Lymphir™ (denileukin diftitox-cxdl)
(Intravenous)

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I. Length of Authorization

Coverage will be provided for 6 months and may be renewed.

II. Dosing Limits

Max Units (per dose and over time) [HCPCS Unit]:

- 6000 billable units per 21-day cycle

III. Initial Approval Criteria[1]

Coverage is provided in the following conditions:

- Patient is at least 18 years of age; **AND**
- Patient does not have significant cardiac disease that requires on-going treatment *[e.g., congestive heart failure (CHF), severe coronary artery disease (CAD), cardiomyopathy, uncontrolled cardiac arrhythmia, unstable angina pectoris, or myocardial infarction (MI)]*; **AND**
- Patient does not have significant or uncontrolled infections requiring systemic anti-infective therapy; **AND**

Universal Criteria [1]

- Patient's serum albumin is greater than or equal to 3 g/dL; **AND**
- Patient will be regularly assessed for signs and symptoms of capillary leak syndrome (e.g., more than one of the following: hypotension, edema, serum albumin <3 g/dL); **AND**
- Patient will have an ophthalmic examination at baseline and periodically throughout therapy as clinically indicated; **AND**

Used as single agent systemic therapy; **AND**

Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma (CTCL) - Mycosis Fungoides/Sezary Syndrome † ‡ Φ [1-4]

- Used as primary systemic therapy; **AND**
  - Patient has stage IB-III mycosis fungoides; **OR**

- Used as subsequent therapy after at least one prior systemic therapy; **AND**
    - Patient has stage I, II, or III disease

† FDA Approved Indication(s); **‡** Compendia Recommended Indication(s); **Φ** Orphan Drug

IV. Renewal Criteria [1]

Coverage can be renewed based upon the following criteria:

- Patient continues to meet the universal and other indication-specific relevant criteria such as concomitant therapy requirements (not including prerequisite therapy), performance status, etc. identified in section III; **AND**
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include: capillary leak syndrome (CLS), severe visual impairment, severe infusion-related reactions, severe hepatotoxicity, etc.; **AND**
- Disease response with treatment as defined by stabilization of disease or decrease in size of tumor or tumor spread

V. Dosage/Administration [1]

Indication	Dose
Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma (CTCL)	Administer 9 mcg/kg/day actual body weight intravenously on Days 1 through 5 of a 21-day treatment cycle until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

HCPCS Code:

- J9161 – Injection, denileukin diftitox-cxdl, 1 mcg; 1 billable unit = 1 mcg (*Effective 04/01/2025*)
- J9999 – Not otherwise classified, antineoplastic drug *(Discontinue use on 04/01/2025)*

NDC:

- Lymphir 300 mcg lyophilized cake for reconstitution in a single-dose vial: 52658-7777-xx

VII. References

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2. Referenced with permission from the NCCN Drugs and Biologics Compendium (NCCN Compendium®) denileukin diftitox-cxdl. National Comprehensive Cancer Network, 2025. The NCCN Compendium® is a derivative work of the NCCN Guidelines®. NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER NETWORK®, NCCN®, and NCCN GUIDELINES® are trademarks owned by the National

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Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C84.00	Mycosis fungoides, unspecified site
C84.01	Mycosis fungoides, lymph nodes of head, face, and neck
C84.02	Mycosis fungoides, intrathoracic lymph nodes
C84.03	Mycosis fungoides, intra-abdominal lymph nodes
C84.04	Mycosis fungoides, lymph nodes of axilla and upper limb
C84.05	Mycosis fungoides, lymph nodes of inguinal region and lower limb
C84.06	Mycosis fungoides, intrapelvic lymph nodes
C84.07	Mycosis fungoides, spleen
C84.08	Mycosis fungoides, lymph nodes of multiple sites
C84.09	Mycosis fungoides, extranodal and solid organ sites
C84.10	Sézary disease, unspecified site
C84.11	Sézary disease, lymph nodes of head, face, and neck
C84.12	Sézary disease, intrathoracic lymph nodes
C84.13	Sézary disease, intra-abdominal lymph nodes
C84.14	Sézary disease, lymph nodes of axilla and upper limb
C84.15	Sézary disease, lymph nodes of inguinal region and lower limb
C84.16	Sézary disease, intrapelvic lymph nodes
C84.17	Sézary disease, spleen
C84.18	Sézary disease, lymph nodes of multiple sites
C84.19	Sézary disease, extranodal and solid organ sites

Appendix 2 – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

The preceding information is intended for non-Medicare coverage determinations. Medicare coverage for outpatient (Part B) drugs is outlined in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-2), Chapter 15, §50 Drugs and Biologicals. In addition, National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) and/or Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) may also exist for claims payment purposes or to clarify benefit eligibility under Part B for drugs which may be self-administered. The following link may be used to search for NCD, LCD, or LCA documents: https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search.aspx. Additional indications, including any preceding information, may be applied at the discretion of the health plan.

Medicare Part B Covered Diagnosis Codes (applicable to existing NCD/LCD/LCA): N/A

Medicare Part B Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdictions		
Jurisdiction	**Applicable State/US Territory**	**Contractor**
E (1)	CA, HI, NV, AS, GU, CNMI	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
F (2 & 3)	AK, WA, OR, ID, ND, SD, MT, WY, UT, AZ	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
5	KS, NE, IA, MO	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)
6	MN, WI, IL	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)
H (4 & 7)	LA, AR, MS, TX, OK, CO, NM	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
8	MI, IN	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)
N (9)	FL, PR, VI	First Coast Service Options, Inc.
J (10)	TN, GA, AL	Palmetto GBA
M (11)	NC, SC, WV, VA (excluding below)	Palmetto GBA
L (12)	DE, MD, PA, NJ, DC (includes Arlington & Fairfax counties and the city of Alexandria in VA)	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
K (13 & 14)	NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, ME, NH	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)
15	KY, OH	CGS Administrators, LLC