



**GEORGIA MEDICAID FEE-FOR-SERVICE  
COLONY STIMULATING FACTORS PA SUMMARY**

Preferred	Non-Preferred
Granix (tbo filgrastim) Leukine (sargramostim) Neupogen (filgrastim)	Fulphila (pegfilgrastim-jmdb) Neulasta (pegfilgrastim) Nivestym (filgrastim-aafi) Zarxio (filgrastim-sndz)

**LENGTH OF AUTHORIZATION:** 1 year

**NOTES:**

- All preferred products and non-preferred products require prior authorization.
- **The PA criteria below is for Pharmacy Services only.**  
Physicians administering medication in a clinic or office must bill the drug through Physician Services and not through Pharmacy Services. Information regarding the Providers' Administered Drug List (PADL) is located at [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov) and log in to request coverage from Physician Services.

**PA CRITERIA:**

Granix, Fulphila and Neulasta

- ❖ Approvable for members with a diagnosis of non-myeloid cancer who have chemotherapy-induced neutropenia or who are on a myelosuppressive chemotherapeutic regimen.
- ❖ In addition, for Fulphila and Neulasta, prescriber must submit a written letter of medical necessity stating the reasons the preferred products, Granix and Neupogen, are not appropriate for the member.
- ❖ Must be prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist.

Leukine

- ❖ Approvable for members with the following diagnoses
  - Neutrophil recovery following induction or consolidation chemotherapy in acute myelogenous leukemia (AML)
  - Enhancement of peripheral progenitor cell yield
  - Bone marrow transplantation (BMT)/stem cell transplantation (SCT) and engraftment is delayed or failed
  - Myeloid reconstitution after autologous BMT/SCT or allogeneic BMT/SCT.
- ❖ Approvable for members with a diagnosis of cancer who have chemotherapy-induced neutropenia or who are on a myelosuppressive chemotherapeutic regimen.
- ❖ Must be prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist.

Neupogen, Nivestym and Zarxio

- ❖ Approvable for members with the following diagnoses:



- Neutrophil recovery following induction or consolidation chemotherapy in acute myelogenous leukemia (AML)
- Bone marrow transplantation (BMT)/stem cell transplantation (SCT)
- Enhancement of peripheral progenitor cell yield.

In addition, for Nivestym and Zarxio, prescriber must submit a written letter of medical necessity stating the reasons the preferred product, Neupogen, is not appropriate for the member.

- ❖ Approvable for members with a diagnosis of severe chronic neutropenia when the absolute neutrophil count (ANC) is less than  $500 \text{ mm}^3$ . In addition, for Nivestym and Zarxio, prescriber must submit a written letter of medical necessity stating the reasons the preferred product, Neupogen, is not appropriate for the member.
- ❖ Approvable for members with a diagnosis of non-myeloid cancer who have chemotherapy-induced neutropenia or who are on a myelosuppressive chemotherapeutic regimen. In addition, for Nivestym and Zarxio, prescriber must submit a written letter of medical necessity stating the reasons the preferred products, Granix and Neupogen, are not appropriate for the member.
- ❖ Must be prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist.

#### **EXCEPTIONS:**

- Exceptions to these conditions of coverage are considered through the prior authorization process.
- The Prior Authorization process may be initiated by calling **OptumRx at 1-866-525-5827**.

#### **PREFERRED DRUG LIST:**

- For online access to the Preferred Drug List (PDL), please go to <http://dch.georgia.gov/preferred-drug-lists>.

#### **PA AND APPEAL PROCESS:**

- For online access to the PA process, please go to [www.dch.georgia.gov/prior-authorization-process-and-criteria](http://www.dch.georgia.gov/prior-authorization-process-and-criteria) and click on Prior Authorization (PA) Request Process Guide.

#### **QUANTITY LEVEL LIMITATIONS:**

- For online access to the current Quantity Level Limits (QLL), please go to [www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal), highlight Pharmacy and click on [Other Documents](#), then select the most recent quarters QLL List.