## Overview

Aimovig, Ajovy, Emgality are calcitonin gene-related peptide receptor (CGRP) antagonists indicated for the prophylactic treatment of migraines in adults and episodic cluster headaches (**Emgality only**)

### Coverage Guidelines

#### Prophylactic Treatment of Migraines

Authorizations may be granted for the prophylactic treatment of migraines when the following criteria are met:

1. The member is ≥ 18 years of age **AND**
2. Prescriber is a neurologist or headache specialist, or the prescription is being written for the member in consultation with a neurologist or headache specialist.
3. The member has been experiencing at least 4 migraine days per month **AND**
4. The member has had an inadequate response to a trial of at least three different prophylactic migraine medications each with different mechanisms of action (a total of 3 required trials) that have each been tried for at least 60 days in duration within the past 3 years. Both trials must be from Level A or Level B categories within the American Academy of Neurology Guidelines (AAN) (see Appendix A) **AND**
5. The member has not been treated with Botox for migraines within the past 4 months **AND**
6. The member is not currently using any other CGRP or Botox for the treatment of migraines **AND**

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#### Specialty Medications

- **All Plans**
  - Phone: 866-814-5506
  - Fax: 866-249-6155

#### Non-Specialty Medications

- **MassHealth**
  - Phone: 877-433-7643
  - Fax: 866-255-7569

- **Commercial**
  - Phone: 800-294-5979
  - Fax: 888-836-0730

- **Exchange**
  - Phone: 855-582-2022
  - Fax: 855-245-2134

#### Medical Specialty Medications (NLX)

- **All Plans**
  - Phone: 844-345-2803
  - Fax: 844-851-0882

### Exceptions

N/A
7. **For Emgality only**, the member has had an inadequate response or adverse reaction to both Aimovig **AND** Ajovy.

   Note: triptans will not be considered as prophylactic options

### Episodic Cluster Headaches
Authorization for Emgality for the treatment of episodic cluster headaches may be granted when the following criteria are met:
1. The member is ≥ 18 years of age **AND**
2. Prescriber is a neurologist or headache specialist, or the prescription is being written for the member in consultation with a neurologist or headache specialist **AND**
3. The member has experienced at least 5 episodes of cluster headaches within the past 12 months **AND**
4. The member has had an inadequate response to a trial of injectable sumatriptan or intranasal zolmitriptan

### Continuation of Therapy
Reauthorizations may be approved when physician assessment is submitted documenting improvement as evidenced by a decrease in frequency and severity of migraines or cluster headaches.

### Limitations
1. Initial approvals will be granted for to 3 months
2. Reauthorizations will be granted for 12 months
3. The following quantity limits apply

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<td>Aimovig 70mg/ml</td>
<td>1 pen per 30 days</td>
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<td>Aimovig 140mg/ml (2x70mg/ml) pen pack</td>
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<td>Ajovy 225mg/1.5ml</td>
<td>1 pen per 30 days or 3 pens (675mg) every 90 days</td>
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### Appendix
AAN Medication Guideline Recommendations for Migraine Prevention
1. **Level A.** The following medications are established as effective and should be offered for migraine prevention.
   - Antiepileptic drugs (AEDs): divalproex sodium, sodium valproate, topiramate
   - Beta-blockers: metoprolol, propranolol, timolol
2. **Level B.** The following medications are probably effective and should be considered for migraine prevention:

Commented [DS1]: Deleted required trials of verapamil, ergot, steroids and topiramate
• Antidepressants: amitriptyline
• Antidepressants: venlafaxine
• Beta-blockers: atenolol, nadolol

References
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