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I. PURPOSE

To define and describe the accepted indications for Bavencio (avelumab) usage in the treatment of cancer, including FDA approved indications, and off-label indications.

New Century is responsible for processing all medication requests from network ordering providers. Medications not authorized by New Century may be deemed as not approvable and therefore not reimbursable.

The use of this drug must be supported by one of the following: FDA approved product labeling, CMS-approved compendia, National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) clinical guidelines, or peer-reviewed literature that meets the requirements of the CMS Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15.

II. INDICATIONS FOR USE/INCLUSION CRITERIA

1. PREFERRED MEDICATION GUIDANCE FOR INITIAL REQUEST:

- When health plan Medicaid coverage provisions- including any applicable PDLs (Preferred Drug Lists)- conflict with the coverage provisions in this drug policy, health plan Medicaid coverage provisions take precedence per the **Preferred Drug Guidelines OR**
- When health plan Exchange coverage provisions- including any applicable PDLs (Preferred Drug Lists)- conflict with the coverage provisions in this drug policy, health plan Exchange coverage provisions take precedence per the **Preferred Drug Guidelines OR**
- For Health Plans that utilize NCH UM Oncology Clinical Policies as the initial clinical criteria, the **Preferred Drug Guidelines shall follow NCH L1 Pathways** when applicable, otherwise shall follow NCH drug policies: **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. AND**
- Continuation requests of previously approved non-preferred medication are not subject to this provision **AND**
- When available, generic alternatives are preferred over brand-name drugs.

2. Merkel Cell Carcinoma (MCC)

- The member has metastatic Merkel Cell Carcinoma, and Avelumab is being used as a single agent, with or without surgery and/or radiation therapy.

3. Urothelial Carcinoma including carcinomas of the upper Genito-Urinary Tract & Urethra

- NOTES: Keytruda (pembrolizumab) is the preferred agent per NCH Policy & NCH Pathway, over other PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitors (i.e. Opdivo, Tecentriq, Bavencio, Imfinzi), for second line therapy of metastatic urothelial carcinoma following platinum containing therapy, regardless of the PD-L1 status.



- b. Please refer to NCH Pathway for recommended agents/regimens for metastatic urothelial carcinoma.

4. Renal Cell Carcinoma (RCC)

- a. NOTES: Opdivo (nivolumab)- given as a single agent or in combination with 4 cycles of Ipilimumab at 1mg/kg- is the preferred agent/regimen , per NCH Policy & NCH Pathway, over other regimens containing PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitors (e.g. Avelumab + Axitinib, Pembrolizumab +Axitinib) for initial therapy for metastatic renal cell carcinoma.
- b. Please refer to NCH Pathway for recommended agents/regimens for metastatic renal cell carcinoma.

III. EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- 1. Bavencio (avelumab) use after disease progression with the same regimen or disease progression on prior PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitor therapy.
- 2. Dosing exceeds single dose limit of Bavencio (avelumab) 10mg/kg.
- 3. Indications not supported by CMS recognized compendia or acceptable peer reviewed literature

IV. MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

Please refer to the FDA label/package insert for details regarding these topics.

V. APPROVAL AUTHORITY

- 1. Review – UM Department
- 2. Final Approval – UM Committee

VI. ATTACHMENTS

None

VII. REFERENCES

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