

Vyvgart™ (efgartigimod alfa-fcab) & Vyvgart® Hytrulo (efgartigimod alfa and hyaluronidase-qvfc)



Pharmacy Coverage Policy

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Products Affected

Vyvgart intravenous solution
Vyvgart Hytrulo subcutaneous solution

Listed Indications

[Generalized Myasthenia Gravis \(gMG\)](#)

Generalized Myasthenia Gravis (gMG)

Does the member meet all of the following criteria?

Criteria #1	The member has a diagnosis of generalized myasthenia gravis
Criteria #2	The presence of anti-acetylcholine receptor (AChR) antibodies has been confirmed
Criteria #3	The member is being treated by, or under the supervision of, a specialist (e.g. neurologist) experienced in the management of generalized myasthenia gravis
Criteria #4	The member has had previous treatment, contraindication, or intolerance to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pyridostigmine AND• At least one immunosuppressive therapy (e.g. azathioprine, cyclosporine, mycophenolate mofetil, tacrolimus, methotrexate, cyclophosphamide) <i>*Prior therapy requirements do not apply to Medicare medical (Part B) requests</i>

Approval Duration

Initial | Plan year duration

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Background

This is a prior authorization policy about Vyvgart (efgartigimod alfa-fcab) and Vyvgart Hytrulo (efgartigimod alfa and hyaluronidase-qvfc). Please refer to each product's package insert for complete prescribing information.

Efgartigimod alfa is a human IgG1 antibody fragment that binds to the neonatal Fc receptor (FcRn), resulting in the reduction of circulating IgG, including autoantibodies that are present in patients with generalized myasthenia gravis (gMG). Hyaluronidase increases permeability of the subcutaneous tissue by depolymerizing hyaluronan. This effect is transient and permeability of the subcutaneous tissue is restored within 24 to 48 hours.

Generalized myasthenia gravis (gMG) is a rare, chronic, autoimmune neuromuscular disease characterized by dysfunction and damage at the neuromuscular junction. This damage leads to fluctuating muscle weakness and fatigue throughout the body that worsens with activity and improves with rest. Autoantibodies against the acetylcholine receptor (AChR) are present in about 85% of people living with gMG, while muscle-specific tyrosine kinase (MuSK) autoantibodies occur in about 6% of patients making these the two most common subtypes of gMG.

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myasthenia gravis (gMG) in adult patients who are anti-acetylcholine receptor (AChR) antibody positive.

Efgartigimod alfa is available as Vyvgart in a 400 mg/20 ml (20mg/ml) single-dose vial for intravenous use.

Efgartigimod alfa and hyaluronidase-qvfc is available as Vyvgart Hytrulo in a single-dose vial for subcutaneous use containing 1,008mg efgartigimod alfa and 11,200 units hyaluronidase per 5.6 mL.

Warnings & Precautions:

- Infections: Delay administration to patients with an active infection. Monitor for signs and symptoms of infection. If serious infection occurs, administer appropriate treatment and consider withholding treatment until the infection has resolved.
- Hypersensitivity Reactions: Angioedema, dyspnea, and rash have occurred. If a hypersensitivity reaction occurs, institute appropriate supportive measures.

Other Considerations:

- Vyvgart Hytrulo should be administered subcutaneously by a healthcare professional using a winged infusion set.
- Because Vyvgart and Vyvgart Hytrulo cause a reduction in IgG levels, vaccination with live-attenuated or live vaccines is not recommended during treatment with these agents.

Provider Claim Codes

For medically billed requests, please visit www.humana.com/PAL. Select applicable Preauthorization and Notification List(s) for medical and procedural coding information.

Medical Terms

Generalized myasthenia gravis; gMG; Vyvgart; efgartigimod alfa-fcab; intravenous; IV; pharmacy

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