

PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT

Georgia Medicaid

DRUG NAME	Soliris (eculizumab)
BILLING CODE	J1300
BENEFIT TYPE	Medical
SITE OF SERVICE ALLOWED	Office/Outpatient
COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS	Prior Authorization Required (non-preferred product) QUANTITY LIMIT— see Dosage allowed for details
LIST OF DIAGNOSES CONSIDERED NOT MEDICALLY NECESSARY	Click Here

Soliris (eculizumab) is a **non-preferred** product and will only be considered for coverage under the **medical** benefit when the following criteria are met:

Members must be clinically diagnosed with one of the following disease states and meet their individual criteria as stated.

ATYPICAL HEMOLYTIC UREMIC SYNDROME (aHUS)

For **initial** authorization:

1. Member has diagnosis of aHUS supported by the absence of Shiga toxin-producing E. coli infection and with ADAMTS13 activity level > 5% documented in chart notes; AND
2. Member has ALL of the following documented in chart notes:
 - a) Platelet count $\leq 150 \times 10^9/L$;
 - b) Evidence of hemolysis (e.g., an elevation in serum Lactic Acid Dehydrogenase (LDH));
 - c) Serum creatinine above the upper limits of normal, without the need for chronic dialysis; AND
3. Member has received vaccination against Neisseria meningitidis (i.e., Menactra®, Menveo®, MenHibrix®); AND
4. Member does **not** have ANY of the following:
 - a) History of malignancy within 5 years;
 - b) HIV;
 - c) Infection-related or identified drug exposure-related hemolytic-uremic syndrome (HUS);
 - d) HUS related to bone marrow transplant (BMT) or to vitamin B12 deficiency;
 - e) Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) or antiphospholipid antibody positivity or syndrome;
 - f) Member is on chronic intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) within 8 weeks or chronic Rituximab therapy within 12 weeks.
5. **Dosage allowed:** 3,600 mg/28 days for initial fill, then 2,400 mg/28 days for subsequent fills.

If member meets all the requirements listed above, the medication will be approved for 6 months.

For **reauthorization**:

1. Member must be in compliance with all other initial criteria; AND
2. Chart notes have been provided that show the member has an increase in mean platelet counts from baseline and signs of complement-mediated thrombotic microangiopathy (TMA) activity were reduced with Soliris (eculizumab) therapy.

If member meets all the reauthorization requirements above, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.

GENERALIZED MYASTHENIA GRAVIS (gMG)

For **initial** authorization:

1. Member is 18 years of age or older; AND
2. Medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist; AND
3. Member has a diagnosis of severe, refractory gMG with documentation of positive serologic test for anti-AChR antibodies²⁵; AND
4. Member has tried and failed one of the following (unless contraindicated or intolerable):
 - i) Corticosteroid and at least 2 other immunosuppressive therapies²⁴ (e.g. azathioprine [first line], cyclosporine, mycophenolate mofetil, methotrexate, tacrolimus) over 1 year or more¹⁵ (total); OR
 - ii) At least 1 immunosuppressive therapy and has required plasmapheresis or plasma exchange or intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) at least every 3 months over the past year¹⁵; AND
5. Member has received meningococcal vaccine.
6. **Dosage allowed:** 900 mg IV weekly for the first 4 weeks, followed by 1200 mg for the fifth dose 1 week later, then 1200 mg every 2 weeks thereafter.

If member meets all the requirements listed above, the medication will be approved for 6 months.

For **reauthorization**:

1. Chart notes must demonstrate improvement in activities of daily living, muscle strength, and/or health-related quality of life; fewer exacerbations or hospitalizations, or reduced use of rescue medication.

If member meets all the reauthorization requirements above, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.

NEUROMYELITIS OPTICA SPECTRUM DISORDER (NMOSD)

For **initial** authorization:

1. Member is 18 years of age or older; AND
2. Medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist; AND
3. Member has a diagnosis of NMOSD and is seropositive for aquaporin-4 (AQP4) IgG antibodies (documentation required); AND
4. Member had had 1 or more relapses within the past year; AND
5. Member has tried and failed at least one of the following for 6 months or longer: azathioprine, mycophenolate, rituximab^{19,20,21} (requires prior auth); AND
6. Member has tried and failed Enspryng (requires prior auth) for at least 6 months or has contraindication; AND
7. Member has received meningococcal vaccine.
8. **Dosage allowed:** 900 mg IV weekly for the first 4 weeks, followed by 1200 mg for the fifth dose 1 week later, then 1200 mg every 2 weeks thereafter.

If member meets all the requirements listed above, the medication will be approved for 6 months.

For **reauthorization**:

1. Chart notes must document disease stabilization, symptom improvement, and/or reduced frequency of relapses.

If member meets all the reauthorization requirements above, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.

PAROXYSMAL NOCTURNAL HEMOGLOBINURIA (PNH)

For **initial** authorization:

1. Member with diagnosis of PNH as confirmed by flow cytometry (PNH type III red cells or GPI-AP-deficient polymorphonuclear cells (PMNs)); AND
2. Medication is prescribed by a hematologist or nephrologist; AND
3. Member has received vaccination against Neisseria meningitidis (i.e., Menactra[®], Menveo[®], MenHibrix[®]); AND
4. Member has LDH levels > 1.5 times the upper limit of normal documented in chart notes; AND
5. Member has **one** or more of the following documented in chart notes:
 - a) History of at least 1 blood transfusion within the past 24 months due to anemia or anemia related symptoms or personal beliefs precluding transfusion;
 - b) Presence of organ damage due to chronic hemolysis.
6. **Dosage allowed:** 2,400 mg/28 days for initial fill then 1,800 mg/28 days for subsequent fills.

If member meets all the requirements listed above, the medication will be approved for 12 months.

For **reauthorization**:

1. Member must be in compliance with all other initial criteria; AND
2. Chart notes have been provided that show the member is stable or has shown improvement on Soliris (eculizumab) therapy.

If member meets all the reauthorization requirements above, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.

CareSource considers Soliris (eculizumab) not medically necessary for the treatment of diseases that are not listed in this document.

DATE	ACTION/DESCRIPTION
11/14/2017	New policy for Soliris created.
10/26/2019	New diagnosis of Neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD) added.
10/15/2020	Revised criteria for <u>NMOSD</u> to align with other products. Only require at least 1 relapse in past year. Added trial of a standard therapy. Added trial of Enspryng. Reworded the criteria for meningitis vaccine. Removed the part about stable immunosuppressive therapy (just assessed for study purpose). Removed restrictions on prior Rituxan, mitoxantrone, IVIG (only applicable to the study design). Changed initial auth duration to 6 months. Edited the renewal criteria to be more appropriate. Also corrected the dose information error. Changed to non-preferred drug status.
02/08/2021	gMG: Updated references. Added specialist requirement. Removed MG-ADL score. Amended prerequisite drugs to more closely match guidelines and literature. Removed clinical trial exclusion criteria. Reduced initial auth duration to 6 months. Revised renewal criteria.

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