Yescarta is a chimeric antigen receptor cancer therapy (CAR T), designed to harness the power of the patient’s immune system to recognize and attack their cancer cells. CAR T is a type of treatment where white blood cells (T cells) are modified in a laboratory to add a gene that helps the patient’s own T cells target their cancer.

**FDA-Approved Indication**
Yescarta is a CD19-directed genetically modified autologous T-cell immunotherapy indicated for the treatment of:

- Adult patients with relapsed or refractory large B-cell lymphoma after two or more lines of systemic therapy including:
  - Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) not otherwise specified;
  - Primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma;
  - High grade B-cell lymphoma; and
  - DLBCL arising from follicular lymphoma
- Yescarta is not indicated for the therapy of primary central nervous system lymphoma.

**Criteria**

1. **Criteria for Initial Approval**
   Authorization of a single treatment may be granted to patients 18 years of age or older for treatment of **Large B-cell lymphoma** (including diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) not otherwise specified, primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma, high grade B-cell lymphoma, and DLBCL arising from follicular lymphoma) when ALL of the following criteria are met:
   A. The disease is relapsed or refractory to treatment after two or more lines of systemic therapy.
   B. The patient has not received a previous treatment course of Yescarta or Kymriah.
   C. The patient does not have primary central nervous system lymphoma.
   D. The lymphoma must be CD19-positive by IHC or flow cytometry.
   E. The healthcare facility that dispenses and administers Yescarta must be enrolled and comply with the Yescarta Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy known as REMS.
   F. The healthcare facility must have tocilizumab available on site for management of Cytokine Release Syndrome.

2. **Required Documentation**
   - Testing or analysis confirming CD19 protein on the surface of the B-cell
   - Documentation of two prior lines of therapy
3. Duration of Therapy
   - Single treatment course
   - Additional courses of therapy are considered experimental/investigational.

### CPT/HCPC Codes

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**Effective**

February 2020: Annual Review. Policy Criteria clarified; removed “within three months”. References updated.


February 2018: Effective Date.

**References**

