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# STANDARD MEDICARE PART B MANAGEMENT

## ABECMA (idecabtagene vicleucel)

### POLICY

### I. INDICATIONS

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

FDA-Approved Indication
Abecma is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma after two or more prior lines of therapy including an immunomodulatory agent, a proteasome inhibitor, and an anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody.

All other indications will be assessed on an individual basis. Submissions for indications other than those enumerated in this policy should be accompanied by supporting evidence from Medicare approved compendia.

### II. DOCUMENTATION

The following documentation must be available, upon request, for all submissions: Chart notes, medical record documentation, or claims history supporting previous lines of therapy.

### III. CRITERIA FOR INITIAL APPROVAL

**Multiple Myeloma**
Authorization of 3 months may be granted for treatment of relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma in members 18 years of age and older when all of the following criteria are met:

A. The member has received prior treatment with at least two lines of therapy, including at least one drug from each of the following categories:
   1. Immunomodulatory agent
   2. Proteasome inhibitor
   3. Anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody
B. The member has not received a previous treatment course of the requested medication or another CAR-T therapy directed at any target.
C. The member has an ECOG performance status of 0 to 2.
D. The member has adequate and stable kidney, liver, and cardiac function.
E. The member does not have known active or prior history of central nervous system (CNS) involvement (e.g., CNS multiple myeloma)
F. The member does not have clinically significant active infection.
G. The member does not have an active inflammatory disorder.


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## IV. SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

The contents of this policy were created after examining the following resources:

1. The prescribing information for Abecma.
2. The available compendium
    a. National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Drugs and Biologics Compendium
    b. Micromedex DrugDex
    c. American Hospital Formulary Service- Drug Information (AHFS-DI)
    d. Lexi-Drugs
    e. Clinical Pharmacology
3. NCCN Guideline: Multiple myeloma
4. National Coverage Determination: Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell Therapy

After reviewing the information in the above resources, the FDA-approved indications listed in the prescribing information for Abecma are covered.

## V. EXPLANATION OF RATIONALE

Support for FDA-approved indications can be found in the manufacturer's prescribing information.

All FDA-approved indications are covered according to the conditions outlined in National Coverage Determination Manual section 110.24 (Chimeric Antigen Receptor [CAR] T-cell Therapy).

## VI. REFERENCES

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