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APPLICATION FOR SUBSIDY BY SPECIAL AUTHORITY

Form SA2398
July 2025

APPLICANT (stamp or sticker acceptable)	**PATIENT** NHI:	**REFERRER** Reg No: .....
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Bendamustine hydrochloride

Initial application — CLL*
Applications only from a relevant specialist or any relevant practitioner on the recommendation of a relevant specialist. Approvals valid for 12 months.
Prerequisites(tick boxes where appropriate)

- ☐ The patient has chronic lymphocytic leukaemia requiring treatment

and

- ☐ Patient has ECOG performance status of 0-2

and

- ☐ Bendamustine is to be administered at a maximum dose of 100 mg/m^2 on days 1 and 2 every 4 weeks for a maximum of 6 cycles

Note: Indication marked with a * includes indications that are unapproved. 'Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL)' includes small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL).

Initial application — Indolent, Low-grade lymphomas
Applications only from a relevant specialist or any relevant practitioner on the recommendation of a relevant specialist. Approvals valid for 9 months.
Prerequisites(tick boxes where appropriate)

- ☐ The patient has indolent low grade NHL requiring treatment

and

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

and

- ☐ Patient is treatment naive

  and

  ☐ Bendamustine is to be administered for a maximum of 6 cycles (in combination with rituximab when CD20+)

or

- ☐ Patient is refractory to or has relapsed within 12 months of a rituximab containing combined chemo-immunotherapy regimen

  and

  ☐ Bendamustine is to be administered in combination with obinutuzumab for a maximum of 6 cycles

or

- ☐ The patient has not received prior bendamustine therapy

  and

  ☐ Bendamustine is to be administered for a maximum of 6 cycles in relapsed patients (in combination with rituximab when CD20+)

  and

  ☐ Patient has had a rituximab treatment-free interval of 12 months or more

or

- ☐ Bendamustine is to be administered as monotherapy for a maximum of 6 cycles in rituximab refractory patients

I confirm the above details are correct and that in signing this form I understand I may be audited.

Signed: ..... Date: .....
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Bendamustine hydrochloride *- continued*

Renewal — Indolent, Low-grade lymphomas

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

Applications only from a relevant specialist or any relevant practitioner on the recommendation of a relevant specialist. Approvals valid for 9 months.

Prerequisites(tick boxes where appropriate)

- ☐ Patient is refractory to or has relapsed within 12 months of rituximab in combination with bendamustine
- **and**
- ☐ Bendamustine is to be administered in combination with obinutuzumab for a maximum of 6 cycles

or

- ☐ Patients have not received a bendamustine regimen within the last 12 months
- **and**
  - ☐ Bendamustine is to be administered for a maximum of 6 cycles in relapsed patients (in combination with rituximab when CD20+)
  - **and**
  - ☐ Patient has had a rituximab treatment-free interval of 12 months or more
  - **or**
  - ☐ Bendamustine is to be administered as a monotherapy for a maximum of 6 cycles in rituximab refractory patients

Note: 'indolent, low-grade lymphomas' includes follicular, mantle cell, marginal zone and lymphoplasmacytic/ Waldenstrom's macroglobulinaemia.

Initial application — Hodgkin's lymphoma*

Applications only from a relevant specialist or any relevant practitioner on the recommendation of a relevant specialist. Approvals valid for 6 months.

Prerequisites(tick boxes where appropriate)

- ☐ Patient has Hodgkin's lymphoma requiring treatment
- **and**
- ☐ Patient has a ECOG performance status of 0-2
- **and**
- ☐ Patient has received one prior line of chemotherapy
- **and**
- ☐ Patient's disease relapsed or was refractory following prior chemotherapy
- **and**
- ☐ Bendamustine is to be administered in combination with gemcitabine and vinorelbine (BeGeV) at a maximum dose of no greater than 90 mg/m2 twice per cycle, for a maximum of four cycles

Note: Indications marked with * are unapproved indications.

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