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APPLICATION FOR SUBSIDY BY SPECIAL AUTHORITY

Form SA2454
April 2025

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Nivolumab

Initial application
Applications only from a medical oncologist. Approvals valid for 4 months.
Prerequisites(tick boxes where appropriate)

- ☐ Patient has metastatic or unresectable melanoma (excluding uveal) stage III or IV

and

- ☐ Baseline measurement of overall tumour burden is documented clinically and radiologically

and

- ☐ The patient has ECOG performance score of 0-2

and

- ☐ Patient has not received funded pembrolizumab

or

- ☐ Patient has received an initial Special Authority approval for pembrolizumab and has discontinued pembrolizumab within 12 weeks of starting treatment due to intolerance

and

- ☐ The cancer did not progress while the patient was on pembrolizumab

and

- ☐ Documentation confirming that the patient has been informed and acknowledges that funded treatment with nivolumab will not be continued if their disease progresses

Renewal — less than 24 months on treatment

Current approval Number (if known):.....

Applications only from a medical oncologist or medical practitioner on the recommendation of a medical oncologist. Approvals valid for 4 months.
Prerequisites(tick boxes where appropriate)

- ☐ Patient's disease has had a complete response to treatment

or

- ☐ Patient's disease has had a partial response to treatment

or

- ☐ Patient has stable disease

and

- ☐ Response to treatment in target lesions has been determined by comparable radiologic assessment following the most recent treatment period

and

- ☐ The treatment remains clinically appropriate and the patient is benefitting from the treatment

or

- ☐ Patient has previously discontinued treatment with nivolumab for reasons other than severe toxicity or disease progression

and

- ☐ Patient has signs of disease progression

and

- ☐ Disease has not progressed during previous treatment with nivolumab

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Nivolumab *- continued*

Renewal — more than 24 months on treatment

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Prerequisites(tick boxes where appropriate)

☐ Patient has been on treatment for more than 24 months

and

☐ Patient's disease has had a complete response to treatment

or

☐ Patient's disease has had a partial response to treatment

or

☐ Patient has stable disease

and

☐ Response to treatment in target lesions has been determined by comparable radiologic or clinical assessment following the most recent treatment period

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☐ The treatment remains clinically appropriate and the patient is benefitting from the treatment

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Nivolumab *- continued*

Initial application — renal cell carcinoma, first line
Applications from any relevant practitioner. Approvals valid for 4 months.
Prerequisites(tick boxes where appropriate)

☐ Patient is currently on treatment with nivolumab and met all remaining criteria prior to commencing treatment

or

☐ The patient has metastatic renal cell carcinoma
and
☐ The patient is treatment naive
and
☐ The patient has ECOG performance status 0-2
and
☐ The disease is predominantly of clear cell histology
and

☐ The patient has sarcomatoid histology
or
☐ Haemoglobin levels less than the lower limit of normal
or
☐ Corrected serum calcium level greater than 10 mg/dL (2.5 mmol/L)
or
☐ Neutrophils greater than the upper limit of normal
or
☐ Platelets greater than the upper limit of normal
or
☐ Interval of less than 1 year from original diagnosis to the start of systemic therapy
or
☐ Karnofsky performance score of less than or equal to 70

and
☐ Nivolumab is to be used in combination with ipilimumab for the first four treatment cycles at a maximum dose of 3 mg/kg
and
☐ Nivolumab is to be used as monotherapy at a maximum maintenance dose of 240 mg every 2 weeks (or equivalent)

Initial application — Renal cell carcinoma, second line
Applications from any relevant practitioner. Approvals valid for 4 months.
Prerequisites(tick boxes where appropriate)

☐ Patient has metastatic renal-cell carcinoma
and
☐ The disease is of predominant clear-cell histology
and
☐ Patient has ECOG performance status 0-2
and
☐ Patient has documented disease progression following one or two previous regimens of antiangiogenic therapy
and
☐ Patient has not previously received a funded immune checkpoint inhibitor
and
☐ Nivolumab is to be used as monotherapy at a maximum dose of 240 mg every 2 weeks (or equivalent) and discontinued at disease progression

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Nivolumab *- continued*

Renewal — Renal cell carcinoma

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Prerequisites(tick boxes where appropriate)

☐ Patient's disease has had a complete response to treatment

or

☐ Patient's disease has had a partial response to treatment

or

☐ Patient has stable disease

and

☐ No evidence of disease progression

and

☐ Nivolumab is to be used as monotherapy at a maximum dose of 240 mg every 2 weeks (or equivalent) and discontinued at disease progression

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