcinoma; **AND**
 - Used in combination with trastuzumab AND fluorouracil or capecitabine AND oxaliplatin or cisplatin; **OR**
 - Patient has HER2-negative adenocarcinoma; **AND**
 - Used in combination with oxaliplatin or cisplatin AND either fluorouracil or capecitabine; **OR**
 - Patient has squamous cell carcinoma; **AND**
 - Used in combination with oxaliplatin or cisplatin AND either fluorouracil or capecitabine; **OR**
 - Used as subsequent therapy; **AND**
 - Used as a single agent; **AND**
 - Patient has squamous cell carcinoma; **AND**
 - Tumor expresses PD-L1 (CPS ≥ 10) as determined by an FDA-approved or CLIA compliant test[❖]; **AND**
 - Patients with HER2-positive disease must have previously received HER2-directed therapy (e.g., trastuzumab, etc.), unless contraindicated

Gastric Cancer † Φ ^{1,2,39,67,95,98,103}

- Patient has locally advanced unresectable or metastatic disease; **AND**
- Tumor expresses PD-L1 (CPS \geq 1) as determined by an FDA-approved or CLIA compliant test❖; **AND**
- Used as first-line therapy; **AND**
 - Patient has HER2-positive adenocarcinoma; **AND**
 - Used in combination with trastuzumab AND fluorouracil or capecitabine AND oxaliplatin or cisplatin; **OR**
 - Patient has HER2-negative adenocarcinoma; **AND**
 - Used in combination with oxaliplatin or cisplatin AND either fluorouracil or capecitabine

Head and Neck Cancers † ^{1,2,31,32,106,125,129,42e,188e}

- Patient has unresectable, recurrent, or metastatic squamous cell carcinoma; **AND**
- Patient has NON-nasopharyngeal cancer; **AND**
 - Used in combination with carboplatin or cisplatin AND fluorouracil; **AND**
 - Used as first line therapy; **OR**
 - Used as a single agent; **AND**
 - Tumor expresses PD-L1 (CPS \geq 1) as determined by an FDA-approved or CLIA-compliant test❖; **AND**
 - Used as first-line therapy †; **OR**
 - Used as subsequent therapy for disease that has progressed on or after platinum-containing chemotherapy

Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC) † Φ ^{1,2,43,107}

- Used as a single agent; **AND**
- Patient does not have Child-Turcotte-Pugh (CTP) Class C liver disease; **AND**
- Disease is secondary to hepatitis B; **AND**
- Patient has received prior systemic therapy other than a PD-1/PD-L1- containing regimen

Renal Cell Carcinoma (RCC) † ^{1,2,45,74-76,281e,289e,290e}

- Patient has clear cell histology; **AND**
 - Used in combination with axitinib; **AND**
 - Used as first-line therapy for advanced disease; **AND**

- Use of pembrolizumab will be restricted to patients with a contraindication or intolerance to pembrolizumab/lenvatinib; **OR**

- Used in combination with lenvatinib; **AND**
 - Used as first-line therapy for advanced disease; **OR**
- Used as a single agent; **AND**
 - Used as adjuvant therapy; **AND**
 - Patient has intermediate-high or high risk of recurrence following nephrectomy; **OR**
 - Patient has undergone nephrectomy and resection of metastatic lesions; **OR**
- Patient has non-clear cell histology; **AND**
 - Used in combination with lenvatinib; **AND**
 - Used as first line therapy for advanced disease

Pleural Mesothelioma (PM) †^{1,2}

- Used in combination with pemetrexed and **AND** either cisplatin or carboplatin; **AND**
- Used as first line therapy for unresectable advanced or metastatic disease

Cutaneous Melanoma † Φ^{1,2,22-24,65,68,87,112,15e}

- Used as a single agent for unresectable or metastatic* disease; **OR**
- Used as a single agent for adjuvant treatment; **AND**
 - Patient has stage IIB, IIC, or III melanoma following complete resection; **AND**
 - Patient is at least 12 years of age

**Metastatic disease includes stage III unresectable/borderline resectable disease with clinically positive node(s) or clinical satellite/in-transit metastases, as well as unresectable local satellite/in-transit recurrence, unresectable nodal recurrence, and widely disseminated distant metastatic disease.*

Merkel Cell Carcinoma (MCC) † Φ^{1,2,9,44,22e}

- Patient is at least 12 years of age; **AND**
- Used as a single agent; **AND**
- Used as first-line therapy; **AND**
- Used for one of the following:
 - Patient has recurrent locally advanced disease; **AND**
 - Both curative surgery and curative radiation therapy are not feasible; **OR**
 - Patient has M1 disseminated disease; **AND**

- Use of pembrolizumab will be restricted to patients with a contraindication or intolerance to retifanlimab

Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) † 1,2,11,25-29,84,120e,133e,136e,196e

- Used for stage III disease; **AND**
 - Used as first-line therapy as a single-agent in patients who are not candidates for surgical resection or definitive chemoradiation; **AND**
 - Used in patients with tumors expressing PD-L1 (TPS \geq 1%) as determined by an FDA-approved or CLIA compliant test❖ and with no EGFR or ALK genomic tumor aberrations; **AND**

PD-L1 expression \geq 50%:

- Use of pembrolizumab will be restricted to patients with a contraindication or intolerance to cemiplimab; **OR**

- Used as neoadjuvant therapy; **AND**
 - Patient has resectable disease (tumors \geq 4 cm or node positive); **AND**
 - Used in combination with platinum-containing chemotherapy and then continued as a single agent as adjuvant treatment after surgery; **OR**
- Used as adjuvant therapy; **AND**
 - Used as a single agent; **AND**
 - Used following resection and previous adjuvant platinum-based chemotherapy; **AND**
 - Patient has stage IB (T2a \geq 4 cm), II, or IIIA disease; **OR**
- Used for metastatic disease; **AND**
 - Used as first-line therapy; **AND**
 - Used in combination with pemetrexed AND either carboplatin or cisplatin for non-squamous cell histology with no EGFR or ALK genomic tumor aberrations; **AND**
 - Use of pembrolizumab will be restricted to patients with a contraindication or intolerance to cemiplimab/pemetrexed/(carboplatin or cisplatin); **OR**
 - Used in combination with carboplatin AND either paclitaxel or albumin-bound paclitaxel for squamous cell histology; **AND**
 - Use of pembrolizumab will be restricted to patients with a contraindication or intolerance to cemiplimab/paclitaxel/(carboplatin or cisplatin); **OR**
 - Used as a single agent; **AND**

- Used in patients with tumors expressing PD-L1 (TPS ≥1%) as determined by an FDA-approved or CLIA compliant test❖; **AND**
- Patient has no EGFR or ALK genomic tumor aberrations; **AND**

PD-L1 expression ≥50%:

- Use of pembrolizumab will be restricted to patients with a contraindication or intolerance to cemiplimab; **OR**

- Used as subsequent therapy as a single agent; **AND**
 - Used in patients with tumors expressing PD-L1 (TPS ≥1%) as determined by an FDA-approved or CLIA compliant test❖; **AND**
 - Patient has disease progression on or after platinum-containing chemotherapy (*Note: Patients with EGFR or ALK genomic tumor aberrations should have disease progression on FDA-approved therapy for these aberrations§*)

§ Genomic Aberration/Mutational Driver Targeted Therapies: Refer to guidelines for appropriate use.

Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma (cSCC) †^{1,2,58,125e}

- Used as a single agent; **AND**
- Patient has locally advanced or metastatic disease that is not curable by surgery or radiation; **AND**

- Use of pembrolizumab will be restricted to patients with a contraindication or intolerance to cemiplimab

Endometrial Carcinoma (Uterine Neoplasms) †^{1,2,46,80,91,255e}

- Used in combination with lenvatinib; **AND**
 - Disease is mismatch repair proficient (pMMR) or NOT microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) as determined by an FDA-approved or CLIA-compliant test❖; **AND**
 - Used as subsequent therapy for advanced disease; **AND**
 - Patient has disease progression following prior platinum-based therapy in any setting and are not candidates for curative surgery or radiation; **OR**
- Used in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel, followed by single agent maintenance therapy; **AND**
 - Used for primary advanced disease (*excluding use in patients with carcinosarcoma*); **AND**
 - Patient has Stage III or IV disease❖; **AND**

Patients with dMMR tumors ONLY:

▪ Use of pembrolizumab will be restricted to patients with a contraindication or intolerance to durvalumab/carboplatin/paclitaxel; **OR**

- Used for recurrent disease (*excluding use in patients with carcinosarcoma*); **AND**
 - Used as first-line therapy; **AND**

Patients with dMMR tumors ONLY:

▪ Use of pembrolizumab will be restricted to patients with a contraindication or intolerance to durvalumab/carboplatin/paclitaxel; **OR**

- Used as a single agent as maintenance therapy following treatment with pembrolizumab in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel

♦*Note: For patients not meeting the eligibility criteria for NRG-GY018, carboplatin/paclitaxel + pembrolizumab should be considered for stage III-IV dMMR tumors.*

Microsatellite Instability-High (MSI-H) or Mismatch Repair Deficient (dMMR) Cancer † ‡

1,2,4,38,51,110,113-115

- Patient has microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or mismatch repair deficient (dMMR), as determined by an FDA-approved or CLIA compliant test ♦; **AND**
- Used as a single agent; **AND**
 - Patient has unresectable or metastatic solid tumors; **AND**
 - Used for disease progression following prior treatment; **AND**
 - Patient has Colorectal Cancer and was previously treated with a fluoropyrimidine AND either oxaliplatin or irinotecan, unless contraindicated; **OR**
 - Patient has no satisfactory alternative treatment options; **AND**
 - Patient is at least 12 years of age; **OR**
 - Used as initial therapy for unresectable or metastatic colorectal cancer

Tumor Mutational Burden-High (TMB-H) Cancer † ^{1,2}

- Patient is at least 12 years of age; **AND**
- Patient has tumor mutational burden-high (TMB-H) [≥ 10 mutations/megabase (mut/Mb)] disease, as determined by an FDA-approved or CLIA-compliant test ♦; **AND**
- Used as a single agent; **AND**
- Pediatric patients must not have a diagnosis of TMB-H central nervous system cancer; **AND**
- Patient has unresectable or metastatic solid tumors; **AND**
- Used for disease progression following prior treatment and patient has no satisfactory alternative treatment options

Ψ ER Scoring Interpretation (following ER testing by validated IHC assay) ¹¹⁶	
Results	Interpretation
– 0% – <1% of nuclei stain	– ER-negative
– 1%–10% of nuclei stain	– ER-low–positive*
– >10% of nuclei stain	– ER-positive

**Note: Invasive cancers with between 1%–10% ER positivity are considered ER-low–positive. However, this group is noted to be heterogeneous and the biologic behavior of ER-low–positive cancers may be more similar to ER-negative cancers. This should be considered in decision making for other adjuvant therapy and overall treatment pathway.*

Preferred therapies and recommendations are determined by review of clinical evidence. NCCN category of recommendation is taken into account as a component of this review. Regimens deemed equally efficacious (i.e., those having the same NCCN categorization) are considered to be therapeutically equivalent.

Enhanced Oncology Value (EOV) Program – Redacted indications

Uses not listed above have inadequate data to support efficacy and are excluded from prior authorization validity.

Other treatment options including, but are not limited to, the following may be appropriate: radiation therapy, surgery, traditional chemotherapy (e.g., platinum, taxane), compassionate use/expanded access programs, clinical trials, supportive care, integrative and complementary therapies.

❖ If confirmed using an FDA approved assay – <http://www.fda.gov/companiondiagnostics>

† FDA Approved Indication(s); ‡ Compendia Recommended Indication(s); Φ Orphan Drug

IV. Renewal Criteria ^{Δ 1-3,5,6,15-17,50,51,53,57,62,65,68,69,70,72,73,75-77,82,85-87,95,101,103,109,112,117-124}

Prior authorization validity can be renewed based upon the following criteria:

- Patient continues to meet universal and other indication-specific relevant criteria such as concomitant therapy requirements (not including prerequisite therapy), performance status, etc. identified in section III; **AND**
- Duration of authorization has not been exceeded (*refer to Section I*); **AND**
- Disease response with treatment as defined by stabilization of disease or decrease in size of tumor or tumor spread; **AND**

- Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include: immune-mediated adverse reactions (e.g., pneumonitis, hepatitis, colitis, endocrinopathies, nephritis/renal dysfunction, rash/dermatitis [including Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS), drug rash with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS), and toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN)], myocarditis, pericarditis, vasculitis, solid organ transplant rejection, etc.), severe infusion-related reactions, complications of allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT), etc.

Δ Notes:

- Patients responding to therapy who relapse \geq 6 months after discontinuation due to duration (i.e., receipt of 24 months of therapy) are eligible to re-initiate PD-directed therapy.
- Patients previously presenting with aggressive disease who are exhibiting stable disease on treatment as their best response (or if therapy improved performance status) may be eligible for continued therapy beyond the 24-month limit without interruption or discontinuation.
- Patients who complete adjuvant therapy and progress \geq 6 months after discontinuation are eligible to re-initiate PD-directed therapy for metastatic disease.
- Patients whose tumors, upon re-biopsy, demonstrate a change in actionable mutation (e.g., MSS initial biopsy; MSI-H subsequent biopsy) may be eligible to re-initiate PD-directed therapy and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

V. Dosage/Administration ^{Δ 1-6,8,12,13,15-17,22-48,50-57,62,65,68,70,72,73,75-77,82,83,85-87,91,92,95,101,103-106,109,112,117-124,126-129,15e}

Indication	Dose
Bladder Cancer/Urothelial Carcinoma	<p><u>Adjuvant treatment:</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks for up to a maximum of 12 months of therapy in patients without disease progression or unacceptable toxicity</p> <p><u>Single agent:</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months</p> <p><u>Locally Advanced or Metastatic disease: †</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks with enfortumab vedotin until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months</p>
Head and Neck Cancers	<p><u>Neoadjuvant therapy for resectable disease:</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks up to a maximum of 6 weeks in patients without disease progression or unacceptable toxicity</p>

	<p><u>Adjuvant treatment for resectable disease (single agent):</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 every 6 weeks up to a maximum of 12 months in patients without disease progression or unacceptable toxicity</p> <p><u>First-line therapy: †</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks with carboplatin or cisplatin AND fluorouracil, until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months</p> <p><u>All other treatment settings:</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 every 6 weeks until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months</p>
Cervical Cancer	<p><u>Single agent:</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months</p> <p><u>All other treatment settings: †</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks with chemoradiotherapy or chemotherapy with or without bevacizumab, until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months</p>
Biliary Tract Cancers	<p><u>Neoadjuvant as a single agent (MSI-H/dMMR Gallbladder Cancer only):</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks up to a maximum of 6 months in patients without disease progression or unacceptable toxicity</p> <p><u>Unresectable or Metastatic disease: †</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks with gemcitabine and cisplatin until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months</p>
Endometrial Carcinoma/Uterine Neoplasms	<p><u>Primary advanced or recurrent disease: †</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks with carboplatin and paclitaxel followed by single agent maintenance, until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months</p> <p><u>First-line or subsequent therapy with lenvatinib:</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months</p> <p><u>Single agent:</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months</p>

<p>Esophageal and Esophagogastric/Gastroesophageal Junction Cancer</p>	<p><u>First-line therapy: †</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks with fluoropyrimidine- and platinum-containing chemotherapy and trastuzumab for HER2 positive disease, until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months</p> <p><u>Single agent (Induction OR Subsequent therapy for squamous cell carcinoma):</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months</p> <p><u>Neoadjuvant therapy as a single agent (MSI-H/dMMR disease ONLY):</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks for at least 12 weeks, followed by surgery and then post-operative therapy (See below)</p> <p><u>Post-operative therapy as a single agent (MSI-H/dMMR disease ONLY):</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks for 48 weeks (16 cycles)</p>
<p>Gastric Cancer</p>	<p><u>First-line therapy (HER2 positive/negative adenocarcinoma): †</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks with fluoropyrimidine- and platinum-containing chemotherapy and trastuzumab for HER2 positive disease, until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months</p> <p><u>Neoadjuvant therapy as a single agent (MSI-H/dMMR disease ONLY):</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks for at least 12 weeks, followed by surgery and then post-operative therapy (See below)</p> <p><u>Post-operative therapy as a single agent (MSI-H/dMMR disease ONLY):</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks for 48 weeks (16 cycles)</p>

NSCLC	<p><u>Neoadjuvant and adjuvant treatment of resectable NSCLC: †</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neoadjuvant therapy: 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 every 6 weeks in combination with chemotherapy for 12 weeks or until disease progression that precludes definitive surgery or unacceptable toxicity • Adjuvant therapy: 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 every 6 weeks as a single agent after surgery for 39 weeks or until disease recurrence or unacceptable toxicity <p><u>Adjuvant treatment of resected NSCLC:</u></p> <p>395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 every 6 weeks up to a maximum of 12 months in patients without disease recurrence or unacceptable toxicity</p> <p><u>First-line therapy (metastatic squamous or nonsquamous disease): †</u></p> <p>395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks with histology based chemotherapy, until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months</p> <p><u>All other settings as a single agent:</u></p> <p>395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months</p>
RCC	<p><u>First-line therapy:</u></p> <p>395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks with chemotherapy until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months</p> <p><u>Adjuvant therapy:</u></p> <p>395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks up to a maximum of 12 months in patients without disease recurrence or unacceptable toxicity</p>
TNBC	<p><u>Recurrent unresectable or metastatic disease: †</u></p> <p>395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks with chemotherapy until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months</p> <p><u>Neoadjuvant therapy: †</u></p> <p>395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks up to a maximum of 24 weeks in patients without disease progression or unacceptable toxicity (up to 8 doses of 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 4 doses of 790 mg/9,600 every 6 weeks)</p> <p><u>Adjuvant therapy*:</u></p>

	<p>395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks up to a maximum of 27 weeks in patients without disease recurrence or unacceptable toxicity (up to 9 doses of 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 5 doses of 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks)</p> <p><i>* Patients who experience disease progression or unacceptable toxicity related to KEYTRUDA with neoadjuvant treatment in combination with chemotherapy should not receive adjuvant single agent KEYTRUDA.</i></p>
Cutaneous Melanoma	<p><u>Single-agent therapy (excluding neoadjuvant and adjuvant treatment):</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity</p> <p><u>In combination with lenvatinib OR trametinib and dabrafenib:</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months</p> <p><u>Neoadjuvant and adjuvant treatment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks for 3 doses in the neoadjuvant setting, followed by surgery and then adjuvant treatment (see below) • 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks for 15 doses in the adjuvant setting in patients without disease progression or unacceptable toxicity <p><u>Adjuvant treatment (if no neoadjuvant pembrolizumab was used):</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks up to a maximum of 12 months in patients without disease recurrence or unacceptable toxicity</p>
Pleural Mesothelioma	<p><u>First-line therapy: †</u> 395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 units every 6 weeks with pemetrexed and platinum chemotherapy until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months</p>
All other indications	395 mg/4,800 units every 3 weeks or 790 mg/9,600 every 6 weeks until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity for up to 24 months

VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

HCPCS Code:

- J9277 – Injection, pembrolizumab, 1 mg and berahyaluronidase alfa-pmph; 1 billable unit = 1 mg (Effective 04/01/2026)
- J9999 – Not otherwise classified, antineoplastic drugs (Discontinue use on 04/01/2026)

NDC(s):

- Keytruda Qlex single-dose vial providing 395 mg pembrolizumab and 4,000 units berahyaluronidase alfa per 2.4 mL (165 mg/2,000 units per mL): 00006-3083-xx
- Keytruda Qlex single-dose vial providing 790 mg pembrolizumab and 9,600 units berahyaluronidase alfa per 2.4 mL (165 mg/2,000 units per mL): 00006-5083-xx

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Appendix A – Non-Quantitative Treatment Limitations (NQL) Factor Checklist

Non-quantitative treatment limitations (NQLs) refer to the methods, guidelines, standards of evidence, or other conditions that can restrict how long or to what extent benefits are provided under a health plan. These may include things like utilization review or prior authorization. The utilization management NQL applies comparably, and not more stringently, to mental health/substance use disorder (MH/SUD) Medical Benefit Prescription Drugs and medical/surgical (M/S) Medical Benefit Prescription Drugs. The table below lists the factors that were considered in designing and applying prior authorization to this drug/drug group, and a summary of the conclusions that Prime’s assessment led to for each.

Factor	Conclusion
Indication	Yes: Consider for PA
Safety and efficacy	No: PA not a priority
Potential for misuse/abuse	No: PA not a priority
Cost of drug	Yes: Consider for PA

Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C00.0	Malignant neoplasm of external upper lip
C00.1	Malignant neoplasm of external lower lip
C00.2	Malignant neoplasm of external lip, unspecified
C00.3	Malignant neoplasm of upper lip, inner aspect
C00.4	Malignant neoplasm of lower lip, inner aspect
C00.5	Malignant neoplasm of lip, unspecified, inner aspect
C00.6	Malignant neoplasm of commissure of lip, unspecified
C00.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of lip
C00.9	Malignant neoplasm of lip, unspecified

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C01	Malignant neoplasm of base of tongue
C02.0	Malignant neoplasm of dorsal surface of tongue
C02.1	Malignant neoplasm of border of tongue
C02.2	Malignant neoplasm of ventral surface of tongue
C02.3	Malignant neoplasm of anterior two-thirds of tongue, part unspecified
C02.4	Malignant neoplasm of lingual tonsil
C02.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of tongue
C02.9	Malignant neoplasm of tongue, unspecified
C03.0	Malignant neoplasm of upper gum
C03.1	Malignant neoplasm of lower gum
C03.9	Malignant neoplasm of gum, unspecified
C04.0	Malignant neoplasm of anterior floor of mouth
C04.1	Malignant neoplasm of lateral floor of mouth
C04.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of floor of mouth
C04.9	Malignant neoplasm of floor of mouth, unspecified
C05.0	Malignant neoplasm of hard palate
C05.1	Malignant neoplasm of soft palate
C05.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of palate
C05.9	Malignant neoplasm of palate, unspecified
C06.0	Malignant neoplasm of cheek mucosa
C06.2	Malignant neoplasm of retromolar area
C06.80	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of unspecified parts of mouth
C06.89	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of other parts of mouth
C06.9	Malignant neoplasm of mouth, unspecified
C07	Malignant neoplasm of parotid gland
C08.0	Malignant neoplasm of submandibular gland
C08.1	Malignant neoplasm of sublingual gland
C08.9	Malignant neoplasm of major salivary gland, unspecified
C09.0	Malignant neoplasm of tonsillar fossa
C09.1	Malignant neoplasm of tonsillar pillar (anterior) (posterior)
C09.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of tonsil
C09.9	Malignant neoplasm of tonsil, unspecified
C10.0	Malignant neoplasm of vallecula

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ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C10.1	Malignant neoplasm of anterior surface of epiglottis
C10.2	Malignant neoplasm of lateral wall of oropharynx
C10.3	Malignant neoplasm of posterior wall of oropharynx
C10.4	Malignant neoplasm of branchial cleft
C10.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of oropharynx
C10.9	Malignant neoplasm of oropharynx, unspecified
C11.0	Malignant neoplasm of superior wall of nasopharynx
C11.1	Malignant neoplasm of posterior wall of nasopharynx
C11.2	Malignant neoplasm of lateral wall of nasopharynx
C11.3	Malignant neoplasm of anterior wall of nasopharynx
C11.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of nasopharynx
C11.9	Malignant neoplasm of nasopharynx, unspecified
C12	Malignant neoplasm of pyriform sinus
C13.0	Malignant neoplasm of postcricoid region
C13.1	Malignant neoplasm of aryepiglottic fold, hypopharyngeal aspect
C13.2	Malignant neoplasm of posterior wall of hypopharynx
C13.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of hypopharynx
C13.9	Malignant neoplasm of hypopharynx, unspecified
C14.0	Malignant neoplasm of pharynx, unspecified
C14.2	Malignant neoplasm of Waldeyer's ring
C14.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of lip, oral cavity and pharynx
C15.3	Malignant neoplasm of upper third of esophagus
C15.4	Malignant neoplasm of middle third of esophagus
C15.5	Malignant neoplasm of lower third of esophagus
C15.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of esophagus
C15.9	Malignant neoplasm of esophagus, unspecified
C16.0	Malignant neoplasm of cardia
C16.1	Malignant neoplasm of fundus of stomach
C16.2	Malignant neoplasm of body of stomach
C16.3	Malignant neoplasm of pyloric antrum
C16.4	Malignant neoplasm of pylorus
C16.5	Malignant neoplasm of lesser curvature of stomach, unspecified
C16.6	Malignant neoplasm of greater curvature of stomach, unspecified

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ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C16.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of stomach
C16.9	Malignant neoplasm of stomach, unspecified
C17.0	Malignant neoplasm of duodenum
C17.1	Malignant neoplasm of jejunum
C17.2	Malignant neoplasm of ileum
C17.3	Meckel's diverticulum, malignant
C17.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of small intestine
C17.9	Malignant neoplasm of small intestine, unspecified
C18.0	Malignant neoplasm of cecum
C18.1	Malignant neoplasm of appendix
C18.2	Malignant neoplasm of ascending colon
C18.3	Malignant neoplasm of hepatic flexure
C18.4	Malignant neoplasm of transverse colon
C18.5	Malignant neoplasm of splenic flexure
C18.6	Malignant neoplasm of descending colon
C18.7	Malignant neoplasm of sigmoid colon
C18.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of colon
C18.9	Malignant neoplasm of colon, unspecified
C19	Malignant neoplasm of rectosigmoid junction
C20	Malignant neoplasm of rectum
C22.0	Liver cell carcinoma
C22.1	Intrahepatic bile duct carcinoma
C22.8	Malignant neoplasm of liver, primary, unspecified as to type
C22.9	Malignant neoplasm of liver, not specified as primary or secondary
C23	Malignant neoplasm of gallbladder
C24.0	Malignant neoplasm of extrahepatic bile duct
C24.1	Malignant neoplasm of ampulla of Vater
C24.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of biliary tract
C24.9	Malignant neoplasm of biliary tract, unspecified
C25.0	Malignant neoplasm of head of pancreas
C25.1	Malignant neoplasm of body of the pancreas
C25.2	Malignant neoplasm of tail of pancreas
C25.3	Malignant neoplasm of pancreatic duct

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ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C25.7	Malignant neoplasm of other parts of pancreas
C25.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of pancreas
C25.9	Malignant neoplasm of pancreas, unspecified
C30.0	Malignant neoplasm of nasal cavity
C31.0	Malignant neoplasm of maxillary sinus
C31.1	Malignant neoplasm of ethmoidal sinus
C32.0	Malignant neoplasm of glottis
C32.1	Malignant neoplasm of supraglottis
C32.2	Malignant neoplasm of subglottis
C32.3	Malignant neoplasm of laryngeal cartilage
C32.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of larynx
C32.9	Malignant neoplasm of larynx, unspecified
C33	Malignant neoplasm of trachea
C34.00	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified main bronchus
C34.01	Malignant neoplasm of right main bronchus
C34.02	Malignant neoplasm of left main bronchus
C34.10	Malignant neoplasm of upper lobe, unspecified bronchus or lung
C34.11	Malignant neoplasm of upper lobe, right bronchus or lung
C34.12	Malignant neoplasm of upper lobe, left bronchus or lung
C34.2	Malignant neoplasm of middle lobe, bronchus or lung
C34.30	Malignant neoplasm of lower lobe, unspecified bronchus or lung
C34.31	Malignant neoplasm of lower lobe, right bronchus or lung
C34.32	Malignant neoplasm of lower lobe, left bronchus or lung
C34.80	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of unspecified bronchus and lung
C34.81	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of right bronchus and lung
C34.82	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of left bronchus and lung
C34.90	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified part of unspecified bronchus or lung
C34.91	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified part of right bronchus or lung
C34.92	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified part of left bronchus or lung
C37	Malignant neoplasm of thymus
C40.00	Malignant neoplasm of scapula and long bones of unspecified upper limb
C40.01	Malignant neoplasm of scapula and long bones of right upper limb
C40.02	Malignant neoplasm of scapula and long bones of left upper limb

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ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C40.10	Malignant neoplasm of short bones of unspecified upper limb
C40.11	Malignant neoplasm of short bones of right upper limb
C40.12	Malignant neoplasm of short bones of left upper limb
C40.20	Malignant neoplasm of long bones of unspecified lower limb
C40.21	Malignant neoplasm of long bones of right lower limb
C40.22	Malignant neoplasm of long bones of left lower limb
C40.30	Malignant neoplasm of short bones of unspecified lower limb
C40.31	Malignant neoplasm of short bones of right lower limb
C40.32	Malignant neoplasm of short bones of left lower limb
C40.80	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of bone and articular cartilage of unspecified limb
C40.81	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of bone and articular cartilage of right limb
C40.82	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of bone and articular cartilage of left limb
C40.90	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified bones and articular cartilage of unspecified limb
C40.91	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified bones and articular cartilage of right limb
C40.92	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified bones and articular cartilage of left limb
C41.0	Malignant neoplasm of bones of skull and face
C41.1	Malignant neoplasm of mandible
C41.2	Malignant neoplasm of vertebral column
C41.3	Malignant neoplasm of ribs, sternum and clavicle
C41.4	Malignant neoplasm of pelvic bones, sacrum and coccyx
C41.9	Malignant neoplasm of bone and articular cartilage, unspecified
C43.0	Malignant melanoma of lip
C43.111	Malignant melanoma of right upper eyelid, including canthus
C43.112	Malignant melanoma of right lower eyelid, including canthus
C43.121	Malignant melanoma of left upper eyelid, including canthus
C43.122	Malignant melanoma of left lower eyelid, including canthus
C43.20	Malignant melanoma of unspecified ear and external auricular canal
C43.21	Malignant melanoma of right ear and external auricular canal
C43.22	Malignant melanoma of left ear and external auricular canal
C43.30	Malignant melanoma of unspecified part of face
C43.31	Malignant melanoma of nose
C43.39	Malignant melanoma of other parts of face
C43.4	Malignant melanoma of scalp and neck

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ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C43.51	Malignant melanoma of anal skin
C43.52	Malignant melanoma of skin of breast
C43.59	Malignant melanoma of other part of trunk
C43.60	Malignant melanoma of unspecified upper limb, including shoulder
C43.61	Malignant melanoma of right upper limb, including shoulder
C43.62	Malignant melanoma of left upper limb, including shoulder
C43.70	Malignant melanoma of unspecified lower limb, including hip
C43.71	Malignant melanoma of right lower limb, including hip
C43.72	Malignant melanoma of left lower limb, including hip
C43.8	Malignant melanoma of overlapping sites of skin
C43.9	Malignant melanoma of skin, unspecified
C44.00	Unspecified malignant neoplasm of skin of lip
C44.02	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of lip
C44.09	Other specified malignant neoplasm of skin of lip
C44.121	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of unspecified eyelid, including canthus
C44.1221	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of right upper eyelid, including canthus
C44.1222	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of right lower eyelid, including canthus
C44.1291	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of left upper eyelid, including canthus
C44.1292	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of left lower eyelid, including canthus
C44.221	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of unspecified ear and external auricular canal
C44.222	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of right ear and external auricular canal
C44.229	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of left ear and external auricular canal
C44.320	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of unspecified parts of face
C44.321	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of nose
C44.329	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of other parts of face
C44.42	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of scalp and neck
C44.520	Squamous cell carcinoma of anal skin
C44.521	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of breast
C44.529	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of other part of trunk
C44.621	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of unspecified upper limb, including shoulder
C44.622	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of right upper limb, including shoulder
C44.629	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of left upper limb, including shoulder
C44.721	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of unspecified lower limb, including hip

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ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C44.722	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of right lower limb, including hip
C44.729	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin of left lower limb, including hip
C44.82	Squamous cell carcinoma of overlapping sites of skin
C44.92	Squamous cell carcinoma of skin, unspecified
C45.0	Mesothelioma of pleura
C45.2	Mesothelioma of pericardium
C45.7	Mesothelioma of other sites
C45.9	Mesothelioma, unspecified
C48.1	Malignant neoplasm of specified parts of peritoneum
C48.2	Malignant neoplasm of peritoneum, unspecified
C48.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of retroperitoneum and peritoneum
C4A.0	Merkel cell carcinoma of lip
C4A.10	Merkel cell carcinoma of eyelid, including canthus
C4A.111	Merkel cell carcinoma of right upper eyelid, including canthus
C4A.112	Merkel cell carcinoma of right lower eyelid, including canthus
C4A.121	Merkel cell carcinoma of left upper eyelid, including canthus
C4A.122	Merkel cell carcinoma of left lower eyelid, including canthus
C4A.20	Merkel cell carcinoma of unspecified ear and external auricular canal
C4A.21	Merkel cell carcinoma of right ear and external auricular canal
C4A.22	Merkel cell carcinoma of left ear and external auricular canal
C4A.30	Merkel cell carcinoma of unspecified part of face
C4A.31	Merkel cell carcinoma of nose
C4A.39	Merkel cell carcinoma of other parts of face
C4A.4	Merkel cell carcinoma of scalp and neck
C4A.51	Merkel cell carcinoma of anal skin
C4A.52	Merkel cell carcinoma of skin of breast
C4A.59	Merkel cell carcinoma of other part of trunk
C4A.60	Merkel cell carcinoma of unspecified upper limb, including shoulder
C4A.61	Merkel cell carcinoma of right upper limb, including shoulder
C4A.62	Merkel cell carcinoma of left upper limb, including shoulder
C4A.70	Merkel cell carcinoma of unspecified lower limb, including hip
C4A.71	Merkel cell carcinoma of right lower limb, including hip
C4A.72	Merkel cell carcinoma of left lower limb, including hip

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ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C4A.8	Merkel cell carcinoma of overlapping sites
C4A.9	Merkel cell carcinoma, unspecified
C50.011	Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, right female breast
C50.012	Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, left female breast
C50.019	Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, unspecified female breast
C50.021	Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, right male breast
C50.022	Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, left male breast
C50.029	Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, unspecified male breast
C50.111	Malignant neoplasm of central portion of right female breast
C50.112	Malignant neoplasm of central portion of left female breast
C50.119	Malignant neoplasm of central portion of unspecified female breast
C50.121	Malignant neoplasm of central portion of right male breast
C50.122	Malignant neoplasm of central portion of left male breast
C50.129	Malignant neoplasm of central portion of unspecified male breast
C50.211	Malignant neoplasm of upper-inner quadrant of right female breast
C50.212	Malignant neoplasm of upper-inner quadrant of left female breast
C50.219	Malignant neoplasm of upper-inner quadrant of unspecified female breast
C50.221	Malignant neoplasm of upper-inner quadrant of right male breast
C50.222	Malignant neoplasm of upper-inner quadrant of left male breast
C50.229	Malignant neoplasm of upper-inner quadrant of unspecified male breast
C50.311	Malignant neoplasm of lower-inner quadrant of right female breast
C50.312	Malignant neoplasm of lower-inner quadrant of left female breast
C50.319	Malignant neoplasm of lower-inner quadrant of unspecified female breast
C50.321	Malignant neoplasm of lower-inner quadrant of right male breast
C50.322	Malignant neoplasm of lower-inner quadrant of left male breast
C50.329	Malignant neoplasm of lower-inner quadrant of unspecified male breast
C50.411	Malignant neoplasm of upper-outer quadrant of right female breast
C50.412	Malignant neoplasm of upper-outer quadrant of left female breast
C50.419	Malignant neoplasm of upper-outer quadrant of unspecified female breast
C50.421	Malignant neoplasm of upper-outer quadrant of right male breast
C50.422	Malignant neoplasm of upper-outer quadrant of left male breast
C50.429	Malignant neoplasm of upper-outer quadrant of unspecified male breast
C50.511	Malignant neoplasm of lower-outer quadrant of right female breast

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ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C50.512	Malignant neoplasm of lower-outer quadrant of left female breast
C50.519	Malignant neoplasm of lower-outer quadrant of unspecified female breast
C50.521	Malignant neoplasm of lower-outer quadrant of right male breast
C50.522	Malignant neoplasm of lower-outer quadrant of left male breast
C50.529	Malignant neoplasm of lower-outer quadrant of unspecified male breast
C50.611	Malignant neoplasm of axillary tail of right female breast
C50.612	Malignant neoplasm of axillary tail of left female breast
C50.619	Malignant neoplasm of axillary tail of unspecified female breast
C50.621	Malignant neoplasm of axillary tail of right male breast
C50.622	Malignant neoplasm of axillary tail of left male breast
C50.629	Malignant neoplasm of axillary tail of unspecified male breast
C50.811	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of right female breast
C50.812	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of left female breast
C50.819	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of unspecified female breast
C50.821	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of right male breast
C50.822	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of left male breast
C50.829	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of unspecified male breast
C50.911	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of right female breast
C50.912	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of left female breast
C50.919	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of unspecified female breast
C50.921	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of right male breast
C50.922	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of left male breast
C50.929	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of unspecified male breast
C53.0	Malignant neoplasm of endocervix
C53.1	Malignant neoplasm of exocervix
C53.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of cervix uteri
C53.9	Malignant neoplasm of cervix uteri, unspecified
C54.0	Malignant neoplasm of isthmus uteri
C54.1	Malignant neoplasm of endometrium
C54.2	Malignant neoplasm of myometrium
C54.3	Malignant neoplasm of fundus uteri
C54.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of corpus uteri
C54.9	Malignant neoplasm of corpus uteri, unspecified

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ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C55	Malignant neoplasm of uterus, part unspecified
C61	Malignant neoplasm of prostate
C64.1	Malignant neoplasm of right kidney, except renal pelvis
C64.2	Malignant neoplasm of left kidney, except renal pelvis
C64.9	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified kidney, except renal pelvis
C65.1	Malignant neoplasm of right renal pelvis
C65.2	Malignant neoplasm of left renal pelvis
C65.9	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified renal pelvis
C66.1	Malignant neoplasm of right ureter
C66.2	Malignant neoplasm of left ureter
C66.9	Malignant neoplasm of unspecified ureter
C67.0	Malignant neoplasm of trigone of bladder
C67.1	Malignant neoplasm of dome of bladder
C67.2	Malignant neoplasm of lateral wall of bladder
C67.3	Malignant neoplasm of anterior wall of bladder
C67.4	Malignant neoplasm of posterior wall of bladder
C67.5	Malignant neoplasm of bladder neck
C67.6	Malignant neoplasm of ureteric orifice
C67.7	Malignant neoplasm of urachus
C67.8	Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of bladder
C67.9	Malignant neoplasm of bladder, unspecified
C68.0	Malignant neoplasm of urethra
C72.0	Malignant neoplasm of spinal cord
C72.1	Malignant neoplasm of cauda equina
C73	Malignant neoplasm of thyroid gland
C76.0	Malignant neoplasm of head, face and neck
C77.0	Secondary and unspecified malignant neoplasm of lymph nodes of head, face and neck
C78.00	Secondary malignant neoplasm of unspecified lung
C78.01	Secondary malignant neoplasm of right lung
C78.02	Secondary malignant neoplasm of left lung
C78.6	Secondary malignant neoplasm of retroperitoneum and peritoneum
C78.7	Secondary malignant neoplasm of liver and intrahepatic bile duct
C79.89	Secondary malignant neoplasm of other specified sites

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ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C7B.1	Secondary Merkel cell carcinoma
C80.0	Disseminated malignant neoplasm, unspecified
C80.1	Malignant (primary) neoplasm, unspecified
D09.0	Carcinoma in situ of bladder
D15.0	Benign neoplasm of other and unspecified intrathoracic organs
D37.01	Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of lip
D37.02	Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of tongue
D37.05	Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of pharynx
D37.09	Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of other specified sites of the oral cavity
D37.1	Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of stomach
D37.8	Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of other specified digestive organs
D37.9	Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of digestive organ, unspecified
D38.0	Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of larynx
D38.4	Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of thymus
D38.5	Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of other respiratory organs
D38.6	Neoplasm of uncertain behavior of respiratory organ, unspecified
Z85.00	Personal history of malignant neoplasm of unspecified digestive organ
Z85.01	Personal history of malignant neoplasm of esophagus
Z85.028	Personal history of other malignant neoplasm of stomach
Z85.068	Personal history of other malignant neoplasm of small intestine
Z85.07	Personal history of malignant neoplasm of pancreas
Z85.09	Personal history of malignant neoplasm of other digestive organs
Z85.118	Personal history of other malignant neoplasm of bronchus and lung
Z85.238	Personal history of other malignant neoplasm of thymus
Z85.3	Personal history of malignant neoplasm of breast
Z85.42	Personal history of malignant neoplasm of other parts of uterus
Z85.46	Personal history of malignant neoplasm of prostate
Z85.51	Personal history of malignant neoplasm of bladder
Z85.528	Personal history of other malignant neoplasm of kidney
Z85.59	Personal history of malignant neoplasm of other urinary tract organ
Z85.821	Personal history of Merkel cell carcinoma
Z85.830	Personal history of malignant neoplasm of bone
Z85.850	Personal history of malignant neoplasm of thyroid

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Appendix 2 – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

The preceding information is intended for non-Medicare coverage determinations. Medicare coverage for outpatient (Part B) drugs is outlined in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-2), Chapter 15, §50 Drugs and Biologicals. In addition, National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) and/or Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) may also exist for claims payment purposes or to clarify benefit eligibility under Part B for drugs which may be self-administered. The following link may be used to search for NCD, LCD, or LCA documents: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search.aspx>. Additional indications, including any preceding information, may be applied at the discretion of the health plan.

Medicare Part B Covered Diagnosis Codes (applicable to existing NCD/LCD/LCA): N/A

Medicare Part B Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdictions		
Jurisdiction	Applicable State/US Territory	Contractor
E (1)	CA, HI, NV, AS, GU, CNMI	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
F (2 & 3)	AK, WA, OR, ID, ND, SD, MT, WY, UT, AZ	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
5	KS, NE, IA, MO	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)
6	MN, WI, IL	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)
H (4 & 7)	LA, AR, MS, TX, OK, CO, NM	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
8	MI, IN	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)
N (9)	FL, PR, VI	First Coast Service Options, Inc.
J (10)	TN, GA, AL	Palmetto GBA
M (11)	NC, SC, WV, VA (excluding below)	Palmetto GBA
L (12)	DE, MD, PA, NJ, DC (includes Arlington & Fairfax counties and the city of Alexandria in VA)	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
K (13 & 14)	NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, ME, NH	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)
15	KY, OH	CGS Administrators, LLC