Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder (NMOSD) Agents**
Drugs	Step 1: Rituximab (Rituxan, Truxima, Riabni, Ruxience), Step 2: Enspryng (satralizumab-mwge) Uplizna (inebilizumab-cdon) Step 3: Soliris (eculizumab) Ultomiris (ravulizumab-cwyz)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	For Enspryng, Uplizna, Soliris, Ultomiris: Anti-aquaporin-4 (AQP4) antibody **negative** neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD)
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a specialist who is experienced in the treatment of NMOSD (such as immunologist, neurologist or hematologist)
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, requests will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** For rituximab (Rituxan, Truxima, Riabni, or Ruxience): • Member has a diagnosis of NMOSD • Documentation indicating that the patient has been screened for HBV (hepatitis B virus) prior to initiation of treatment • Dosing is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines • If the request is for any medication other than Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr) or Riabni (rituximab-arrx), there is a documented trial and failure of Ruxience or Riabni, or medical reason why (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) they cannot be used For Enspryng: • Member has a diagnosis of anti-aquaporin-4 (AQP4) antibody **positive** NMOSD • Provider attests to completion of the following assessments prior to the first dose of Enspryng as outlined in the prescribing information: o Hepatitis B virus screening o Tuberculosis screening

	o Liver transaminase screening o Patient has not received live or attenuated-live virus vaccines within 4 weeks before the start of Enspryng therapy • Documented trial and failure of rituximab (Rituxan, Truxima, Riabni, or Ruxience), azathioprine, or mycophenolate mofetil, or medical reason why (e.g., intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) they cannot be used • Dosing is consistent with FDA-approved labeling or is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines Exceptions: Requests for drugs in step 2 (Enspryng, Uplizna) may be approved without a trial and failure of rituximab (Rituxan, Truxima, Riabni, Ruxience), azathioprine, or mycophenolate if the member has been using Soliris <u>For Uplizna:</u> • Member has a diagnosis of anti-aquaporin-4 (AQP4) antibody **positive** NMOSD • Provider attests to completion of appropriate assessments prior to the first dose of Uplizna as outlined in the prescribing information: o Hepatitis B virus screening o Quantitative serum immunoglobulins o Tuberculosis screening o Patient has not received live or attenuated-live virus vaccines within 4 weeks before the start of Uplizna therapy • Documented trial and failure of rituximab (Rituxan, Truxima, Riabni, or Ruxience), azathioprine, or mycophenolate mofetil or medical reason why (e.g., intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) they cannot be used • Dosing is consistent with FDA-approved labeling or is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines Exceptions: Requests for drugs in step 2 (Enspryng, Uplizna) may be approved without a trial and failure of rituximab (Rituxan, Truxima, Riabni, Ruxience), azathioprine, or mycophenolate if the member has been using Soliris <u>For Soliris/Ultomiris:</u> • Member has a diagnosis of anti-aquaporin-4 (AQP4) antibody **positive** NMOSD

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	• Documentation of vaccination against meningococcal disease or a documented medical reason why the patient cannot receive vaccination or vaccination needs to be delayed
	• Antimicrobial prophylaxis with oral antibiotics (penicillin, or macrolides if penicillin-allergic) for two weeks if the meningococcal vaccine is administered < 2 weeks before starting therapy or a documented medical reason why the patient cannot receive oral antibiotic prophylaxis.
	• Documented trial and failure of, or medical reason why (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) why the following cannot be used (one from each bullet below):
	  o Rituximab (Rituxan, Truxima, Riabni, or Ruxience), azathioprine, or mycophenolate mofetil
	  o Enspryng
	  o Uplizna
	• Dosing is consistent with FDA-approved labeling or is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines
	
	<u>Reauthorization:</u>
	• Documentation that the prescriber has evaluated the member and recommends continuation of therapy (clinical benefit)
	• Request is for an FDA approved/medically accepted dose
	
	Physician/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.