

## Intravenous bisphosphonate therapy – Zoledronic acid infusion

Blue Care Network provides coverage for the requested medication for adult members who meet approved medical necessity criteria. Submit prior authorization requests through e-referral. The submitter will receive a prompt to complete a questionnaire to determine the appropriateness of the requested service. The questions are listed below. Authorization is not a guarantee of payment. Payment is based on established claim edits. Compliance with this prior authorization service will be monitored retrospectively.

**Please note:** All requests should be entered as one visit. Requests for more than one visit will pend for further review.

J code	Description	
3489	Injection, zoledronic acid, 1 mg	
3488	Injection, zoledronic acid (Reclast <sup>®</sup> ), 1 mg (termed 12/31/2013)	
3487	Injection, zoledronic acid (Zometa <sup>®</sup> ), 1 mg (termed 12/31/2013)	
Q2051	Injection, zoledronic acid, 1 mg (termed 12/31/2013)	
1.	If the medication request is for Reclast (zoledronic acid) 5 mg yearly, please answer questions 2-4.	
2.	Has the patient received Reclast (zoledronic acid) in the past?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3.	Has the patient had a trial or intolerance to oral bisphosphonate therapy, which includes: Fosamax <sup>®</sup> , Actonel <sup>®</sup> , Boniva <sup>®</sup> , Atelvia <sup>®</sup> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4.	Does the patient have one of the following conditions?	<input type="checkbox"/> Esophageal strictures <input type="checkbox"/> Achalasia <input type="checkbox"/> History of gastric bypass <input type="checkbox"/> Barrett's esophagitis <input type="checkbox"/> Inability to stand or sit for 30 mins <input type="checkbox"/> GERD <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above
5.	If the request is for Zometa (zoledronic acid) 4mg, please answer applicable questions 6-11.	
6.	Has the patient received Zometa (zoledronic acid) in the past?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
7.	For the requested medication, what is the patient's diagnosis?	<input type="checkbox"/> Bone metastasis from a solid tumor <input type="checkbox"/> Hypercalcemia of malignancy = Go to Q8 thru Q10 <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple myeloma <input type="checkbox"/> Other = Go to Q11
8.	If for hypercalcemia of malignancy, please provide the calcium.	Calcium level = _____mg/dL
9.	If for hypercalcemia of malignancy, please provide the albumin level.	Albumin level = _____g/dL
10.	If for hypercalcemia of malignancy, please provide the date of lab results.	Date of lab results = ___/___/___
11.	If for other, please provide details of diagnosis and dosing for the requested medication (USE THE I-EXCHANGE COMMENTS SECTION).	
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