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## IHCP updates PA criteria for HCPCS code Q2041 (Yescarta)

As published in *Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) Bulletin [BT201811](#)*, the IHCP covers axicabtagene ciloleucel (Yescarta) with prior authorization (PA). Yescarta is billed using Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code Q2041 – *Axicabtagene ciloleucel, up to 200 million autologous anti-CD19 CAR T cells, including leukapheresis and dose preparation procedures, per infusion*. As published in *IHCP Bulletin [BT201812](#)*, Yescarta is carved out from managed care, which means that claims and PA are processed through the fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system for all members.

PA criteria for Yescarta, published in [BT202110](#), have been updated to include the diagnosis of relapsed or refractory follicular lymphoma after two or more lines of systemic therapy. Effective for dates of service on or after **July 1, 2021**, the following medical necessity criteria must be met:

- Member has not previously received the specified chimeric antigen receptor T-cell (CAR-T) treatment
- Member will be administered the specified CAR-T treatment:
  - At a facility that is Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) Program-certified for the specified CAR-T treatment
  - By healthcare providers that have successfully completed the specified CAR-T REMS Program Knowledge Assessment
- Member is at least 18 years of age with one of the following diagnoses:
  - Relapsed or refractory follicular lymphoma after two or more lines of systemic therapy
  - Relapsed or refractory large B-cell lymphoma after two or more lines of systemic therapy:
    - ◆ Including any of the following:
      - ⇒ Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) not otherwise specified
      - ⇒ Primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma
      - ⇒ High grade B-cell lymphoma
      - ⇒ DLBCL arising from follicular lymphoma
    - ◆ And does not have a diagnosis of primary central nervous system lymphoma



Questions about PA for all IHCP enrolled members, **specific to procedure code Q2041 (Yescarta)**, should be directed to Gainwell Technologies at 800-457-4584, option 7.

Individual managed care entities (MCEs) establish and publish reimbursement, PA, and billing criteria within the managed care delivery system. Questions about managed care billing and PA for procedures **other than, but related to, procedure code Q2041 (Yescarta)** should be directed to the MCE with which the member is enrolled.

Coverage information for procedure code Q2041 is reflected in the Professional Fee Schedule, accessible from the [IHCP Fee Schedules](#) page at [in.gov/medicaid/providers](http://in.gov/medicaid/providers).



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