

Medical Policy

Multiple Sclerosis Agents

Last review date: **1/1/2026**

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Applicable Products

Briumvi (Ublituximab-xiyy)

Lemtrada (alemtuzumab)

Ocrevus (ocrelizumab)

Ocrevus Zunovo (ocrelizumab; hyaluronidase)

Tyruko (natalizumab-sztn)

Tysabri (natalizumab)

Initial Approval Criteria

Coverage may be approved if all of the following are met:

- Drug-specific criteria; **AND**
- If applicable: Trial and failure, intolerance, or a contraindication to the preferred products as listed in the medical drug list

Briumvi

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- A diagnosis of a relapsing form of MS to include clinically isolated syndrome, relapsing-remitting disease, and active secondary progressive disease; **AND**
- Documentation of an MRI of the brain showing abnormalities consistent with MS; **AND**
- Prescribed by a neurologist or a provider who specializes in MS; **AND**
- Briumvi will not be used in combination with any disease modifying therapies

Lemtrada

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- A diagnosis of a relapsing form of MS to include relapsing-remitting disease and active secondary progressive disease; **AND**
- Documentation of an MRI of the brain showing abnormalities consistent with MS; **AND**
- Prescribed by a neurologist or a provider who specializes in MS; **AND**
- Lemtrada will not be used in combination with any disease modifying therapies; **AND**
- Due to its safety profile, patient has had an inadequate response to two or more drugs indicated for the treatment of MS

Ocrevus/Ocrevus Zunovo

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- A diagnosis of one of the following:
 - A relapsing form of MS to include relapsing-remitting disease and active secondary progressive disease; **OR**
 - Primary progressive MS; **AND**
- Documentation of an MRI of the brain showing abnormalities consistent with MS; **AND**
- Prescribed by a neurologist or a provider who specializes in MS; **AND**
- Ocrevus will not be used in combination with any disease modifying therapies

Tyruko/Tysabri

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- A diagnosis of one of the following:
 - A relapsing form of MS to include relapsing-remitting disease and active secondary progressive disease; **AND**
 - Documentation of an MRI of the brain showing abnormalities consistent with MS; **AND**
 - Prescribed by a neurologist or a provider who specializes in MS; **AND**
 - Tyruko/Tysabri will not be used in combination with any disease modifying therapies; **OR**
 - Moderate to severe Crohn's Disease; **AND**
 - Patient has had an inadequate response to conventional therapy with one of the following:
 - Corticosteroids
 - 6-mercaptopurine/azathioprine
 - 5-aminosalicylates

Renewal Criteria

Coverage may be renewed if all of the following are met:

- Patient continues to meet Initial Approval Criteria; **AND**
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity

Length of Authorization

12 Months

This policy is designed to address medical guidelines that are appropriate for the majority of individuals with a particular disease, illness, or condition. Each person's unique clinical or other circumstances may warrant individual consideration, based on review of applicable medical records, as well as other regulatory, contractual and/or legal requirements.

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