# DRUG QUANTITY MANAGEMENT POLICY - PER DAYS

POLICY: Infectious Disease – Prevymis Drug Quantity Management Policy – Per Days
Prevymis<sup>™</sup> (letermovir tablets – Merck Sharp & Dohme)

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## **OVERVIEW**

Prevymis is an antiviral drug indicated for the prophylaxis of **cytomegalovirus** (**CMV**) infection and disease in adult CMV-seropositive recipients [R+] of an allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT).<sup>1</sup>

## Dosing

The recommended dose of Prevymis tablets is 480 mg once daily (QD).<sup>1</sup> Prevymis is initiated between Day 0 and Day 28 post-transplantation (before or after engraftment), and continued through Day 100 post-transplantation.<sup>1,2</sup> The dose of Prevymis should be adjusted to 240 mg QD when co-administered with cyclosporine.

## **Off-Label Use**

In retrospective analyses, Prevymis has been found efficacious for prophylaxis of CMV in high-risk HSCT (e.g., patients with graft versus host disease). For this indication, Prevymis dosing was extended beyond 100 days.<sup>3,4</sup> Prevymis was also efficacious for secondary prophylacis of CMV in HSCT patients, the median duration of secondary prophylaxis was 125 days.

# Availability

Prevymis tablets are available in the following strengths: 240 mg and 480 mg.<sup>1</sup> The tablets are packaged into a carton containing four dose packs, each containing a 7-count blister card for a total of 28 tablets, or into a carton containing two unit-dose 7-count blister cards for a total of 14 tablets. Prevymis tablets should be stored in the original package until use.

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

This Drug Quantity Management program has been developed to prevent stockpiling and waste and to address potential order entry error of Prevymis. If the Drug Quantity Management rule is not met for the requested medication at the point of service, coverage will be determined by the Criteria below. All approvals are provided for 1 year in duration.

#### Automation: None.

#### **Drug Quantity Limits**

Product	Strength and Form	Maximum Quantity per 365 Days*
Prevymis <sup>™</sup>	240 mg tablets	112 tablets
(letermovir tablets)	480 mg tablets	112 tablets

\*28 tablets per dispensing, maximum allows for 112 days of treatment (to accommodate packaging).

# CRITERIA

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1. If the medication is being requested for the prophylaxis of cytomegalovirus in a high-risk hematopoietic stem cell transplant patient, approve for the requested treatment duration allowing 28 tablets per dispensing.

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