

Corporate Medical Policy: Preferred Injectable Oncology Program "Notification" POLICY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

Restricted Product(s):

- Alymsys[®] (bevacizumab-maly) intravenous infusion for administration by a healthcare professional
- Avastin® (bevacizumab) intravenous infusion for administration by a healthcare professional
- Avzivi[®] (bevacizumab-tnjn) intravenous infusion for administration by a healthcare professional
- Herceptin® (trastuzumab) intravenous infusion for administration by a healthcare professional
- Herceptin Hylecta® (trastuzumab and hyaluronidase-oysk) subcutaneous injection for administration by a healthcare professional
- Hercessi® (trastuzumab-strf) intravenous infusion for administration by a healthcare professional
- Herzuma® (trastuzumab-pkrb) intravenous infusion for administration by a healthcare professional
- Jobevne® (bevacizumab-nwgd) intravenous infusion for administration by a healthcare professional
- Kanjinti® (trastuzumab-anns) intravenous infusion for administration by a healthcare professional
- Rituxan® (rituximab) intravenous infusion for administration by a healthcare professional
- Rituxan Hycela® (rituximab and hyaluronidase) subcutaneous injection for administration by a healthcare professional
- Vegzelma® (bevacizumab-adcd) intravenous infusion for administration by a healthcare professional

Preferred Bevacizumab Containing Agent(s) (Unrestricted)	Non-Preferred Bevacizumab Containing Agent(s)
Mvasi® (bevacizumab-awwb)	Avastin® (bevacizumab)
Zirabev® (bevacizumab-bvzr)	Alymsys [®] (bevacizumab-maly)
	Avzivi® (bevacizumab-tnjn)
	Jobevne® (bevacizumab-nwgd)
	Vegzelma® (bevacizumab-adcd)
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Preferred Rituximab Containing Agent(s) (Unrestricted)	Non-Preferred Rituximab Containing Agent(s)
*Riabni® (rituximab-arrx)	Rituxan® (rituximab)
*Ruxience® (rituximab-pvvr)	Rituxan Hycela® (rituximab and hyaluronidase)
*Truxima® (rituximab-abbs)	



Preferred Trastuzumab Containing Agent(s) (Unrestricted)	Non-Preferred Trastuzumab Containing Agent(s)
Ogivri® (trastuzumab-dkst)	Herceptin® (trastuzumab)
Ontruzant® (trastuzumab-dttb)	Hercessi® (trastuzumab-strf)
Trazimera® (trastuzumab-qyyp)	Herzuma [®] (trastuzumab-pkrb)
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	Herceptin Hylecta® (trastuzumab and hyaluronidase-oysk)

^{*}These products may require authorization for non-oncology related indications; please refer to our Prior Review and Limitations Page https://www.bluecrossnc.com/members/health-plans/drug-search

FDA Approved Use:

- Alymsys[®] (bevacizumab-maly)
 - For the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer, in combination with intravenous fluorouracil-based chemotherapy for first- or second-line treatment
 - For the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer, in combination with fluoropyrimidine-irinotecan- or fluoropyrimidine-oxaliplatinbased chemotherapy for second-line treatment in patients who have progressed on a first-line bevacizumab product-containing regimen
 - Limitations of use: Not for adjuvant treatment of colon cancer
 - o For the treatment of unresectable, locally advanced, recurrent or metastatic non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer, in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel for first-line treatment
 - o For the treatment of recurrent glioblastoma in adults
 - o For the treatment of metastatic renal cell carcinoma in combination with interferon alfa
 - For the treatment of persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer, in combination with paclitaxel and cisplatin, or paclitaxel and topotecan
 - For the treatment of epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer in combination with paclitaxel, pegylated liposomal doxorubicin, or topotecan for platinum-resistant recurrent disease who received no more than 2 prior chemotherapy regimens
- Avastin[®] (bevacizumab)
 - For the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer, in combination with intravenous fluorouracil-based chemotherapy for first- or second-line treatment
 - For the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer, in combination with fluoropyrimidine-irinotecan- or fluoropyrimidine-oxaliplatinbased chemotherapy for second-line treatment in patients who have progressed on a first-line bevacizumab product-containing regimen



- Limitations of use: Not for adjuvant treatment of colon cancer
- For the treatment of unresectable, locally advanced, recurrent or metastatic non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer, in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel for first-line treatment
- For the treatment of recurrent glioblastoma in adults
- For the treatment of metastatic renal cell carcinoma in combination with interferon alfa
- For the treatment of persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer, in combination with paclitaxel and cisplatin, or paclitaxel and topotecan
- o For the treatment of epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer in the following situations:
 - In combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel, followed by a bevacizumab product as a single agent, for stage III or IV disease following initial surgical resection
 - In combination with paclitaxel, pegylated liposomal doxorubicin, or topotecan for platinum-resistant recurrent disease who
 received no more than 2 prior chemotherapy regimens
 - In combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel or carboplatin and gemcitabine, followed by a bevacizumab product as a single agent, for platinum-sensitive recurrent disease
- o For the treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), in combination with atezolizumab for the treatment of patients with unresectable or metastatic HCC who have not received prior systemic therapy
- Avzivi[®] (bevacizumab-tnjn)
 - For the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer, in combination with intravenous fluorouracil-based chemotherapy for first- or second-line treatment
 - For the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer, in combination with fluoropyrimidine-irinotecan- or fluoropyrimidine-oxaliplatinbased chemotherapy for second-line treatment in patients who have progressed on a first-line bevacizumab product-containing regimen
 - Limitations of use: Not for adjuvant treatment of colon cancer
 - For the treatment of unresectable, locally advanced, recurrent or metastatic non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer, in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel for first-line treatment
 - o For the treatment of recurrent glioblastoma in adults
 - o For the treatment of metastatic renal cell carcinoma in combination with interferon alfa
 - For the treatment of persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer, in combination with paclitaxel and cisplatin, or paclitaxel and topotecan
 - For the treatment of epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer in combination with paclitaxel, pegylated liposomal doxorubicin, or topotecan for platinum-resistant recurrent disease who received no more than 2 prior chemotherapy regimens
- Herceptin® (trastuzumab)
 - o For the treatment of HER2-overexpressing breast cancer
 - o For the treatment of HER2-overexpressing metastatic gastric or gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma



- Patient selection for therapy is based on an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for Herceptin. Assessment of HER2 protein overexpression and/or HER2 gene amplification should be performed using FDA-approved tests specific for breast or gastric cancers by laboratories with demonstrated proficiency
- Herceptin Hylecta[®] (trastuzumab and hyaluronidase-oysk)
 - For the treatment of HER2-overexpressing breast cancer
 - Patient selection for therapy is based on an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for trastuzumab. Assessment of HER2 protein overexpression and/or HER2 gene amplification should be performed using FDA-approved tests specific for breast cancers by laboratories with demonstrated proficiency
- Hercessi[®] (trastuzumab-strf)
 - o For the treatment of HER2-overexpressing breast cancer
 - o For the treatment of HER2-overexpressing metastatic gastric or gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma
 - Patient selection for therapy is based on an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for a trastuzumab product. Assessment of HER2 protein overexpression and/or HER2 gene amplification should be performed using FDA-approved tests specific for breast or gastric cancers by laboratories with demonstrated proficiency
- Herzuma[®] (trastuzumab-pkrb)
 - o For the treatment of HER2-overexpressing breast cancer
 - o For the treatment of HER2-overexpressing metastatic gastric or gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma
 - Patient selection for therapy is based on an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for a trastuzumab product. Assessment of HER2
 protein overexpression and/or HER2 gene amplification should be performed using FDA-approved tests specific for breast or gastric
 cancers by laboratories with demonstrated proficiency
- Jobevne® (bevacizumab-nwgd)
 - For the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer, in combination with intravenous fluorouracil-based chemotherapy for first- or second-line treatment
 - For the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer, in combination with fluoropyrimidine-irinotecan- or fluoropyrimidine-oxaliplatinbased chemotherapy for second-line treatment in patients who have progressed on a first-line bevacizumab product-containing regimen
 - Limitations of use: Not for adjuvant treatment of colon cancer
 - For the treatment of unresectable, locally advanced, recurrent or metastatic non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer, in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel for first-line treatment
 - For the treatment of recurrent glioblastoma in adults
 - o For the treatment of metastatic renal cell carcinoma in combination with interferon alfa
 - For the treatment of persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer, in combination with paclitaxel and cisplatin, or paclitaxel and topotecan



- o For the treatment of epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer in the following situations:
 - In combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel, followed by a bevacizumab product as a single agent, for stage III or IV disease following initial surgical resection
 - In combination with paclitaxel, pegylated liposomal doxorubicin, or topotecan for platinum-resistant recurrent disease who received no more than 2 prior chemotherapy regimens
 - In combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel or carboplatin and gemcitabine, followed by a bevacizumab product as a single agent, for platinum-sensitive recurrent disease
- Kanjinti[®] (trastuzumab-anns)
 - For the treatment of HER2-overexpressing breast cancer
 - o For the treatment of HER2-overexpressing metastatic gastric or gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma
 - Patient selection for therapy is based on an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for a trastuzumab product. Assessment of HER2
 protein overexpression and/or HER2 gene amplification should be performed using FDA-approved tests specific for breast or gastric
 cancers by laboratories with demonstrated proficiency
- Rituxan® (rituximab)
 - o For the treatment of adults with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in the following situations:
 - Relapsed or refractory, low grade or follicular, CD20-positive B-cell NHL as a single agent
 - Previously untreated follicular, CD20-positive, B-cell NHL in combination with first line chemotherapy and, in patients
 achieving a complete or partial response to a rituximab product in combination with chemotherapy, as single-agent
 maintenance therapy
 - Non-progressing (including stable disease), low-grade, CD20-positive, B-cell NHL as a single agent after first-line cyclophosphamide, vincristine, and prednisone (CVP) chemotherapy
 - Previously untreated diffuse large B-cell, CD20-positive NHL in combination with cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, and prednisone (CHOP) or other anthracycline-based chemotherapy regimens
 - o For the treatment of pediatric patients aged 6 months and older with mature B-cell NHL and mature B-cell acute leukemia (B-AL):
 - Previously untreated, advanced stage, CD20-positive, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL), Burkitt lymphoma (BL), Burkitt-like lymphoma (BLL) or mature B-cell acute leukemia (B-AL) in combination with chemotherapy
 - For the treatment of previously untreated and previously treated CD20-positive chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) in adults, in combination with fludarabine and cyclophosphamide (FC)
- Rituxan Hycela[®] (rituximab and hyaluronidase)
 - o For the treatment of adults with follicular lymphoma (FL) in the following situations:
 - Relapsed or refractory, follicular lymphoma as a single agent
 - Previously untreated follicular lymphoma in combination with first-line chemotherapy and, in patients achieving a complete or partial response to rituximab in combination with chemotherapy, as single-agent maintenance therapy



- Non-progressing (including stable disease), follicular lymphoma as a single agent after first-line cyclophosphamide, vincristine, and prednisone (CVP) chemotherapy
- For the treatment of previously untreated diffuse large B-cell lymphoma in combination with cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, prednisone (CHOP) or other anthracycline-based chemotherapy regimens
- For the treatment of previously untreated and previously treated chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) in combination with fludarabine and cyclophosphamide (FC)
- Limitations of use:
 - Treatment should be initiated only after patients have received at least one full dose of a rituximab product by intravenous infusion
 - Not indicated for treatment of non-malignant conditions
- Vegzelma® (bevacizumab-adcd)
 - For the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer, in combination with intravenous fluorouracil-based chemotherapy for first- or second-line treatment
 - For the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer, in combination with fluoropyrimidine-irinotecan- or fluoropyrimidine-oxaliplatinbased chemotherapy for second-line treatment in patients who have progressed on a first-line bevacizumab product-containing regimen
 - Limitations of use: Not for adjuvant treatment of colon cancer
 - For the treatment of unresectable, locally advanced, recurrent or metastatic non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer, in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel for first-line treatment
 - For the treatment of recurrent glioblastoma in adults
 - For the treatment of metastatic renal cell carcinoma in combination with interferon alfa
 - For the treatment of persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer, in combination with paclitaxel and cisplatin, or paclitaxel and topotecan
 - o For the treatment of epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer in the following situations:
 - In combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel, followed by a bevacizumab product as a single agent, for stage III or IV disease following initial surgical resection
 - In combination with paclitaxel, pegylated liposomal doxorubicin, or topotecan for platinum-resistant recurrent disease who
 received no more than 2 prior chemotherapy regimens
 - In combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel or carboplatin and gemcitabine, followed by a bevacizumab product as a single agent, for platinum-sensitive recurrent disease



Criteria for Medical Necessity:

The restricted product(s) may be considered medically necessary when the following criteria are met:

Initial Criteria for Approval:

- 1. ONE of the following:
 - a. The patient is currently being treated with the requested agent and has been stable on therapy for at least 180 days; OR
 - b. The patient has been treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days AND is at risk if therapy is changed; OR
- 2. The patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent and route of administration; AND
 - a. ONE of the following:
 - i. The requested indication does NOT require genetic/specific diagnostic testing (e.g., ALK, EGFR, HER2, KRAS) in FDA labeling; **OR**
 - ii. The requested indication requires genetic/specific diagnostic testing in FDA labeling AND both of the following:
 - 1. Genetic/specific diagnostic testing has been performed; AND
 - 2. The results of the genetic/specific diagnostic testing indicate therapy with the requested agent is appropriate in FDA labeling; **AND**
 - b. ONE of the following:
 - i. The requested agent will be used as a first-line agent AND is FDA labeled as a first-line agent for the requested indication, including any genomic aberrations (e.g., EGFR, ALK) and/or tumor expression factors (e.g., PD-L1 Tumor Proportion Score [TPS] values); **OR**
 - ii. The patient has used the appropriate number and type(s) of prerequisite agent(s) listed in the FDA labeling for the requested indication, including any genomic aberrations (e.g., EGFR, ALK) and/or tumor expression factors (e.g., PD-L1 Tumor Proportion Score [TPS] values); **OR**
 - iii. The patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to ALL of the required prerequisite agent(s) listed in the FDA labeling for the requested indication, indication including any genomic aberrations (e.g., EGFR, ALK) and/or tumor expression factors (e.g., PD-L1 Tumor Proportion Score [TPS] values); **AND**
 - c. ONE of the following:
 - i. The requested agent is being used as monotherapy AND is approved for use as monotherapy in the FDA labeling for the requested indication, including any genomic aberrations (e.g., EGFR, ALK) and/or tumor expression factors (e.g., PD-L1 Tumor Proportion Score [TPS] values); OR
 - ii. The requested agent will be used in combination as combination therapy with all agent(s) and/or treatments (e.g., radiation) listed for concomitant use in the FDA labeling for the requested indication; **AND**



- d. ONE of the following:
 - i. The FDA label does NOT include a performance status requirement; **OR**
 - ii. The patient meets the performance status requirement in the FDA labeling; OR
- 3. The patient has an indication that is supported by ALL requirements in NCCN 1 or 2A recommended use for the requested agent (i.e., the indication must be supported by ALL requirements in the NCCN "Recommended Use" box [e.g., performance status, disease severity, previous failures, monotherapy vs combination therapy]) [medical record documentation required]; AND
- 4. If the request is for **bevacizumab (Avastin)** or **a non-preferred bevacizumab biosimilar product** (e.g., bevacizumab-maly [Alymsys], bevacizumab-tnin [Avzivi], bevacizumab-nwgd [Jobevne], bevacizumab-adcd [Vegzelma]), then both of the following criteria are met:
 - a. The patient has a documented serious adverse event that required medical intervention to <u>both</u> preferred bevacizumab biosimilar products (i.e., bevacizumab-awwb [Mvasi], bevacizumab-bvzr [Zirabev]) that is not anticipated with the requested product; **AND**
 - b. The prescriber has completed and submitted an FDA MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting Form [medical record documentation required]; AND
- 5. If the request is for **rituximab (Rituxan)**, **rituximab and hyaluronidase (Rituxan Hycela)**, or a **non-preferred rituximab biosimilar product**, then <u>both</u> of the following criteria are met:
 - a. The patient has a documented serious adverse event that required medical intervention to <u>ALL</u> preferred rituximab biosimilar products (i.e., rituximab-arrx [Riabni], rituximab-pvvr [Ruxience], rituximab-abbs [Truxima]) that is not anticipated with the requested product; **AND**
 - b. The prescriber has completed and submitted an FDA MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting Form [medical record documentation required]; AND
- 6. If the request is for trastuzumab (Herceptin), trastuzumab and hyaluronidase-oysk (Herceptin Hylecta), or a non-preferred trastuzumab biosimilar product (e.g., trastuzumab-strf [Hercessi], trastuzumab-pkrb [Herzuma], trastuzumab-anns [Kanjinti]), then both of the following criteria are met:
 - a. The patient has a documented serious adverse event that required medical intervention to <u>ALL</u> preferred trastuzumab biosimilar products (i.e., trastuzumab-dkst [Ogivri], trastuzumab-dttb [Ontruzant], trastuzumab-qyyp [Trazimera]) that is not anticipated with the requested product; **AND**
 - b. The prescriber has completed and submitted an FDA MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting Form [medical record documentation required]; AND
- 7. The patient has not experienced disease progression or unacceptable toxicity on the same treatment as the requested agent or during treatment with another agent from the same drug class in a prior line of therapy (e.g., PD-L1/PD-1 inhibitors) unless there is acceptable supporting literature for use beyond progression in a different combination regimen; **AND**
- 8. ONE of the following:



- a. The patient's age is within FDA labeling for the requested indication or NCCN 1 or 2A compendia supported recommendation for the requested agent; **OR**
- b. The prescriber has provided information in support of using the requested agent for the patient's age; AND
- 9. The patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent; AND
- 10. The requested quantity (dose) and treatment duration (and maximum units) is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication or NCCN 1 or 2A compendia supported dosing for the requested indication.

Duration of Approval: 365 days (1 year)

Continuation Criteria for Approval:

- 1. The patient was approved through Blue Cross NC initial criteria for approval; **OR**
- 2. The patient would have met initial criteria for approval at the time they started therapy; AND
- 3. The patient has continued clinical benefit while receiving the requested agent as demonstrated by tumor response or lack of disease progression, and an acceptable toxicity profile; **AND**
- 4. The requested quantity (dose) and treatment duration (and maximum units) is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication or NCCN 1 or 2A compendia supported dosing for the requested indication; **AND**
- 5. If the request is for **bevacizumab (Avastin)** or **a non-preferred bevacizumab biosimilar product** (e.g., bevacizumab-maly [Alymsys], bevacizumab-tnjn [Avzivi], bevacizumab-nwgd [Jobevne], bevacizumab-adcd [Vegzelma]), then <u>both</u> of the following criteria are met:
 - a. The patient has a documented serious adverse event that required medical intervention to <u>both</u> preferred bevacizumab biosimilar products (i.e., bevacizumab-awwb [Mvasi], bevacizumab-bvzr [Zirabev]) that is not anticipated with the requested product; **AND**
 - b. The prescriber has completed and submitted an FDA MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting Form [medical record documentation required]; AND
- 6. If the request is for **rituximab (Rituxan)**, **rituximab and hyaluronidase (Rituxan Hycela)**, or **a non-preferred rituximab biosimilar product**, then <u>both</u> of the following criteria are met:
 - a. The patient has a documented serious adverse event that required medical intervention to <u>ALL</u> preferred rituximab biosimilar products (i.e., rituximab-arrx [Riabni], rituximab-pvvr [Ruxience], rituximab-abbs [Truxima]) that is not anticipated with the requested product; **AND**
 - b. The prescriber has completed and submitted an FDA MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting Form [medical record documentation required]; AND
- 7. If the request is for trastuzumab (Herceptin), trastuzumab and hyaluronidase-oysk (Herceptin Hylecta), or a non-preferred trastuzumab biosimilar product (e.g., trastuzumab-strf [Hercessi], trastuzumab-pkrb [Herzuma], trastuzumab-anns [Kanjinti]), then both of the following criteria are met:



- a. The patient has a documented serious adverse event that required medical intervention to <u>ALL</u> preferred trastuzumab biosimilar products (i.e., trastuzumab-dkst [Ogivri], trastuzumab-dttb [Ontruzant], trastuzumab-qyyp [Trazimera]) that is not anticipated with the requested product; **AND**
- b. The prescriber has completed and submitted an FDA MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting Form [medical record documentation required].

Duration of Approval: 365 days (1 year)

NOTE:

Use of injectable and healthcare administered oncology agents may be considered medically necessary for clinical indications not listed above when the drug is prescribed for the treatment of **cancer** either:

- 1. In accordance with FDA label when clinical benefit has been established, and it is not determined to be investigational as defined in the Blue Cross NC Corporate Medical Policy (CMP), "Investigational (Experimental) Services." [please refer to CMP "Investigational (Experimental) Services" for a summary of evidence standards from nationally recognized compendia); **OR**
- 2. In accordance with specific strong endorsement or support by nationally recognized compendia (e.g., National Comprehensive Cancer Network, NCCN), when such recommendation is based on the highest level of evidence (Level 1, 2A), and/or uniform consensus of clinical appropriateness has been reached.

FDA Label Reference				
Medication	Indication	Dosing	HCPCS	Maximum Units
Alymsys [®] (bevacizumab-maly) intravenous (IV) infusion	Metastatic colorectal cancer	Metastatic colorectal cancer: 5 mg/kg every 2 weeks with bolus-IFL 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks with FOLFOX4 5 mg/ kg every 2 weeks or 7.5 mg/kg every 3 weeks with fluoropyrimidine- irinotecan- or fluoropyrimidine- oxaliplatin-based chemotherapy after	Q5126	9999



	FDA	A Label Reference		
Medication	Indication	Dosing	HCPCS	Maximum Units
	treatment after progression on a first-line bevacizumab product-containing regimen	progression on a first-line bevacizumab product containing regimen		
	Unresectable, locally advanced, recurrent or metastatic non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer, in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel, as first-line	First-line non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer: 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with carboplatin and paclitaxel		
	Recurrent glioblastoma in adults	Recurrent glioblastoma: 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks		
	Metastatic renal cell carcinoma in combination with interferon alfa	Metastatic renal cell carcinoma: 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks with interferon alfa		
	Persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer in combination with paclitaxel and cisplatin, or paclitaxel and topotecan	Persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer: 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with paclitaxel and cisplatin, or paclitaxel and topotecan		
	Epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer for platinum- resistant recurrent disease in patients who received no more than 2 prior chemotherapy regimens	Platinum-resistant recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer: 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks with paclitaxel, pegylated liposomal doxorubicin, or topotecan given every week 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with topotecan given every 3 weeks		



	FDA	A Label Reference		
Medication	Indication	Dosing	HCPCS	Maximum Units
Avastin [®] (bevacizumab) intravenous (IV) infusion	Metastatic colorectal cancer in combination with IV fluorouracil-based chemotherapy for first- or second-line treatment in combination with fluoropyrimidine-irinotecan- or fluoropyrimidine-oxaliplatin-based chemotherapy for second-line treatment after progression on a first-line bevacizumab product-containing regimen Unresectable, locally advanced, recurrent or metastatic non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer, in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel, as first-line	Metastatic colorectal cancer: 5 mg/kg every 2 weeks with bolus-IFL 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks with FOLFOX4 5 mg/ kg every 2 weeks or 7.5 mg/kg every 3 weeks with fluoropyrimidine- irinotecan- or fluoropyrimidine- oxaliplatin-based chemotherapy after progression on a first-line bevacizumab product containing regimen First-line non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer: 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with carboplatin and paclitaxel	J9035	9999
	Recurrent glioblastoma in adults	Recurrent glioblastoma: 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks		
	Metastatic renal cell carcinoma in combination with interferon alfa	Metastatic renal cell carcinoma: 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks with interferon alfa		
	 Persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer in combination with paclitaxel and cisplatin, or paclitaxel and topotecan 	Persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer: 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with paclitaxel and cisplatin, or paclitaxel and topotecan		



	FDA	A Label Reference		
Medication	Indication	Dosing	HCPCS	Maximum Units
	Epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer: Stage III or IV disease following initial surgical resection	Stage III or IV epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer following initial surgical resection: 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with carboplatin and paclitaxel for up to 6 cycles, followed by 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks as a single agent, for a total of up to 22 cycles		
	 Platinum-resistant recurrent disease in patients who received no more than 2 prior chemotherapy regimens 	Platinum-resistant recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer: 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks with paclitaxel, pegylated liposomal doxorubicin, or topotecan given every week 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with topotecan given every 3 weeks		
	 Platinum-sensitive recurrent disease Unresectable or metastatic hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), in combination with atezolizumab, in patients who have not received prior systemic therapy 	 Platinum-sensitive recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer: 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with carboplatin and paclitaxel for 6-8 cycles, followed by 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks as a single agent 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with carboplatin and gemcitabine for 6-10 cycles, followed by 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks as a single agent HCC: 15 mg/kg (following 1,200 mg of atezolizumab) every 3 weeks 		



	FDA Label Reference				
Medication	Indication	Dosing	HCPCS	Maximum Units	
Avzivi [®] (bevacizumab-tnjn) intravenous (IV) infusion	Metastatic colorectal cancer in combination with IV fluorouracil-based chemotherapy for first- or second-line treatment in combination with fluoropyrimidine-irinotecan- or fluoropyrimidine-oxaliplatin-based chemotherapy for second-line treatment after progression on a first-line bevacizumab product-containing regimen Unresectable, locally advanced, recurrent or metastatic non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer, in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel, as first-line	Metastatic colorectal cancer: 5 mg/kg every 2 weeks with bolus-IFL 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks with FOLFOX4 5 mg/ kg every 2 weeks or 7.5 mg/kg every 3 weeks with fluoropyrimidine- irinotecan- or fluoropyrimidine- oxaliplatin-based chemotherapy after progression on a first-line bevacizumab product containing regimen First-line non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer: 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with carboplatin and paclitaxel	C9399** J3490** J3590** J9999**	9999	
	Recurrent glioblastoma in adults	Recurrent glioblastoma: 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks			
	Metastatic renal cell carcinoma in combination with interferon alfa	Metastatic renal cell carcinoma: 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks with interferon alfa			
	Persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer in combination with paclitaxel and cisplatin, or paclitaxel and topotecan	Persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer: 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with paclitaxel and cisplatin, or paclitaxel and topotecan			



	FDA Label Reference				
Medication	Indication	Dosing	HCPCS	Maximum Units	
	Epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer for platinum- resistant recurrent disease in patients who received no more than 2 prior chemotherapy regimens	Platinum-resistant recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer: 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks with paclitaxel, pegylated liposomal doxorubicin, or topotecan given every week 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with topotecan given every 3 weeks			
Herceptin [®] (trastuzumab) intravenous (IV) infusion	 HER2-overexpressing breast cancer HER2-overexpressing metastatic gastric or gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma 	 Adjuvant treatment of HER2-overexpressing breast cancer Initial dose of 4 mg/kg IV, then 2 mg/kg weekly for 12 weeks (with paclitaxel or docetaxel) or 18 weeks (with docetaxel/carboplatin). One week after the last weekly dose, give 6 mg/kg every three weeks to complete a total of 52 weeks of therapy, or Initial dose of 8 mg/kg IV, then 6 mg/kg every three weeks for 52 weeks Metastatic HER2-overexpressing breast cancer Initial dose of 4 mg/kg IV, followed by subsequent weekly doses of 2 mg/kg Metastatic HER2-overexpressing gastric cancer Initial dose of 8 mg/kg IV, followed by 6 mg/kg every 3 weeks 		9999	



	FDA Label Reference				
Medication	Indication	Dosing	HCPCS	Maximum Units	
		Do not substitute for or with ado-trastuzumab emtansine or fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan			
Herceptin Hylecta [®] (trastuzumab and hyaluronidase-oysk) subcutaneous (SC) injection	HER2-overexpressing breast cancer	 600 mg/10,000 units (600 mg trastuzumab and 10,000 units hyaluronidase) SC over approximately 2-5 minutes once every three weeks Do not administer IV and do not substitute for or with ado-trastuzumab emtansine 	J9356	9999	
Hercessi [®] (trastuzumab-strf) intravenous (IV) infusion	 HER2-overexpressing breast cancer HER2-overexpressing metastatic gastric or gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma 	Adjuvant treatment of HER2-overexpressing breast cancer Initial dose of 4 mg/kg IV, then 2 mg/kg weekly for 12 weeks (with paclitaxel or docetaxel) or 18 weeks (with docetaxel and carboplatin). One week after the last weekly dose, give 6 mg/kg every three weeks to complete a total of 52 weeks of therapy, or Initial dose of 8 mg/kg IV, then 6 mg/kg every three weeks for 52 weeks Metastatic HER2-overexpressing breast cancer Initial dose of 4 mg/kg IV, followed by subsequent weekly doses of 2 mg/kg Metastatic HER2-overexpressing gastric cancer	Q5146	9999	



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		 Initial dose of 8 mg/kg IV, followed by 6 mg/kg every 3 weeks Do not substitute for or with ado-trastuzumab emtansine or fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan 		
Herzuma [®] (trastuzumab-pkrb) intravenous (IV) infusion	 HER2-overexpressing metastatic gastric or gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma 	 Adjuvant treatment of HER2-overexpressing breast cancer Initial dose of 4 mg/kg IV, then 2 mg/kg weekly for 12 weeks (with paclitaxel or docetaxel) or 18 weeks (with docetaxel/carboplatin). One week after the last weekly dose, give 6 mg/kg every three weeks to complete a total of 52 weeks of therapy, or Initial dose of 8 mg/kg IV, then 6 mg/kg every three weeks for 52 weeks Metastatic HER2-overexpressing breast cancer Initial dose of 4 mg/kg IV, followed by subsequent weekly doses of 2 mg/kg Metastatic HER2-overexpressing gastric cancer Initial dose of 8 mg/kg IV, followed by 6 mg/kg every 3 weeks Do not substitute for or with ado-trastuzumab emtansine or fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan 	Q5113	9999



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Jobevne® (bevacizumab-nwgd) intravenous (IV) infusion	Metastatic colorectal cancer	Metastatic colorectal cancer:	C9399** J3490** J3590** J9999**	9999
	Metastatic renal cell carcinoma in combination with interferon alfa	Metastatic renal cell carcinoma: 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks with interferon alfa		
	Persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer in combination with paclitaxel and cisplatin, or paclitaxel and topotecan	Persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer: 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with paclitaxel and cisplatin, or paclitaxel and topotecan		



	FDA Label Reference				
Medication	Indication	Dosing	HCPCS	Maximum Units	
	Epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer: Stage III or IV disease following initial surgical resection	Stage III or IV epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer following initial surgical resection: 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with carboplatin and paclitaxel for up to 6 cycles, followed by 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks as a single agent, for a total of up to 22 cycles			
	 Platinum-resistant recurrent disease in patients who received no more than 2 prior chemotherapy regimens 	Platinum-resistant recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer: 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks with paclitaxel, pegylated liposomal doxorubicin, or topotecan given every week 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with topotecan given every 3 weeks			
	 Platinum-sensitive recurrent disease 	Platinum-sensitive recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer: 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with carboplatin and paclitaxel for 6-8 cycles, followed by 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks as a single agent 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with carboplatin and gemcitabine for 6-10 cycles, followed by 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks as a single agent			



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Kanjinti [®] (trastuzumab-anns) intravenous (IV) infusion	HER2-overexpressing breast cancer HER2-overexpressing metastatic gastric or gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma	 Adjuvant treatment of HER2-overexpressing breast cancer Initial dose of 4 mg/kg IV, then 2 mg/kg weekly for 12 weeks (with paclitaxel or docetaxel) or 18 weeks (with docetaxel/carboplatin). One week after the last weekly dose, give 6 mg/kg every three weeks to complete a total of 52 weeks of therapy, or Initial dose of 8 mg/kg IV, then 6 mg/kg every three weeks for 52 weeks Metastatic HER2-overexpressing breast cancer Initial dose of 4 mg/kg IV, followed by subsequent weekly doses of 2 mg/kg Metastatic HER2-overexpressing gastric cancer Initial dose of 8 mg/kg IV, followed by 6 mg/kg every 3 weeks Do not substitute for or with ado-trastuzumab emtansine or fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan 		9999
Rituxan [®] (rituximab) intravenous (IV) infusion	 Relapsed or refractory, low grade or follicular, CD20-positive Bcell NHL as a single agent Previously untreated follicular, CD20-positive, B-cell NHL in combination with first line chemotherapy and, in patients 	 NHL: 375 mg/m² IV CLL: 375 mg/m² IV in the first cycle and 500 mg/m² in cycles 2-6, in combination with FC, administered every 28 days 	J9312	9999



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Medication	Indication	Dosing	HCPCS	Maximum Units		
	achieving a complete or partial response to a rituximab product in combination with chemotherapy, as single-agent maintenance therapy					
	 Non-progressing (including stable disease), low-grade, CD20-positive, B- cell NHL as a single agent after first-line cyclophosphamide, vincristine, and prednisone (CVP) chemotherapy 					
	 Previously untreated diffuse large B-cell, CD20-positive NHL in combination with (cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, and prednisone) (CHOP) or other anthracycline-based chemotherapy regimens 					
	 Previously untreated and previously treated CD20-positive chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) in adults, in combination with fludarabine and cyclophosphamide (FC) 					
	 Mature B-cell NHL and mature B-cell acute leukemia (B-AL): Previously untreated, advanced stage, CD20- positive, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL), Burkitt lymphoma (BL), Burkitt- like lymphoma (BLL) or mature B-cell 					



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	acute leukemia (B-AL) in combination with chemotherapy					
Rituxan Hycela [®] (rituximab and hyaluronidase) subcutaneous (SC) injection	 Relapsed or refractory, FL as a single agent Previously untreated FL in combination with first-line chemotherapy and, in patients achieving a complete or partial response to rituximab in combination with chemotherapy, as single-agent maintenance therapy Non-progressing (including stable disease), FL as a single agent after first-line cyclophosphamide, vincristine, and prednisone (CVP) chemotherapy Previously untreated diffuse large B-cell lymphoma in combination with cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, prednisone (CHOP) or other anthracycline-based chemotherapy regimens Previously untreated and previously treated CLL in combination with fludarabine and cyclophosphamide (FC) 	 All patients must receive at least one full dose of a rituximab product by IV infusion before receiving Rituxan Hycela by SC injection. FL/DLBCL: Administer 1,400 mg/23,400 Units (1,400 mg rituximab and 23,400 Units hyaluronidase human) SC CLL: Administer 1,600 mg/26,800 Units (1,600 mg rituximab and 26,800 Units hyaluronidase human) SC 	J9311	9999		
Vegzelma [®] (bevacizumab-adcd)	Metastatic colorectal cancer	Metastatic colorectal cancer:	Q5129	9999		



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Medication	Indication	Dosing	HCPCS	Maximum Units		
intravenous (IV) infusion	 in combination with fluoropyrimidine-irinotecan- or fluoropyrimidine-oxaliplatin-based chemotherapy for second-line treatment after progression on a first-line bevacizumab product- containing regimen 	 5 mg/ kg every 2 weeks or 7.5 mg/kg every 3 weeks with fluoropyrimidine- irinotecan- or fluoropyrimidine- oxaliplatin-based chemotherapy after progression on a first-line bevacizumab product containing regimen 				
	 Unresectable, locally advanced, recurrent or metastatic non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer, in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel, as first-line 	First-line non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer: 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with carboplatin and paclitaxel				
	Recurrent glioblastoma in adults	Recurrent glioblastoma: 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks				
	Metastatic renal cell carcinoma in combination with interferon alfa	Metastatic renal cell carcinoma: 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks with interferon alfa				
	 Persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer in combination with paclitaxel and cisplatin, or paclitaxel and topotecan 	Persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer: 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with paclitaxel and cisplatin, or paclitaxel and topotecan				
	 Epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer: Stage III or IV disease following initial surgical resection 	Stage III or IV epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer following initial surgical resection: 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with carboplatin and paclitaxel for up to 6 cycles, followed by 15 mg/kg every 3				



FDA Label Reference					
Medication	Indication	Dosing	HCPCS	Maximum Units	
INICULOII	 Platinum-resistant recurrent disease in patients who received no more than 2 prior chemotherapy regimens Platinum-sensitive recurrent disease 	weeks as a single agent, for a total of up to 22 cycles Platinum-resistant recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer: 10 mg/kg every 2 weeks with paclitaxel, pegylated liposomal doxorubicin, or topotecan given every week 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with topotecan given every 3 weeks Platinum-sensitive recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer: 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with carboplatin and paclitaxel for 6-8 cycles, followed by 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks as a single agent 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks with carboplatin and gemcitabine for 6-10 cycles, followed by 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks as a single agent			

^{**}Non-specific assigned HCPCS codes, must submit requested product NDC

References: all information referenced is from FDA package insert unless otherwise noted below.

Policy Implementation/Update Information: Criteria and treatment protocols are reviewed annually by the Blue Cross NC P&T Committee, regardless of change. This policy is reviewed in Q3 annually.



January 2026: Criteria change: Changed requirement for trial and failure of preferred rituximab biosimilar products to include Riabni in addition to existing preferred Ruxience and Truxima; adjusted non-preferred rituximab products to include Rituxan and Rituxan Hycela. Removed Riabni (Q5123) from restricted products within this policy (unrestricted for oncologic indications). Changed requirement for trial and failure of preferred trastuzumab biosimilar products to include Ogivri and Ontruzant in addition to existing preferred Trazimera; adjusted non-preferred trastuzumab biosimilar products to include Hercessi, Herzuma, and Kanjinti. Added Kanjinti (Q5117) to restricted products; removed Ogivri (Q5114) and Ontruzant (Q5112) from restricted products (unrestricted). Other minor formatting adjustments made throughout policy for clarity. **Policy notification given 10/1/2025 for effective date 1/1/2026**.

July 2025: Criteria update: Added new to market biosimilar product Jobevne (bevacizumab-nwgd) to policy as non-preferred with same criteria as Avastin.

January 2025: Coding change: For Hercessi, added HCPCS code Q5146 to dosing reference table effective 1/1/2025; deleted C9399, J3490, J3590, and J9999 termed 12/31/2024.

September 2024: Criteria update: Added new to market product Hercessi (trastuzumab-strf) to policy as non-preferred with same criteria as Herceptin.

April 2024: Criteria change: Changed requirement for trial and failure of preferred trastuzumab biosimilar products to include Kanjinti and Trazimera; adjusted non-preferred trastuzumab biosimilar products to include Herzuma, Ogivri, and Ontruzant. Added Ogivri (Q5114) to restricted products; removed Trazimera (Q5116) from restricted products (unrestricted). **Policy notification given 1/8/2024 for effective date 4/1/2024**.

January 2024: Criteria update: Added new to market biosimilar product Avzivi (bevacizumab-tnjn) to policy as non-preferred with same criteria as Avastin.

April 2023: Coding update: Added HCPCS code Q5129 for Vegzelma to dosing reference table effective 4/1/2023; deleted C9399, J3490, J3590, and J9999 for Vegzelma termed 3/31/2023.

January 2023: Coding update: Added HCPCS code Q5126 for Alymsys to dosing reference table effective 1/1/2023, deleted C9142, J3490, J3590, and J9999 for Alymsys termed 12/31/2022.

November 2022: Criteria update: Added new to market product Vegzelma (bevacizumab-adcd) to policy as non-preferred with same criteria as Avastin.

October 2022: Coding update: Added HCPCS code C9142 for Alymsys to dosing reference table effective 10/1/2022, deleted C9399 for Alymsys termed 9/30/2022.

October 2022: Criteria update: Added Herceptin Hylecta to policy as a non-preferred product with same criteria as Herceptin. Added Rituxan Hycela to policy as a non-preferred product with same criteria as Rituxan. **Policy notification given 8/4/2022 for effective date 10/1/2022**. June 2022: Criteria update: Added new to market Alymsys (bevacizumab-maly) to policy as non-preferred with same criteria as Avastin. Adjusted policy formatting for clarity with no change to policy intent.

June 2022: Original medical policy criteria issued. Criteria from these restricted products remains the same from previous medical policy (Injectable and Healthcare Administered Oncology Drugs).