

Policy Title:	Apretude (cabotegravir) (intramuscular)		
		Department:	PHA
Effective Date:	11/01/2022		
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Purpose: To support safe, effective and appropriate use of Apretude (cabotegravir).

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

Policy Statement:

Apretude (cabotegravir) is covered under the Medical Benefit when used within the following guidelines. Use outside of these guidelines may result in non-payment unless approved under an exception process.

Procedure:

MMP members who have previously received this medication within the past 365 days are not subject to Step Therapy Requirements.

Coverage of Apretude (cabotegravir) will be reviewed prospectively via the prior authorization process based on criteria below.

Criteria:

- Patient must have an adequate trial, intolerance or contraindication to treatment with emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (Truvada).

Coverage durations:

- Initial coverage: 12 months

*** Requests will also be reviewed to National Coverage Determination (NCD) and Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) if applicable. ***

Dosage/Administration:

Indication	Dose	Maximum dose (1 billable unit = 1 mg)
PrEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 600mg IM, followed by second administration of 600mg IM at 1 month, then 600mg every 2 months 	<u>Initial:</u> 600 billable units on day 1, then 600 billable units 1 month later <u>Maintenance:</u> 600 billable units every 2 months

Investigational use: All therapies are considered investigational when used at a dose or for a condition other than those that are recognized as medically accepted indications as defined in any one of the following standard reference compendia: American Hospital Formulary Service Drug information (AHFS-DI), Thomson Micromedex DrugDex, Clinical Pharmacology, Wolters Kluwer Lexi-Drugs, or Peer-reviewed published medical literature indicating that sufficient evidence exists to support use. Neighborhood does not provide coverage for drugs when used for investigational purposes.

Applicable Codes:

Below is a list of billing codes applicable for covered treatment options. The below tables are provided for reference purposes and may not be all inclusive. Requests received with codes from tables below do not guarantee coverage. Requests must meet all criteria provided in the procedure section.

The following HCPCS/CPT codes are:

HCPCS/CPT Code	Description
J0739	Injection, cabotegravir, 1mg

References:

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