

MEDICAL POLICY

POLICY TITLE	DRUG INFUSION SITE OF SERVICE
POLICY NUMBER	MP 3.016

CLINICAL BENEFIT	<input type="checkbox"/> MINIMIZE SAFETY RISK OR CONCERN. <input type="checkbox"/> MINIMIZE HARMFUL OR INEFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS. <input type="checkbox"/> ASSURE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF CARE. <input type="checkbox"/> ASSURE APPROPRIATE DURATION OF SERVICE FOR INTERVENTIONS. <input type="checkbox"/> ASSURE THAT RECOMMENDED MEDICAL PREREQUISITES HAVE BEEN MET. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ASSURE APPROPRIATE SITE OF TREATMENT OR SERVICE.
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I. POLICY

Note: An injectable medication must meet applicable medical necessity criteria for coverage. When coverage criteria are met for the injectable medication, this policy is used to determine the medical necessity of the requested site of care.

This policy applies to the following infusions administered by health care professionals:

- Abatacept; **and**
- Agalsidase beta; **and**
- Alemtuzumab; **and**
- Alglucosidase alfa; **and**
- Avalglucosidase alfa-ngpt; **and**
- Alpha 1-proteinase Inhibitors (see coding section for applicable codes) **and**
- Benralizumab; **and**
- Belimumab; **and**
- Burosumab-twza; **and**
- C1 esterase inhibitor; **and**
- Canakinumab; **and**
- Certolizumab pegol; **and**
- Crizanlizumab-tmca; **and**
- Denosumab; **and**
- Eculizumab; **and**
- Efgartigimod alfa-fcab; **and**
- Efgartigimod alfa and hyaluronidase-qvfc; **and**
- Elosulfase alfa; **and**
- Eptinezumab-ijmr; **and**
- Evinacumab-dgnb; **and**
- Leuprolide Acetate (Fensolvi®); **and**
- Galsulfase; **and**

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- Givosiran; **and**
- Golimumab; **and**
- Idursulfase; **and**
- Imiglucerase; **and**
- Immune globulin intravenous (IVIG) (see coding section for applicable codes); **and**
- Immune globulin intravenous (Human)-slra; **and**
- Immune globulin subcutaneous (Human)-hipp; **and**
- Inclisiran; **and**
- Inebilizumab-cdon; **and**
- Infliximab; **and**
- Infliximab-dyyb; **and**
- Infliximab-abda; **and**
- Infliximab-axxq; **and**
- Laronidase; **and**
- Lumasiran; **and**
- Luspatercept-aamt; **and**
- Mepolizumab; **and**
- Natalizumab; **and**
- Ocrelizumab; **and**
- Olipudase alfa-rpcp; **and**
- Omalizumab; **and**
- Patisiran; **and**
- Pegunigalsidase alfa-iwxj; **and**
- Pertuzumab, trastuzumab and hyaluronidase-zzxf; **and**
- Plasminogen; Human-tmvh; **and**
- Ravulizumab-cwvz; **and**
- Reslizumab; **and**
- Rilonacept; **and**
- Romosozumab-aqqg; **and**
- Rozanolixizumab-noli; **and**
- Sebelipase alfa; **and**
- Sutimlimab-jome; **and**
- Taliglucerase alfa; **and**
- Teprotumumab-trbw; **and**
- Tildrakizumab; **and**
- Tocilizumab; **and**
- Treprostinil; **and**
- Ublituximab-xiiy; **and**
- Ustekinumab; **and**
- Vedolizumab; **and**
- Velaglucerase alfa; **and**
- Velmanase alfa-tycv; **and**

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- Vestronidase alfa-vjbk; **and**
- Vutrisiran.

Infusion of a medication initiated in the hospital outpatient setting is subject to a one-time 30-day approval period to facilitate transition to a medically necessary alternative less intensive site of care. Alternative less intensive site of care facilities include:

- Non-hospital affiliated outpatient infusion (e.g., ambulatory infusion center or physician office); **or**
- Home infusion

Infusion of one of the listed medications administered in an alternative less intensive site of care facility (see definition above) when criteria for coverage of the medication are met is considered **medically necessary** unless both of the following criteria are met:

- There is not a non-hospital affiliated, outpatient infusion center within an acceptable distance to the patients' home. Refer to link below:
 - [PA Code 9.679 Access requirements in service areas](#); **or**
- There is not a non-hospital affiliated, outpatient infusion center within **20 miles** of the patient's home **and** the patient does not live in the state of Pennsylvania; **and**
- The member's home is not eligible for home infusion services (such as home is not within the service area or is deemed unsuitable for care by the home infusion provider).

Or ONE of the following;

Infusion of one of the listed medications in a hospital outpatient setting or at a hospital-affiliated infusion suite is considered **medically necessary** for an individual when there is clinical documentation of **ANY** one of the following:

- The patient is under the age of 18; **or**
- The prescribed medication has a site of care restriction for administration per the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved label; **or**
- Clinical documentation of a severe or potentially life-threatening adverse event during or following infusion of the prescribed drug, and the adverse event cannot be managed through pre-medication in the home or office setting; **or**
- There is clinical documentation of a significant comorbidity (e.g., cardiopulmonary disorder) or concerns regarding fluid overload status that precludes treatment at an alternative less intensive site of care; **or**
- Clinical documentation of unstable vascular access; **or**
- Clinical documentation of physical or cognitive impairments such that home infusion would present an unnecessary health risk; **or**
- Patients current condition requires monitoring that cannot be provided in a less intensive site of care; **or**
- Patient is concurrently being treated with another medication that must be administered in a hospital setting; **or**
- Initiating a new therapy; **or**
- Reinitiating therapy after being off therapy for at least six months.

When the criteria above are not met, infusion of one of the listed medications in a hospital outpatient setting or hospital-affiliated infusion suite is considered **not medically necessary**.

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Note: A hospital outpatient setting or a hospital-affiliated infusion suite is expected to have immediate access to specific services of a medical center/hospital setting, including having emergency resuscitation equipment and personnel (Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) protocol), emergency services, and inpatient admission or intensive care, if necessary.

Cross-Reference:

- For medical necessity criteria, refer to the specific medical injectable policy
MP 2.176 Self Administered Medications
MP 3.015 Office Based Procedures Performed in a Facility

II. PRODUCT VARIATIONS

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This policy is only applicable to certain programs and products administered by Capital Blue Cross please see additional information below, and subject to benefit variations as discussed in Section VI below.

FEP PPO - Refer to FEP Medical Policy Manual. The FEP Medical Policy manual can be found at: <https://www.fepblue.org/benefit-plans/medical-policies-and-utilization-management-guidelines/medical-policies>.

III. DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

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This policy outlines the site of care for medication infusions. It provides the criteria used to determine the medical necessity of the site of care for delivery of infused medications.

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The existence of this medical policy does not mean that this service is a covered benefit under the member's health benefit plan. Benefit determinations are based on the applicable health benefit plan language. Medical policies do not constitute a description of benefits. Members and providers should consult the member's health benefit plan for information or contact Capital Blue Cross for benefit information.

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Capital Blue Cross' medical policies are developed to assist in administering a member's benefits. These medical policies do not constitute medical advice and are subject to change. Treating providers are solely responsible for medical advice and treatment of members. Members should discuss any medical policy related to their coverage or condition

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with their provider and consult their benefit information to determine if the service is covered. If there is a discrepancy between this medical policy and a member's benefit information, the benefit information will govern. If a provider or a member has a question concerning the application of this medical policy to a specific member's plan of benefits, please contact Capital Blue Cross' Provider Services or Member Services. Capital Blue Cross considers the information contained in this medical policy to be proprietary and it may only be disseminated as permitted by law.

VIII. CODING INFORMATION

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Note: This list of codes may not be all-inclusive, and codes are subject to change at any time. The identification of a code in this section does not denote coverage as coverage is determined by the terms of member benefit information. In addition, not all covered services are eligible for separate reimbursement.

Covered when medically necessary:

Procedure Codes
90281, 90283, 90284, J0129, J0180, J0202, J0217, J0218, J0219, J0221, J0222, J0223, J0224, J0225, J0256, J0257, J0490, J0517, J0584, J0596, J0597, J0598, J0638, J0717, J0791, J0896, J0897, J1299, J1302, J1303, J1305, J1306, J1322, J1458, J1459, J1551, J1554, J1555, J1556, J1557, J1558, J1559, J1561, J1566, J1568, J1569, J1572, J1575, J1576, J1591, J1599, J1602, J1743, J1745, J1786, J1823, J1931, J1951, J2182, J2323, J2329, J2350, J2357, J2508, J2786, J2793, J2840, J2998, J3032, J3060, J3111, J3241, J3245, J3262, J3285, J3358, J3380, J3385, J3397, J9316, J9332, J9333, J9334, Q5103, Q5104, Q5121,

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code*	Description
See above	Please reference the medical policy specific to the drug to determine coverage and appropriate diagnosis codes.

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	01/31/2021 Minor Review. Multiple drugs added. References updated. Coding updated.
	02/10/2022 Minor Review. Multiple drugs added. References reviewed. Coding updated. Added new code J2356. Cross reference updated. Removal of GamaSTAN from policy.
	07/07/2022 Administrative Update. Removal of J2356
	09/26/2022 Minor Review. Addition of J2182 and J9332
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	10/09/2023 Minor Review Addition of J0256, J0257, J2793, J0490, J2786, J0584, J1951, J0638, J1306, J9316, J3285, J3032
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	01/04/2023 Administrative Update. Removed J9334 from policy
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	<p>10/17/2024 Administrative Update. Moved Velmanase alfa-tycv to correct place in alphabetical order. Corrected coding table by adding J1951 as Fensolvi is already in the policy statement. No change to intent.</p> <p>3/13/2025 Administrative Update. Deleted code J1300 and replaced with new code J1299, eff 04/01/2025.</p>
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