Drug Coverage Policy

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Policy Title……Vyvgart Intravenous

Neurology – Vyvgart Intravenous

- Vyvgart® (efgartigimod alfa-fcab intravenous infusion – Argenx)

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OVERVIEW

Vyvgart Intravenous, a neonatal Fc receptor blocker, is indicated for the treatment of **generalized myasthenia gravis** in adults who are anti-acetylcholine receptor (AChR) antibody-positive.[1]

Disease Overview

Myasthenia gravis is a chronic autoimmune neuromuscular disease that causes weakness in the skeletal muscles, which are responsible for breathing and moving parts of the body, including the arms and legs.[2] Myasthenia gravis is caused by the production of pathogenic immunoglobulin G (IgG) autoantibodies against neuromuscular junction components (AChR, muscle-specific tyrosine kinase [MuSK], and low density lipoprotein receptor-related protein 4 [LRP4]).[3] Approximately 85% of patients with myasthenia gravis are anti-AChR antibody-positive and approximately 5% to 8% of patients are anti-MuSK antibody-positive.[4] The result of the antibodies at the junction is unsuccessful nerve transmission and deficiency or weakness of muscle contractions.[3] The hallmark of myasthenia gravis is muscle weakness that worsens after periods of activity and improves after periods of rest. Certain muscles such as those that control eye and eyelid movement, facial expression, chewing, talking, and swallowing are often involved in the disorder; however, the muscles that control breathing, and neck and limb movements may also be affected.

Clinical Efficacy

The efficacy of Vyvgart Intravenous was evaluated in a 26-week, multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial in adults with myasthenia gravis (n = 167).[1] Among other criteria, patients were on stable doses of myasthenia gravis therapy prior to screening (e.g., acetylcholinesterase inhibitors, steroids, or non-steroidal immunosuppressive therapies), either in combination or alone. In addition, patients had a Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America (MGFA) clinical classification class II to IV and a Myasthenia Gravis Activities of Daily Living (MG-ADL) total score of ≥ 5. MG-ADL assesses the impact of generalized myasthenia gravis on daily functions of eight signs or symptoms that are typically impacted by this disease. Each sign or symptom is assessed on a 4-point scale; a higher score indicates greater impairment. Patients were randomized to receive Vyvgart Intravenous or placebo. At baseline, most patients had stable doses of acetylcholinesterase inhibitors (> 80%), steroids (> 70%), and/or non-steroidal immunosuppressive therapies (about 60%). The primary efficacy endpoint was comparison of the percentage of MG-ADL responders during the first treatment cycle between treatment groups in the anti-acetylcholine receptor antibody-positive population. An MG-ADL responder was defined as a patient with a 2-point or greater reduction in the total MG-ADL score compared to the treatment cycle baseline for at least 4 consecutive weeks, with the first reduction occurring no later than 1 week after the last infusion of the cycle. Overall, 67.7% of patients who received Vyvgart Intravenous compared with 29.7% of patients who received placebo were considered MG-ADL responders ($P < 0.0001$).

Dosing Information

For patients weighing < 120 kg, the recommended dose is 10 mg/kg administered as an intravenous infusion over one hour once weekly for 4 weeks.[1] For patients weighing ≥ 120 kg, the recommended dose is 1200 mg per infusion. Administer subsequent treatment cycles based on clinical evaluation.

Guidelines

An international consensus guidance for the management of myasthenia gravis was published in 2016.[5] Pyridostigmine is recommended for the initial treatment in most patients with myasthenia gravis. The ability to discontinue pyridostigmine can indicate that the patient has met treatment goals and may guide the tapering of other therapies. Systemic corticosteroids or immunosuppressant therapy should be used in all patients with myasthenia gravis who have not met treatment goals after an adequate trial of pyridostigmine. Nonsteroidal immunosuppressant agents include azathioprine, cyclosporine, mycophenolate mofetil, methotrexate, and tacrolimus. It is usually necessary to maintain some immunosuppression for many years, sometimes for life. Plasma exchange and intravenous immunoglobulin can be used as short-term treatments in certain patients. A 2020 update to these guidelines provides new recommendations for methotrexate, rituximab, and eculizumab intravenous infusion (Soliris®, biosimilars).[6] All recommendations should be considered extensions or additions to recommendations made in the initial international consensus guidance. Oral methotrexate may be considered as a steroid-sparing agent in patients

with generalized myasthenia gravis who have not tolerated or responded to steroid-sparing agents. Rituximab should be considered as an early therapeutic option in patients with anti-muscle specific tyrosine kinase antibody-positive myasthenia gravis who have an unsatisfactory response to initial immunotherapy. Eculizumab should be considered in the treatment of severe, refractory, anti-acetylcholine receptor antibody-positive generalized myasthenia gravis.

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POLICY STATEMENT

Prior Authorization is required for benefit coverage of Vyvgart Intravenous. Approval is recommended for those who meet the **Criteria** and **Dosing** for the listed indication. Extended approvals are allowed if the patient continues to meet the Criteria and Dosing. Requests for doses outside of the established dosing documented in this policy will be considered on a case-by-case basis by a clinician (i.e., Medical Director or Pharmacist). All approvals are provided for the duration noted below. In cases where the approval is authorized in months, 1 month is equal to 30 days. Because of the specialized skills required for evaluation and diagnosis of patients treated with Vyvgart Intravenous as well as the monitoring required for adverse events and long-term efficacy, approval requires Vyvgart Intravenous to be prescribed by or in consultation with a physician who specializes in the condition being treated.

Documentation: Documentation is required where noted in the criteria as **[documentation required]**. Documentation may include, but is not limited to, chart notes, laboratory tests, claims records, prescription receipts and/or other information. All documentation must include patient-specific identifying information.

Vyvgart Intravenous is considered medically necessary when the following criteria are met:

FDA-Approved Indication

1. **Generalized Myasthenia Gravis.** Approve if the patient meets ONE of the following (A or B):
   - **A)** Initial Therapy. Approve for 6 months if the patient meets ALL of the following (i, ii, iii, iv, v, and vi):
     - **i.** Patient is ≥ 18 years of age; AND
     - **ii.** Patient has confirmed anti-acetylcholine receptor antibody positive generalized myasthenia gravis **[documentation required]**; AND
     - **iii.** Patient meets BOTH of the following (a and b):
       - **a)** Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America classification of II to IV; AND
       - **b)** Myasthenia Gravis Activities of Daily Living (MG-ADL) score of ≥ 5; AND
     - **iv.** Patient meets ONE of the following (a or b):
       - **a)** Patient received or is currently receiving pyridostigmine; OR
       - **b)** Patient has had inadequate efficacy, a contraindication, or significant intolerance to pyridostigmine; AND
     - **v.** Patient has evidence of unresolved symptoms of generalized myasthenia gravis; AND
       Note: Examples of unresolved symptoms include difficulty swallowing, difficulty breathing, or a functional disability resulting in the discontinuation of physical activity (e.g., double vision, talking, impairment of mobility); AND
     - **vi.** The medication is being prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist.
   - **B)** Patient is Currently Receiving Vyvgart Intravenous (or Vyvgart Hytrulo [efgartigimod alfa and hyaluronidase-qvfc subcutaneous injection]). Approve for 1 year if the patient meets ALL of the following (i, ii, and iii):
     - **i.** Patient is ≥ 18 years of age; AND

ii. According to the prescriber, patient is continuing to derive benefit from Vyvgart Intravenous (or Vyvgart Hytrulo); AND
Note: Examples of derived benefit include reductions in exacerbations of myasthenia gravis; improvements in speech, swallowing, mobility, and respiratory function.
iii. The medication is being prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist.

Dosing. Approve if the patient meets ONE of the following dosing regimens (A or B):
A) Patient weighs < 120 kg: The dose is 10 mg/kg administered by intravenous infusion once weekly for 4 weeks; OR
B) Patient weighs ≥ 120 kg: The dose is 1,200 mg administered by intravenous infusion once weekly for 4 weeks
Note. Subsequent treatment cycles are administered based on clinical evaluation.

Conditions Not Covered

Vyvgart Intravenous for any other use is considered not medically necessary, including the following (this list may not be all inclusive; criteria will be updated as new published data are available):

1. **Concomitant Use with Another Neonatal Fc Receptor Blocker, a Complement Inhibitor, a Rituximab Product, or Uplizna® (inebilizumab-cdon intravenous infusion).** There is no evidence to support concomitant use of Vyvgart Intravenous with another neonatal Fc receptor blocker, a complement inhibitor, a rituximab product, or Uplizna.
Note: Examples of neonatal Fc receptor blockers are Imaavy (nipocalimab-aahu intravenous infusion), Rystiggo (rozanolixizumab-noli subcutaneous infusion) and Vyvgart Hytrulo (efgartigimod alfa and hyaluronidase-qvfc subcutaneous injection).
Note: Examples of complement inhibitors are eculizumab intravenous infusion (Soliris, biosimilars), Ultomiris (ravulizumab-cwvz intravenous infusion), and Zilbrysq (zilucoplan subcutaneous injection).

Coding Information

Note: 1) This list of codes may not be all-inclusive.
2) Deleted codes and codes which are not effective at the time the service is rendered may not be eligible for reimbursement.

Considered Medically Necessary when criteria in the applicable policy statements listed above are met:

HCPCS Codes	Description
J9332	Injection, efgartigimod alfa-fcab, 2 mg

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Revision Details

Type of Revision	Summary of Changes	Date
Annual Revision	**Policy Name:** **Updated** title **from** "Efgartigimod Intravenous" **to** "Neurology – Vyvgart Intravenous." **Generalized Myasthenia Gravis:** **Added** criterion to Initial therapy and Patient is currently receiving section: "Treatment cycles are no more frequent than every 50 days from the start of the previous treatment cycle." **Removed** "prior to starting therapy with Vyvgart or Vyvgart Hytrulo" **from** requirement that patient has MGFA clinical classification of II-IV and MG-ADL score of 5 or higher.	11/01/2024
Annual Revision	**Added** documentation instructions **Generalized Myasthenia Gravis.** **Updated from** "Documentation that the patient has confirmed anti-acetylcholine receptor antibody positive generalized myasthenia gravis" **to** "patient has confirmed anti-acetylcholine receptor antibody positive generalized myasthenia gravis **[documentation required]**" **Conditions Not Covered, Concomitant Use with Another Neonatal Fc Receptor Blocker, a Complement Inhibitor, or a Rituximab Product:** Imaavy was added to the Note of examples of neonatal Fc receptor blockers. Biosimilars to Soliris were added to the Note of examples of complement inhibitors, where only Soliris was previously noted.	08/15/2025
Selected Revision	**Updated** policy template.	11/1/2025
Selected Revision	**Generalized Myasthenia Gravis.** **Initial Therapy and Patient is Currently Receiving Vyvgart Intravenous (or Vyvgart Hytrulo [efgartigimod alfa and hyaluronidase-qvfc subcutaneous injection]):** Removed the requirement that treatment cycles are no more	01/15/2026

	frequent than every 50 days from the start of the previous treatment cycle; this stipulation was removed from the prescribing information. **Dosing:** Removed the requirement that treatment cycles are no more frequent than every 50 days from the start of the previous treatment cycle; this stipulation was removed from the prescribing information. Added a Note that subsequent treatment cycles are administered based on clinical evaluation.	
Selected Revision	**Updated** documentation statement **from** "Documentation: Documentation is required where noted in the criteria as [documentation required]. Documentation may include, but is not limited to, chart notes, laboratory tests, claims records and/or other information. All documentation must include patient-specific identifying information" **to** "Documentation: Documentation is required where noted in the criteria as [documentation required]. Documentation may include, but is not limited to, chart notes, laboratory tests, claims records, prescription receipts and/or other information. All documentation must include patient-specific identifying information." **Conditions Not Covered** The condition "Concomitant Use with Another Complement Inhibitor, a Neonatal Fc Receptor Blocker, or a Rituximab Product" was revised to "Concomitant Use with Another Complement Inhibitor, a Neonatal Fc Receptor Blocker, a Rituximab Product, or Uplizna® (inebilizumab-cdon intravenous infusion)."	5/1/2026

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