



DRUG QUANTITY MANAGEMENT POLICY – PER DAYS

POLICY: Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide Inhibitors – Emgality Drug Quantity Management Policy – Per Days

- Emgality® (galcanezumab-gnlm subcutaneous injection – Eli Lilly)

REVIEW DATE: 03/06/2025

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

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CIGNA NATIONAL FORMULARY COVERAGE:

OVERVIEW

Emgality, a calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) antagonist, is indicated for the following uses:¹

- **Episodic cluster headache treatment** in adults.
- **Migraine headache prevention** in adults.

Migraine headaches have been defined as chronic or episodic. Chronic migraine is described by the International Headache Society as headache occurring on ≥ 15 days/month for more than 3 months, which has the features of migraine headache on ≥ 8 days/month.² Episodic migraine is characterized by headaches that occur < 15 days/month.³ Episodic migraine is more common than chronic migraine; however, chronic migraine is associated with a markedly greater personal and societal burden.

Cluster headaches are associated with attacks of severe, strictly unilateral pain, lasting 15 to 180 minutes.² The headaches occur from once every other day to eight times per day. Cluster headache is considered among the most severe of the primary headache disorders.⁴ Episodic cluster headache is defined as cluster headache attacks occurring in periods lasting from 7 days to 1 year, separated by pain-free periods lasting ≥ 3 months. Typically, episodic cluster periods last between 2 weeks and 3 months. Chronic cluster headache attacks affect 10% to 15% of patients with cluster headache, lasting for ≥ 1 year without remission, or with remission periods lasting < 3 months.

Dosing

The recommended dosage of Emgality for preventative treatment of migraine is a 240 mg loading dose (two consecutive subcutaneous [SC] injections of 120 mg each), followed by 120 mg SC once a month.¹ The recommended dosage of Emgality for episodic cluster headache is 300 mg (three consecutive SC injections of 100 mg each) at the onset of the cluster period, and then monthly thereafter until the end of the cluster period.

Availability

Emgality is available as 120 mg/mL single-dose prefilled pens and prefilled syringes supplied in cartons containing one or two pens or syringes.¹ It is also available as 100 mg/mL single-dose prefilled syringes in cartons containing three syringes.

POLICY STATEMENT

This Drug Quantity Management program has been developed to manage potential dose escalation of Emgality. If the Drug Quantity Management rule is not met for the requested medication at the point of service, coverage will be determined by the Criteria below. All approvals are provided for the duration noted below. "One-time" overrides are provided for 30 days in duration.

Drug Quantity Limits

Product	Strength and Form	Retail Maximum Quantity per 30 Days	Home Delivery Maximum Quantity per 90 Days
Emgality® (galcanezumab-gnlm SC injection)	100 mg/mL prefilled syringes	3 mL (3 syringes)	9 mL (9 syringes)
	120 mg/mL prefilled syringes	1 syringe (1 mL)	3 syringes (3 mL)
	120 mg/mL prefilled pens	1 pen (1 mL)	3 pens (3 mL)

SC – Subcutaneous.

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CRITERIA

Emgality 100 mg/mL prefilled syringes

No overrides recommended.

Emgality 120 mg/mL prefilled pens and syringes

1. If the patient is initiating therapy for the preventative treatment of migraine, approve a one-time override for two pens or syringes (2 mL) at retail or four pens or syringes (4 mL) at home delivery.

REFERENCES

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HISTORY

Type of Revision	Summary of Changes	Review Date
Annual Revision	No criteria changes. Policy was updated to reflect the existing quantity limits when a product is obtained via home delivery.	03/23/2023
Annual Revision	No criteria changes.	03/27/2024
Annual Revision	Policy statement was updated to note that "one-time" approvals are provided for 30 days in duration.	03/06/2025

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