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Antineoplaston Therapy and Sodium Phenylbutyrate

Also known as

- 1. Antineoplastons
- 2. Buphenyl

Description

Antineoplaston therapy is a complementary/alternative cancer treatment that involves using a group of synthetic chemicals called antineoplastons intended to protect the body from disease. Antineoplastons are made up mostly of peptides and amino acids originally taken from human blood and urine.

Antineoplastons are given by mouth, injection into a vein or muscle, and by other routes.

Sodium phenylbutyrate treats urea cycle disorders to help remove nitrogen from the body. It comes in tablets and powder (for oral, nasogastric, or gastrostomy tube administration).

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Commercial

Introduction

This section applies to all Commercial members. Benefit details depend on the member's brand: Dean (including Dean Health Plan (DHP) and Prevea360), Mayo Medical Plan (MMP), or Medica (including MHPS).

Benefits (all except MMP)

Considered investigative, not covered.

Mayo Medical Plan (MMP)

Considered investigative, not covered.

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Government Programs

Introduction

This section applies to all Medicaid and Medicare products.

AccessAbility (SNBC),

Medicaid only groups:

• See Medicaid below.

Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+)

Medicare eligible groups:

- Considered investigative, not covered.
- **Note**: If the member says this is medically necessary, offer a Member-Initiated PA (Organization Determination) Request.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare is the primary payer.
- If no Medicare eligibility, Medicaid applies. See Medicaid below.

AccessAbility Enhanced (I-SNBC),

Considered investigative, not covered.

- Note: If the member says this is medically necessary, offer a Member-Initiated PA (Organization Determination) Request.
- Medica is the only payer.

Cost (Prime)

DUAL (MSHO)

Considered investigative, not covered.

- Note: If the member says this is medically necessary, offer a Member-Initiated PA (Organization Determination) Request.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.

Med Advantage

Considered investigative, not covered.

- Note: If the member says this is medically necessary, offer a Member-Initiated PA (Organization Determination) Request.
- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medica is the only payer.

Med Supp (Select, Signature)

Considered investigative, not covered.

- Follows Medicare guidelines.
- Medicare supplement.
- Medicare is the primary payer.

Medicaid

Considered investigative, not covered.

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Individual and Family Business (IFB)

Introduction

This section applies to all Individual and Family Business (IFB) members. Benefit details depend on the member's brand: Dean (including Dean Health Plan (DHP), Medica (formerly WellFirst), and Prevea360) or Medica.

Benefits

Considered investigative, not covered.

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