

Pharmacy Drug Policy & Procedure

Policy Name:	Actimmune (interferon gamma-1b)	Policy #:	2412P
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Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish the criteria for coverage of Actimmune.

Statement of the Policy

Health Alliance Medical Plans and Health Alliance Northwest will approve the use of Actimmune under the Specialty Pharmacy benefit when the following criteria have been met.

Criteria

- 1. Criteria for Coverage for Chronic Granulomatous Disease**
 - 1.1 Diagnosis of Chronic Granulomatous Disease
 - 1.2 Approval Time: 12 months
- 2. Criteria for Coverage for Malignant Osteopetrosis**
 - 2.1 Diagnosis of Malignant Osteopetrosis
 - 2.2 Approval Time: 12 months
- 3. Criteria for Coverage if Used within a Chemotherapy Regimen**
 - 3.1 Requests should be reviewed by eviCore
 - 3.2 See Oncology Regimen Review policy

CPT Codes

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HCPCS Codes

J9216	Injection, interferon, gamma-1b, 3 million units
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References

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