



**Aimovig (erenumab-aooe)
Ajoovy (fremanezumab-vfrm)
Emgality (galcanezumab-gnlm)
Effective 12/1/2019**

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	Medical Specialty Medications (NLX)		
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Exceptions	N/A		

Overview

Aimovig, Ajoovy, 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**



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 sumatriptan or intranasal **zolmitriptan**

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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

Aimovig 70mg/ml	1 pen per 30 days
Aimovig 140mg/ml (2x70mg/ml) pen pack	1 pack (2 pens) per 30 days
Ajovy 225mg/1.5ml	1 pen per 30 days or 3 pens (675mg) every 90 days
Emgality	<u>Migraines</u> 2 pens (240mg) for initial month, then 1 pen per 30 days
	<u>Cluster headaches</u> Loading dose: 3x100mg (3 consecutive doses) Maintenance dose: 300mg every 4 weeks

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:



- Antidepressants: amitriptyline
- Antidepressants: venlafaxine
- Beta-blockers: atenolol, nadolol

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