

PrimeWest Health Intravenous Iron Therapy Part B Step Therapy Criteria

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I. Initial Criteria

Due to a lack of clear superiority of clinical outcomes, safety, or patient tolerability, Part B step therapy is required for: Feraheme (ferumoxytol) Q0138 and Q0139, Injectafer (ferric carboxymaltose) C9441, Q9970, J1439, Monoferic (ferric derisomaltose) J1437, Triferic (ferric pyrophosphate citrate) Q9976, J1443, Triferic Avnu (ferric pyrophosphate citrate injection for IV use) J1445.

Based on safety and efficacy, authorization is required for any IV iron preparations not listed in #1 below.

1. Trial of at least 3 weeks of therapy, and failure is required of at least one of the following products:
 - a. Iron sucrose J1756
 - b. Iron dextran J1751, J1752
 - c. Sodium Ferric Gluconate Complex (Ferrlicit) J2916; OR
2. History of contraindication, intolerance or adverse event(s) to at least one of the preferred intravenous iron therapies; OR
3. Continuation of prior therapy within the past 365 days; AND
4. Iron deficiency as evidence by: Patient has iron-deficiency anemia with a Hemoglobin (Hb) <12 g/dL; **AND any laboratory value reflective of low iron state such as iron level, ferritin, etc.**

Renewal Review: Refer to initial criteria.

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III. CMS information

Medicare coverage for outpatient (Part B) drugs is outlined in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-2), Chapter 15, §50 Drugs and Biologicals. In addition, National Coverage Determination (NCD) and Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. They can be found at: <http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search/advanced-search.aspx>. Additional indications may be covered at the discretion of the health plan.