

# IHCP *bulletin*

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## The IHCP provides coverage and billing guidelines for HCPCS code J9225 – *Histrelin implant (Vantas)*

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) covers Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code J9225 - *Histrelin implant (Vantas)*, 50 mg. The following coverage limitations and billing guidelines are effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2014:

- The IHCP reimburses providers for HCPCS code J9225 only when billed with the following International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision (ICD-9), diagnosis codes.
  - 185 – *Malignant neoplasm of prostate*; or
  - V10.46 – *Personal history of malignant neoplasm of prostate*
- The IHCP considers J9225 medically necessary for the palliative treatment of prostate cancer when **all** the following criteria are met.
  - A medical need for the implant (e.g. mobility or compliance issues, inability to receive daily injects) is determined.
  - A documented diagnosis of cancer of the prostate is made.
  - A demonstrated response to luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone (LHRH) agonists is confirmed by periodic measurement of testosterone and prostate-specific antigen (PSA) levels.
  - The member has a life expectancy of more than one year.
  - The member has not had a bilateral orchiectomy.

- The IHCP does not reimburse for J9225 if a member is hypersensitive to gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH), GnRH analogs, or any of the components of Vantas.
- J9225 is limited to one unit per member per 12 months.
- J9225 is limited to males.

Prior authorization (PA) is not required for this service. Providers are reminded to refer to [Chapter 8](#) of the *IHCP Provider Manual* for additional billing instructions.

#### QUESTIONS?

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