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SCIG (immune globulin SQ): Hizentra®, Gammagard Liquid®, Gamunex®-C, Gammaked®, Hyqvia®, Cuvitru®, Cutaquig®, Xembify®

(Subcutaneous)

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Scope: Medicaid*, Commercial*, Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP)

***(Medication only available on the Medical Benefit except HyQvia for Commercial which is also available on the pharmacy benefit.)**

I. Length of Authorization

Initial coverage will be provided for 6 months and may be renewed annually thereafter.

II. Dosing Limits

A. Quantity Limit (max daily dose) [NDC Unit]:

Drug Name	Dose/ week	Dose/28 days
Hizentra	46 g	184 g
Gamunex-C & Gammaked	24 g	96 g
Gammagard liquid	24 g	96 g
HyQvia	17.5 g	69 g
Cuvitru	23 g	92 g
Cutaquig	24 g	96 g
Xembify	24 g	96 g

B. Max Units (per dose and over time) [HCPCS Unit]:

Drug Name	Billable units/28 days
Hizentra	960 (PID)
	1840 (CIDP)
Gamunex-C & Gammaked	192
Gammagard liquid	192
HyQvia	690
Cuvitru	920

Drug Name	Billable units/28 days
Cutaquig	N/A (96 gms/28 days)
Xembify	960

III. Initial Approval Criteria

Baseline values for BUN and serum creatinine are obtained within 30 days of request; **AND**

If requesting non preferred subcutaneous immune globulin formulations, such as Cuvitru, Cutaquig, Xembify, Hizentra or Hyqvia, the patient must have failure or intolerance to the following preferred formulations: Gammaked/Gamunex-C or Gammagard liquid (for patients that are currently on treatment with Cuvitru, Cutaquig, Xembify, Hizentra or Hyqvia, they can remain on treatment)

Coverage is provided in the following conditions:

Primary immunodeficiency (PID)/Wiskott -Aldrich syndrome †

Such as: x-linked agammaglobulinemia, common variable immunodeficiency, transient hypogammaglobulinemia of infancy, IgG subclass deficiency with or without IgA deficiency, antibody deficiency with near normal immunoglobulin levels and combined deficiencies (severe combined immunodeficiencies, ataxia-telangiectasia, x-linked lymphoproliferative syndrome) [**list not all inclusive**]

- Patient is ≥ 2 years old *[HyQvia and Cutaquig ONLY: patient must be ≥ 18 years old]*; **AND**
- Patient's IgG level is <200 mg/dL **OR** **both** of the following
  - Patient has a history of multiple hard to treat infections as indicated by at least **one** of the following:
    - Four or more ear infections within 1 year
    - Two or more serious sinus infections within 1 year
    - Two or more months of antibiotics with little effect
    - Two or more pneumonias within 1 year
    - Recurrent or deep skin abscesses
    - Need for intravenous antibiotics to clear infections
    - Two or more deep-seated infections including septicemia; **AND**
  - The patient has a deficiency in producing antibodies in response to vaccination; **AND**
    - Titers were drawn before challenging with vaccination; **AND**
    - Titers were drawn between 4 and 8 weeks of vaccination

Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) [Hizentra ONLY] †

- Patient must be ≥ 18 years old; **AND**

- Physician has assessed baseline disease severity utilizing an objective measure/tool (e.g., INCAT, Medical Research Council (MRC) muscle strength, 6-MWT, Rankin, Modified Rankin, etc.); **AND**
  - Used as initial maintenance therapy for prevention of disease relapses after treatment and stabilization with intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG)§; **OR**
  - Used for re-initiation of maintenance therapy after experiencing a relapse and requiring re-induction therapy with IVIG (see Section IV for criteria)

§ Initial IVIG criteria used for determination of coverage: *(Reference Use Only)*

- Patient's disease course is progressive or relapsing and remitting for 2 months or longer; **AND**
- Patient has abnormal or absent deep tendon reflexes in upper or lower limbs; **AND**
- Electrodiagnostic testing indicating demyelination:
  - Partial motor conduction block in at least two motor nerves or in 1 nerve plus one other demyelination criterion listed here in at least 1 other nerve; **OR**
  - Distal CMAP duration increase in at least 1 nerve plus one other demyelination criterion listed here in at least 1 other nerve; **OR**
  - Abnormal temporal dispersion conduction must be present in at least 2 motor nerves; **OR**
  - Reduced conduction velocity in at least 2 motor nerves; **OR**
  - Prolonged distal motor latency in at least 2 motor nerves; **OR**
  - Absent F wave in at least two motor nerves plus one other demyelination criterion listed here in at least 1 other nerve; **OR**
  - Prolonged F wave latency in at least 2 motor nerves; **AND**
- Patient is refractory or intolerant to corticosteroids (e.g., prednisolone, prednisone, etc.) given in therapeutic doses over at least three months; **AND**
- Baseline in strength/weakness has been documented using an objective clinical measuring tool (e.g., INCAT, Medical Research Council (MRC) muscle strength, 6-MWT, Rankin, Modified Rankin, etc.)

† FDA Approved Indication(s)

IV. Renewal Criteria

Coverage can be renewed for 1 year based upon the following criteria:

- Patient continues to meet criteria identified in section III; **AND**
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include: severe hypersensitivity/anaphylaxis, thrombosis, aseptic meningitis syndrome, hemolytic anemia, hyperproteinemia, acute lung injury, etc.; **AND**
- BUN and serum creatinine obtained within the last 6 months and the concentration and rate of infusion have been adjusted accordingly; **AND**

Primary immunodeficiency (PID)/Wiskott -Aldrich syndrome

- Disease response as evidenced by one or more of the following:

- Decrease in the frequency of infection
- Decrease in the severity of infection

Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) [Hizentra ONLY]

- Renewals will be authorized for patients that have demonstrated a beneficial clinical response to maintenance therapy, without relapses, based on an objective clinical measuring tool [e.g., INCAT, Medical Research Council (MRC) muscle strength, 6-MWT, Rankin, Modified Rankin, etc.]; **OR**
- Patient is re-initiating maintenance therapy after experiencing a relapse while on Hizentra**; AND**
  - Patient improved and stabilized on IVIG treatment: **AND**
  - Patient was NOT receiving maximum dosing of Hizentra prior to relapse

V. Dosage/Administration

Dosing should be calculated using adjusted body weight if one or more of the following criteria are met:

- Patient's body mass index (BMI) is 30 kg/m² or more; **OR**
- Patient's actual body weight is 20% higher than his or her ideal body weight (IBW)

Use the following dosing formulas to calculate the adjusted body weight (round dose to nearest 5 gram increment in adult patients)
Dosing formulas
BMI = 703 x (weight in pounds/height in inches²)
IBW(kg) for males = 50 + [2.3 (height in inches – 60)]
IBW(kg) for females = 45.5 + [2.3 x (height in inches – 60)]
Adjusted body weight = IBW + 0.5 (actual body weight – IBW)

This information is not meant to replace clinical decision making when initiating or modifying medication therapy and should only be used as a guide. Patient-specific variables should be taken into account.

Indication	Dose
Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy	<u>Hizentra ONLY:</u> ▪ Initiate therapy 1 week after the last IVIG dose ▪ The recommended subcutaneous dose is 0.2 g/kg (1 mL/kg) body weight per week, administered in 1 or 2 sessions over 1 or 2 consecutive days. ▪ If CIDP symptoms worsen, consider re-initiating treatment with an IVIG while discontinuing Hizentra. – If improvement and stabilization are observed during IVIG treatment, consider reinitiating Hizentra at the dose of 0.4 g/kg body weight per week, administered in 2 sessions per week over 1 or 2 consecutive days, while discontinuing IVIG. – If CIDP symptoms worsen on the 0.4 g/kg body weight per week dose, consider re-initiating therapy with an IVIG while discontinuing Hizentra.
	<u>Hizentra:</u>

Indication	Dose
Primary immune deficiency including Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome	▪ Weekly dose: 1.37*(previous IVIG dose(g)/number of weeks between IVIG doses) ▪ Biweekly dose: twice the weekly dose (using calculation above)
	Gamunex-C/Gammaked/Gammagard Liquid: ▪ Weekly dose: 1.37*(previous IVIG dose(g)/number of weeks between IVIG doses)
	HyQvia: ▪ Naïve to IgG or switching from SCIG: 300 to 600 mg/kg at 3 to 4 week intervals after initial ramp-up* ▪ Switching from IVIG: use the same dose and frequency as the previous IV treatment after initial ramp-up*
	Xembify: ▪ Switching from IVIG : o Start treatment one week after the last IVIG infusion. o Weekly dose: 1.37*(previous monthly (or every 3- week) IVIG dose in grams)/number of weeks between IVIG doses) – To convert the dose in grams to mL, multiply the calculated initial SQ dose (in grams) by 5 – Provided the total weekly dose is maintained, any dosing interval from daily up to weekly will achieve similar systemic IgG exposure when administered regularly at steady-state. ▪ Switching from SCIG o Weekly dose (in grams) should be same as the weekly dose of prior SCIG treatment (in grams)
	Cuvitru: ▪ Switching from IVIG or HyQvia: o Weekly dose: 1.30*(previous IVIG or HyQvia dose (g)/number of weeks between IVIG or HyQvia doses) o May be administered from daily up to every two weeks (biweekly) o Biweekly dose: twice the weekly dose (using calculation above) o Frequent dosing (2-7 times per week): divide the calculated weekly dose by the desired number of times per week ▪ Switching from SCIG o Weekly dose (in grams) should be same as the weekly dose of prior SCIG treatment (in grams) o Biweekly dose: multiply the calculated weekly dose by 2 o Frequent dosing (2-7 times per week): divide the calculated weekly dose by the desired number of times per week
	Cutaquig: (*Start treatment one week after the last IVIG or SCIG infusion. Ensure that patients have received IVIG or SCIG treatment at regular intervals for at least 3 months*) ▪ Switching from IVIG to Cutaquig

Indication	Dose
	○ Establish the initial weekly dose by converting the monthly IVIG dose into an equivalent weekly dose and increasing it using a dose adjustment factor – To calculate the initial weekly dose, divide the monthly IVIG dose in grams by the number of weeks between IVIG infusions and then multiply this value with a Dose Adjustment Factor of 1.40 *Initial weekly dose = Previous IVIG dose (in grams) x 1.40/Number of weeks between IVIG doses* – To convert the dose (in grams) to milliliters (mL), multiply the calculated dose (in grams) by 6 ○ Provided the total weekly dose is maintained, any dosing interval from daily up to weekly can be used and will result in systemic IgG exposure that is comparable to the previous IVIG treatment ▪ Switching from SCIG to Cutaquig ○ It is recommended to maintain the same weekly dosing (in grams) of Cutaquig that was used for the previous SCIG therapy (in grams) – To convert the dose (in grams) to milliliters (mL), multiply the calculated dose (in grams) by 6 ○ Obtain a trough IgG level before switching, monitor clinical response and check the trough IgG level 2 to 3 months after initiating Cutaquig

Dosing for immunoglobulin products is highly variable depending on numerous patient specific factors, indication(s), and the specific product selected. For specific dosing regimens refer to current prescribing literature.

*HyQvia initial treatment interval/dosage ramp-up schedule

Week	Infusion Number	3-week treatment interval	4-week treatment interval
1	1st infusion	Dose in Grams X 0.33	Dose in Grams X 0.25
2	2nd infusion	Dose in Grams X 0.67	Dose in Grams X 0.50
4	3rd infusion	Total Dose in Grams	Dose in Grams X 0.75
7	4th infusion	N/A	Total Dose in Grams

VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

HCPCS code & NDC:

Drug Name	Manufacturer	HCPCS Code	1 Billable unit	NDC	IgG (grams) per SDV	Volume (mL)
Hizentra 20%	CSL Behring AG	J1559 – Injection, immune globulin (Hizentra), 100 mg	100 mg	44206-0451-01	1	5
				44206-0452-02	2	10
				44206-0454-04	4	20
				44206-0455-10	10	50

Drug Name	Manufacturer	HCPCS Code	1 Billable unit	NDC	IgG (grams) per SDV	Volume (mL)
Gammaked 10%	Kedrion Biopharma, Inc.	J1561 Injection, immune globulin, (Gamunex-C/Gammaked), non-lyophilized (e.g. liquid), 500 mg	500 mg	76125-0900-01	1	10
				76125-0900-25	2.5	25
				76125-0900-50	5	50
				76125-0900-10	10	100
				76125-0900-20	20	200
Gamunex-C 10%	Grifols Therapeutics	J1561 – Injection, immune globulin, (Gamunex-C/Gammaked), non-lyophilized (e.g. liquid), 500 mg	500 mg	13533-0800-12	1	10
				13533-0800-15	2.5	25
				13533-0800-20	5	50
				13533-0800-71	10	100
				13533-0800-24	20	200
				13533-0800-40	40	400
Gammagard Liquid 10%	Baxter Healthcare Corporation	J1569 – Injection, immune globulin, (Gammagard liquid), non-lyophilized, (e.g. liquid), 500 mg	500 mg	00944-2700-02	1	10
				00944-2700-03	2.5	25
				00944-2700-04	5	50
				00944-2700-05	10	100
				00944-2700-06	20	200
				00944-2700-07	30	300
HyQvia 10% (with Recombinant Human Hyaluronidase 160 U/mL)	Baxter Healthcare Corporation	J1575 – Injection, immune globulin/hyaluronidase, (Hyqvia), 100 mg immune globulin	100 mg	00944-2510-02	2.5	25
				00944-2511-02	5	50
				00944-2512-02	10	100
				00944-2513-02	20	200
				00944-2514-02	30	300
Cuvitru 20%	Baxalta US Inc.	J1555 – Injection, immune globulin (Cuvitru), 100 mg	100 mg	00944-2850-01	1	5
				00944-2850-03	2	10
				00944-2850-05	4	20
				00944-2850-07	8	40
Cutaquig 16.5%	Octapharma	J3590; 90284	N/A	68892-0810-01	1	6
				68892-0810-02	1.65	10
				68892-0810-03	2	12
				68892-0810-04	3.3	20
				68892-0810-05	4	24
				68892-0810-06	8	48
				13533-0810-05	1	5

Drug Name	Manufacturer	HCPCS Code	1 Billable unit	NDC	IgG (grams) per SDV	Volume (mL)
Xembify 20%	Grifols	90284; J1558	N/A	13533-0810-10	2	10
				13533-0810-20	4	20
				13533-0810-50	10	50
Immune Globulin, Human, Subcutaneous	N/A	J3590 – unclassified biologic; C9399 – unclassified drug or biological	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
		90284 – immune globulin (SCIg), human, for use in subcutaneous infusions				

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Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
B20	Human immunodeficiency virus [HIV] disease
D80.0	Hereditary hypogammaglobulinemia
D80.1	Nonfamilial hypogammaglobulinemia
D80.2	Selective deficiency of immunoglobulin A [IgA]
D80.3	Selective deficiency of immunoglobulin G [IgG] subclasses
D80.4	Selective deficiency of immunoglobulin M [IgM]
D80.5	Immunodeficiency with increased immunoglobulin M [IgM]
D80.7	Transient hypogammaglobulinemia of infancy
D81.0	Severe combined immunodeficiency [SCID] with reticular dysgenesis
D81.1	Severe combined immunodeficiency [SCID] with low T- and B-cell numbers
D81.2	Severe combined immunodeficiency [SCID] with low or normal B-cell numbers
D81.6	Major histocompatibility complex class I deficiency
D81.7	Major histocompatibility complex class II deficiency
D81.89	Other combined immunodeficiencies
D81.9	Combined immunodeficiency, unspecified
D82.0	Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
D83.0	Common variable immunodeficiency with predominant abnormalities of B-cell numbers and function
D83.2	Common variable immunodeficiency with autoantibodies to B- or T-cells
D83.8	Other common variable immunodeficiencies
D83.9	Common variable immunodeficiency, unspecified
G61.81	Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuritis
G61.89	Other inflammatory polyneuropathies
G62.89	Other specified polyneuropathies

Appendix 2 – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Medicare coverage for outpatient (Part B) drugs is outlined in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-2), Chapter 15, §50 Drugs and Biologicals. In addition, National Coverage Determination (NCD) and Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. They can be found at: http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search/advanced-search.aspx. Additional indications may be covered at the discretion of the health plan.

Medicare Part B Covered Diagnosis Codes (applicable to existing NCD/LCD):

Jurisdiction(s): N	**NCD/LCD/Article Document (s):** L34007
https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search/lcd-date-search.aspx?DocID=L34007&bc=gAAAAAAAAAAAAA==	

Jurisdiction(s): 5, 8	**NCD/LCD/Article Document (s):** L34771
https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search/lcd-date-search.aspx?DocID=L34771&bc=gAAAAAAAAAAAAA==	

Medicare Part B Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdictions		
Jurisdiction	**Applicable State/US Territory**	**Contractor**
E (1)	CA, HI, NV, AS, GU, CNMI	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
F (2 & 3)	AK, WA, OR, ID, ND, SD, MT, WY, UT, AZ	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
5	KS, NE, IA, MO	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)
6	MN, WI, IL	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)
H (4 & 7)	LA, AR, MS, TX, OK, CO, NM	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
8	MI, IN	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)

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Jurisdiction	**Applicable State/US Territory**	**Contractor**
N (9)	FL, PR, VI	First Coast Service Options, Inc.
J (10)	TN, GA, AL	Palmetto GBA, LLC
M (11)	NC, SC, WV, VA (excluding below)	Palmetto GBA, LLC
L (12)	DE, MD, PA, NJ, DC (includes Arlington & Fairfax counties and the city of Alexandria in VA)	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
K (13 & 14)	NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, ME, NH	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)
15	KY, OH	CGS Administrators, LLC