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Rituximab containing products:
Riabni (rituximab-arrx), Rituxan (rituximab), Rituxan Hycela (rituximab/hyaluronidase human), Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr), Truxima (rituximab-abbs)

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Authorizations are for 6 months, after which time they must be reviewed for efficacy, safety, and tolerability.

Truxima (rituximab- abbs) and Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr) are preferred rituximab products. Rituxan (rituximab), Rituxan Hycela (rituximab/ hyaluronidase human), and Riabni (rituximab- arrx) are non-preferred rituximab products. Members must have documentation of contraindication, failure, or intolerance to Truxima or Ruxience prior to approval of a non-preferred product.

Approval Criteria:

Review criteria used by OncoHealth to determine medical necessity for anticancer treatments and supportive agents include, but is not limited to:

- New drugs or regimens (combinations of drugs) approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), i.e., that are used on-label.
- Drugs and biologics may be used off-label if they are considered medically accepted or necessary if supported by any of the following 5 compendia below.
    - NCCN Drugs & Biologics Compendium® (Category 1 and 2a)
    - Clinical Pharmacology (Strong For)
    - American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information (AHFS DI) (Level 1)
    - Thompson Micromedex DrugDex® (Class I and IIa)
    - Wolters Kluwer Lexi-Drugs® (Level A)
- Off-label use of drugs and biologics may be considered medically accepted if supported as safe and effective according to peer-reviewed articles from one of the following journals
    - American Journal of Medicine; Annals of Internal Medicine; Annals of Oncology; Annals of Surgical Oncology; Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation; Blood; Bone Marrow Transplantation; British Journal of Cancer; British Journal of Hematology; British Medical Journal; Cancer; Clinical Cancer Research; Drugs; European Journal of Cancer (formerly the

European Journal of Cancer and Clinical Oncology); Gynecologic Oncology; International Journal of Radiation, Oncology, Biology, and Physics; The Journal of the American Medical Association, Journal of Clinical Oncology; Journal of the National Cancer Institute; Journal of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN); Journal of Urology; Lancet; Lancet Oncology; Leukemia; The New England Journal of Medicine; Radiation Oncology
    - **Meeting abstracts and case reports are excluded from consideration.**
- Non-standard protocols may be approved based on unique clinical circumstances.

Billing

Drug Name	HCPCS Code	Description
Riabni	Q5123	Injection, rituximab-arrx, biosimilar, (riabni), 10 mg
Rituxan	J9312	Injection, rituximab, 10 mg
Rituxan Hycela	J9311	Injection, rituximab 10 mg and hyaluronidase
Ruxience	Q5119	Injection, rituximab-pvvr, biosimilar, (ruxience), 10 mg
Truxima	Q5115	Injection, rituximab-abbs, biosimilar, (Truxima), 10 mg

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Disclaimer

Consideration of medically necessary indications are based upon U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) indications, recommended uses within the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) five recognized compendia, including the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Drugs & Biologics Compendium (Category 1 or 2A recommendations), and peer-reviewed scientific literature eligible for coverage according to the CMS, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15, section 50.4.5 titled, "Off-Label Use of Anti-Cancer Drugs and Biologics." This policy evaluates whether the drug therapy is proven to be effective based on published evidence-based medicine. OncoHealth reserves the right to request medical documentation as needed to validate medical necessity determinations.

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