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## **IHCP clarifies PA criteria for HCPCS code J0791**

As published in Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) Bulletins [BT202084](#) and [BT202093](#), the IHCP currently covers Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code J0791 – *Injection, crizanlizumab-tmca, 5 mg*.

Prior authorization (PA) is required for HCPCS code J0791. Effective for dates of service on or after May 4, 2021, the following medical necessity criteria must be met:

- Patient must be 16 years or older.
- Diagnosis is made of a sickle cell disease, including but not limited to homozygous hemoglobin S, sickle hemoglobin C disease, sickle beta 0 thalassemia and sickle beta + thalassemia.
- Patient is currently receiving hydroxyurea therapy; or patient has a history of intolerance or contraindication to hydroxyurea therapy.
- One of the following has occurred:
  - Individual has experienced a sickle cell-related vaso-occlusive crisis within the previous 12 months while concurrently receiving hydroxyurea therapy.
  - Individual has experienced a sickle cell-related vaso-occlusive crisis within the previous 12 months and has an intolerance or contraindication to hydroxyurea therapy.
- Dose is 5 mg/kg IV at week 0, week 2 and every 4 weeks thereafter.

This PA information applies to services delivered under the fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system. Questions about FFS PA should be directed to Gainwell Technologies at 800-457-4584, option 7.

Individual managed care entities (MCEs) establish and publish reimbursement, PA, and billing criteria within the managed care delivery system. Questions about managed care billing and PA for procedure code J0791 should be directed to the MCE with which the member is enrolled.

Coverage information for procedure code J0791 is reflected in the Professional Fee Schedule, accessible from the [IHCP Fee Schedules](#) page at [in.gov/medicaid/providers](http://in.gov/medicaid/providers).

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