

PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT

Ohio Medicaid

DRUG NAME	Nucala (mepolizumab)
BILLING CODE	Medical: J2182 (1 unit = 1 mg)
BENEFIT TYPE	Medical
SITE OF SERVICE ALLOWED	Home/Office/Outpatient Hospital
COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS	Prior Authorization Required (Non

Nucala (mepolizumab) will be considered for coverage under the medical benefit when the following criteria are met:

Members must be clinically diagnosed with one of the following disease states and meet their individual criteria as stated.

HYPEREOSINOPHILIC SYNDROME (HES)

For initial authorization:

1. Member must be 12 years of age or older; AND
2. Medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with an immunologist, allergist, or hematologist; AND
3. Member has diagnosis of HES; AND
4. Member has a documented blood eosinophil count of >1500 cells/ μ L; AND
5. Member has trialed and failed Glucocorticoids for at least one month; AND
6. Member has a history of 2 or more HES flares within the past year defined as worsening of clinical signs and symptoms or increasing eosinophils requiring an escalation in therapy; AND
7. Member does not have either of the following:
 - a) Identifiable non-hematologic secondary cause (i.e., drug hypersensitivity, parasitic helminth infection, HIV infection, non-hematologic malignancy);

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4. Matteson EL. Eosinophilic Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (EGPA/Churg-Strauss Syndrome). Vasculitis Foundation. Available at: <https://www.vasculitisfoundation.org/education/forms/eosinophilic-granulomatosis-with-polyangiitis-churg-strauss-syndrome/>