



Provider Newsflash

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Coverage Policy Reminder: Lyme Disease

Purpose of this communication

- To remind all participating home infusion providers of CIGNA's coverage policy regarding the treatment of Lyme disease.

What do I need to know?

- CIGNA covers up to **28** days of intravenous antibiotic therapy, as medically necessary, for the initial treatment of Lyme disease.
- Coverage applies when any of the following criteria is met:
 - Early Lyme disease with either of the following:
 - Neurological involvement manifested by meningitis or radiculopathy
 - Third degree atrioventricular block
 - Late Lyme disease with either of the following:
 - Recurrent arthritis after administration of a complete course of oral antibiotics
 - Central nervous system (CNS) or peripheral nervous system involvement
 - Lyme arthritis and/or Lyme-related neurological conditions that have proved refractory to a full course of recommended oral antibiotic therapy
- CareCentrix staff will elevate all requests over 28 days to CIGNA for a review of medical necessity for PHS, PHS+, and CIGNA Select Core members.
- Claims billed in excess of the guidelines may result in denial and recoupment of any funds paid beyond the 28 day coverage policy.

What do I need to do?

- For PHS members, be sure to notify the ordering physician and the member that services provided over 28 days would not meet CIGNA's coverage criteria and redirect back to CIGNA member services for additional assistance.
- For more information, please review the coverage policies posted on CIGNA's website. For convenience, there is a link to the guidelines on the provider portal under 'Resources and Forms.'

**Thank you in advance for your cooperation and continued partnership.
If you have any questions, please contact your CareCentrix
Network Management representative.**