

# STANDARD MEDICARE PART B MANAGEMENT

## LEMTRADA (alemtuzumab)

### POLICY

#### I. INDICATIONS

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

##### FDA-Approved Indication

Lemtrada is indicated for the treatment of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS), to include relapsing-remitting disease and active secondary progressive disease, in adults. Because of its safety profile, the use of Lemtrada should generally be reserved for patients who have had an inadequate response to two or more drugs indicated for the treatment of MS.

##### *Limitations of Use*

Lemtrada is not recommended for use in patients with clinically isolated syndrome (CIS) because of its safety profile.

All other indications will be assessed on an individual basis. Submissions for indications other than those enumerated in this policy should be accompanied by supporting evidence from Medicare approved compendia.

#### II. CRITERIA FOR INITIAL APPROVAL

##### **Multiple Sclerosis**

Authorization of 30 days may be granted for treatment of relapsing forms of MS when the member had an inadequate response to two or more drugs for relapsing MS (e.g., interferons or other agents) despite adequate duration of treatment or the member has a clinical reason to avoid such treatments.

#### III. CONTINUATION OF THERAPY

All members (including new members) requesting authorization for continuation of therapy must be currently receiving therapy with the requested agent.

Authorization for 30 days may be granted when all of the following criteria are met:

- A. The member is currently receiving therapy with Lemtrada.
- B. Lemtrada is being used to treat an indication enumerated in Section II.
- C. The member received the previous course of treatment at least 12 months prior to the planned date of the next course of Lemtrada.
- D. The member is receiving benefit from therapy.

<b>Reference number(s)</b>
1627-A

#### **IV. REFERENCE**

1. Lemtrada [package insert]. Cambridge, MA: Genzyme Corporation; October 2019.