

Access and Reimbursement Guide NEW HCPCS CODE AND BILLING UNIT FOR SOLIRIS



Please see Important Safety Information on pages 2 and 31-34 and accompanying full <u>Prescribing Information</u> for SOLIRIS, including Boxed WARNING regarding serious and life-threatening or fatal meningococcal infections.

This information is intended only for residents of the United States.

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# INDICATIONS & SELECT IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION FOR SOLIRIS® (eculizumab)

# **INDICATIONS**

# Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria (PNH)

SOLIRIS is indicated for the treatment of patients with paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH) to reduce hemolysis.

# Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (aHUS)

SOLIRIS is indicated for the treatment of patients with atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome (aHUS) to inhibit complement-mediated thrombotic microangiopathy.

## Limitation of Use

SOLIRIS is not indicated for the treatment of patients with Shiga toxin E. coli related hemolytic uremic syndrome (STEC-HUS).

# Generalized Myasthenia Gravis (gMG)

SOLIRIS is indicated for the treatment of generalized myasthenia gravis (gMG) in adult and pediatric patients six years of age and older who are anti-acetylcholine receptor (AChR) antibody positive.

## Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder (NMOSD)

SOLIRIS is indicated for the treatment of neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD) in adult patients who are anti-aquaporin-4 (AQP4) antibody positive.

# **SELECT IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

# WARNING: SERIOUS MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTIONS

SOLIRIS, a complement inhibitor, increases the risk of serious infections caused by *Neisseria meningitidis* [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]. Life-threatening and fatal meningococcal infections have occurred in patients treated with complement inhibitors. These infections may become rapidly life-threatening or fatal if not recognized and treated early.

- Complete or update vaccination for meningococcal bacteria (for serogroups A, C, W, Y, and B) at least 2 weeks prior to the first dose of SOLIRIS, unless the risks of delaying SOLIRIS therapy outweigh the risk of developing a serious infection. Comply with the most current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for vaccinations against meningococcal bacteria in patients receiving a complement inhibitor. *See Warnings and Precautions (5.1)* for additional guidance on the management of the risk of serious infections caused by meningococcal bacteria.
- Patients receiving SOLIRIS are at increased risk for invasive disease caused by *Neisseria meningitidis*, even if they develop antibodies following vaccination. Monitor patients for early signs and symptoms of serious meningococcal infections and evaluate immediately if infection is suspected.

Because of the risk of serious meningococcal infections, SOLIRIS is available only through a restricted program under a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) called ULTOMIRIS and SOLIRIS REMS [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)].



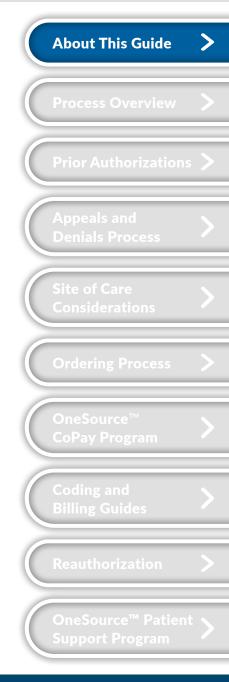
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# **ABOUT THIS GUIDE**

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Alexion is committed to providing access and reimbursement education and support to physicians, physician offices, hospital outpatient departments, and infusion centers that administer SOLIRIS® (eculizumab). We have developed this guide to provide the information to help you understand the administrative aspects of the SOLIRIS access and reimbursement process, including benefits investigations, site of care considerations, prior authorizations (PAs), reauthorizations, coding and claims filing, ordering, product acquisition, and navigating denials and appeals.

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The SOLIRIS Access and Reimbursement Guide is intended for educational purposes only and does not represent legal or billing advice.

Alexion Field Reimbursement Managers (FRMs) and OneSource<sup>™</sup> provide support to practices administering SOLIRIS and to patients receiving SOLIRIS regarding the access and reimbursement process.



Explore Alexion Access Navigator



Alexion Access Navigator is a dedicated resource website for US Healthcare Professionals and their offices that contains downloadable access and reimbursement materials for SOLIRIS.

Online: https://alexionaccessnavigator.com





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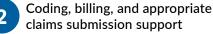


# Support for your practice: Alexion's FRMs are available to provide important

education to healthcare professionals and their staff pertaining to:



Access and reimbursement education



claims submission support



PA and appeal assistance

- **Product acquisition** education for buy-and-bill and specialty pharmacy
- Site of care identification 5 and support

Options for accessing SOLIRIS<sup>®</sup> (eculizumab)

Common errors in the PA or claims submission process that may lead to denials and delays in time to treatment



# Support for your patients:

OneSource<sup>™</sup> can provide information about options for accessing treatment, regardless of your patients' insurance. In addition, our team can provide information to those who are insured, underinsured, or may need help identifying external funding resources for out-of-pocket costs or coverage gaps.

For more information on **OneSource**, please visit AlexionOneSource.com or call 1-888-765-4747.

**ONESOURCE**® Personalized Patient Support from Alexion

> Note: When involved in patientspecific case work, OneSource patient enrollment is required.



Determine appropriate

site of care

PA approved

Once the decision to prescribe SOLIRIS has been made, your patient is encouraged to enroll in OneSource<sup>™</sup> and the Alexion OneSource CoPay program if they are eligible. Forms for enrollment in these programs are available at AlexionOneSource.com.

The next step in getting the patient started is conducting a benefits investigation.

**Order SOLIRIS** 

and treat patient

**Reauthorizations** 

for ongoing therapy



**Benefits Investigation** 

# **Process Overview** SOLIRIS<sup>®</sup> (eculizumab) is administered as an intravenous infusion by a healthcare professional, and health plans often manage SOLIRIS under the medical benefit.<sup>1</sup> Once the decision to prescribe SOLIRIS has been made, your office will need to conduct a benefits investigation. Health plans can have different requirements,<sup>2</sup> so it is important to complete a benefits investigation to understand the key clinical and coverage criteria that apply to each patient given their unique plan. Once a patient is enrolled, OneSource<sup>™</sup> can conduct a co-benefits investigation as well.

a. For example, letter of medical necessity or prescribing information. b. For example, a requirement to administer as buy-and-bill or if the product can be obtained through a designated specialty pharmacy. c. Including copay or coinsurance, annual out-of-pocket maximum, lifetime maximum, and annual benefit cap.

The benefits investigation will provide you with information that will answer key questions regarding a patient's health plan coverage and requirements,<sup>3</sup> such as: Site-of-care Health plan PA requirements Reauthorization An outline of a patient's financial and specific policies, guidelines, product acquisition criteria and documentation timeframe for and related requirements or obligations<sup>c</sup> continuation of reimbursement that must be guidelines<sup>b</sup> submitted to obtain considerations therapy approval<sup>a</sup> Note: It is the responsibility of the provider to complete the benefits investigation.

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required documentation	Does the payer require specific documentation (eg, letter of medical necessity, prescribing information, FDA approval letter, pricing sheet, or clinical reprint) before approving?	requirements	acquire SOLIRIS from a designated specialty pharmacy?	Appeals and Denials Process
Site of care	Does the payer require a specific site	Coding and claims	When submitting a claim to the	Site of Care Considerations
considerations	of care? The payer may also have preferred networks for sites of care so you need to check the payer's policy.	submission details	insurance company, your office will need to use the appropriate billing codes.	Ordering Process
	If the payer does not cover SOLIRIS or	Patient's		OneSource™ CoPay Program
Medical exception	if it denies coverage, then your office can seek a medical exception. Each payer has a different policy for handling medical exceptions.	financial responsibility	Depending on the patient's payer, the copay and deductible may vary.	Coding and Billing Guides
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				OneSource™ Patient Support Program

FDA, Food and Drug Administration.

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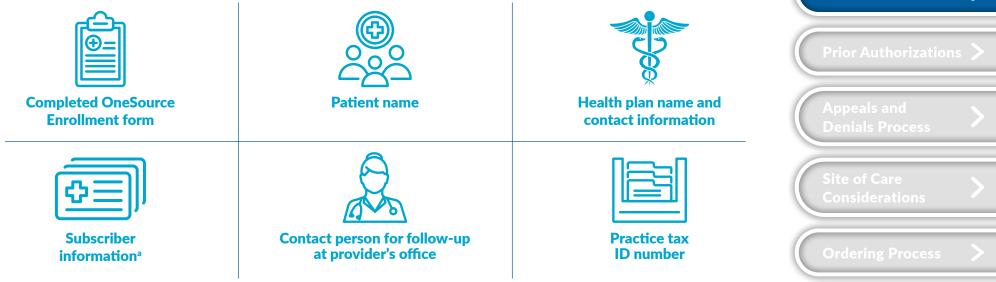


**Process Overview** 

# **Co-Benefits Investigation**

OneSource<sup>™</sup> can conduct a co-benefits investigation simultaneously for enrolled patients. The following information is needed for OneSource to conduct a co-benefits investigation:

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A co-benefits investigation occurs when OneSource conducts a benefits investigation at the same time that the healthcare provider's office is conducting one. It is important because OneSource cannot provide any assistance with insurance or other financial support to a patient without having completed this investigation. They can ensure that all requirements are understood and conveyed to the provider's office and/or facility. In addition, if a patient needs financial assistance, OneSource can refer them to appropriate programs. The co-benefits verification by OneSource can include:

- Identification of a patient's primary and any secondary insurance coverage
- Patient out-of-pocket costs
- Referral to appropriate financial assistance programs if needed
- Coordination of benefits
- Identification of payer coverage requirements and conveying that information to provider office

a. Member number, group number.

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# Prior Authorizations

**PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS (PAs)** 

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Health plans often require prior approval for a patient to receive SOLIRIS<sup>®</sup> (eculizumab). This is generally referred to as a PA, precertification, or coverage determination. PAs are very common for orphan drugs that treat rare diseases.<sup>4</sup>

In addition, health plans may require a reauthorization for continuation of therapy after a specified period of time.<sup>3</sup> Information about reauthorization timing and requirements can be found in the medical policy or on the PA form.

Providers can contact their FRM for additional educational support about the PA and reauthorization process.

NOTE: Providers may need to obtain a new PA for SOLIRIS when using HCPCS J1299, the HCPCS code effective for dates of service on/after April 1, 2025. (see page 25)

Check with individual payers whether a new PA is needed even if the current PA that was obtained with HCPCS J1300 is still valid.

HCPCS, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System.

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# Review the patient's health plan coverage requirements.

Alexion has created Physician Quick Reference Guides in the Healthcare Provider (HCP) Starter Kits for atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome (atypical-HUS), generalized myasthenia gravis (gMG), neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD), and paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH), which contain indication-specific checklists to start patients on SOLIRIS<sup>®</sup> (eculizumab).

Note: Many health plans have a specific PA form that must be used. The form will indicate what requirements and documentation are needed for the PA.



Ensure that the information on the PA request is accurate and complete with all the requested information attached.

One of the most common reasons for denial is missing or incomplete information, so be sure to follow the health plan's instructions for PA submission.

# **PA Approval**

After receiving PA approval, review the health plan's policy on site of care to determine if there are requirements or guidelines for product acquisition, such as using a specific specialty pharmacy.

At this time, you should review the results of the benefits investigation to see if and when reauthorization is needed and what is required to submit and obtain reauthorization. This may include specific tests and documented improvements.

Include all required supplemental documentation specified by the patient's health plan, such as relevant clinical studies or a letter of medical necessity.

Alexion has created sample letters of medical necessity, which can be found in the HCP Starter Kits for atypical-HUS, gMG, NMOSD, and PNH.

Submit the PA request through the appropriate health plan process and provide contact information for your office where required.



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# Check the PA status.

Once the PA has been submitted, your office and/or OneSource<sup>™</sup> can check the PA status with the health plan as response time will vary by health plan.

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# **APPEALS AND DENIALS PROCESS<sup>3</sup>**

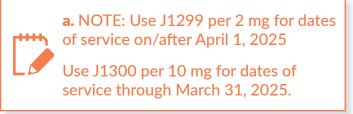
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If a PA is denied, determine the reason and the best course of action. Each health plan has specific time frames and appeal options. Review the summary of benefits for the denial reason and contact the health plan to obtain its appeals process. Please also contact your FRM for support in developing the best strategy to approach denials.

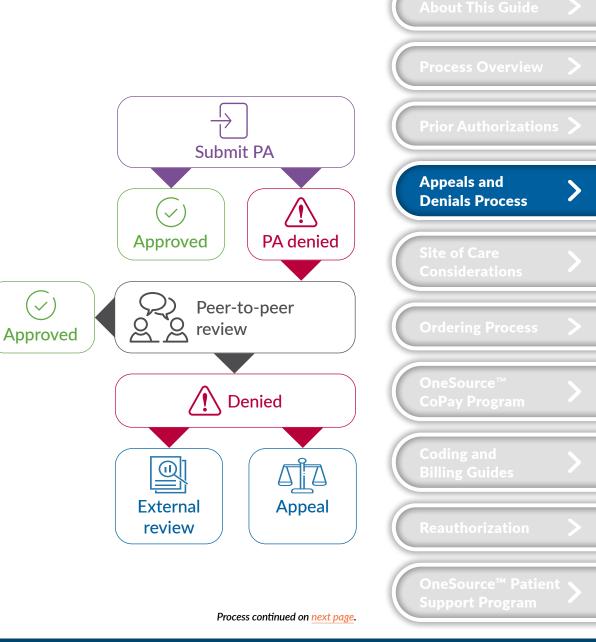


# **Determine the Reason for the Denial**

Review the denial letter as well as the summary of benefits to determine the specific denial reason. Often, a denial is given due to missing or incomplete information. Some common reasons for denials include using the incorrect CPT/HCPCS code,<sup>a</sup> entering the incorrect number of units billed, or not including the PA number. You may be able to provide the missing documentation or correct the information to resubmit within the specified time frame.



**CPT,** Current Procedural Terminology.



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# Appeals and **Denials Process**

# **APPEALS AND DENIALS PROCESS<sup>3</sup>** (cont'd)

# Consider a Peer-to-Peer Review

If the reason for denial is misalignment with the clinical policy, you may want to consider a peer-to-peer review as a next step before submitting a formal appeal. For this type of review, the prescribing physician may contact the health plan to discuss the clinical rationale with the physician in charge of the determination or a medical director with a similar specialty.<sup>5</sup>

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If the peer-to-peer discussion does not resolve the denial, the prescribing physician may submit an appeal.

# Appeal Preparation and Submission Process

An appeal is a request to the patient's health plan to reverse its decision and approve the infused specialty drug. Review the health plan's appeal process and timelines to determine:

- The specific form to be filled out for an appeal
- The health plan's preferred method of appeal (eg, phone, written)
- Which documentation should be included (eg, appeal letter, original claims)
- If an expedited review is available and appropriate for a patient's situation



**Expedited Review:** In urgent situations, you or your patient may request an external review at the same time as an internal review to speed up the process. An expedited appeal may be granted if your patient is currently receiving or prescribed treatment and you believe a delay would risk their life, affect their ability to regain maximum function, or subject them to severe pain. The request for an expedited appeal may be made verbally, and the health plan must make a decision within a specified time frame.

Process continued on <u>next page</u>.





# **APPEALS AND DENIALS PROCESS<sup>3</sup>** (cont'd)

# Follow Up

Follow up with the health plan to confirm that the appeal was received and to check on the decision.

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# **External Review**

If the internal appeals process is exhausted, inform your patient that they can ask for an external review by independent, accredited medical professionals. External reviewers do not receive any financial incentives to perform the review, and a patient's health plan is required by law to accept the reviewer's decision. The health plan's original denial letter should describe how to request an external review.

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To request an external review, your patient must file a written request within the plan's specified time frame. External review decisions are made as soon as possible but generally take no longer than 60 days from receipt of request.

# Another Option: Secondary Health Plan

If your patient has additional coverage through a secondary health plan, you can submit to a patient's secondary health plan for coverage after attempts with the primary health plan have been exhausted. It is suggested that you use a sample letter of medical necessity (see <u>page 11</u> for more information on the letter of medical necessity) for support to build the request for coverage.



Compile the required documents and submit the appeal as per the instructions of the health plan.

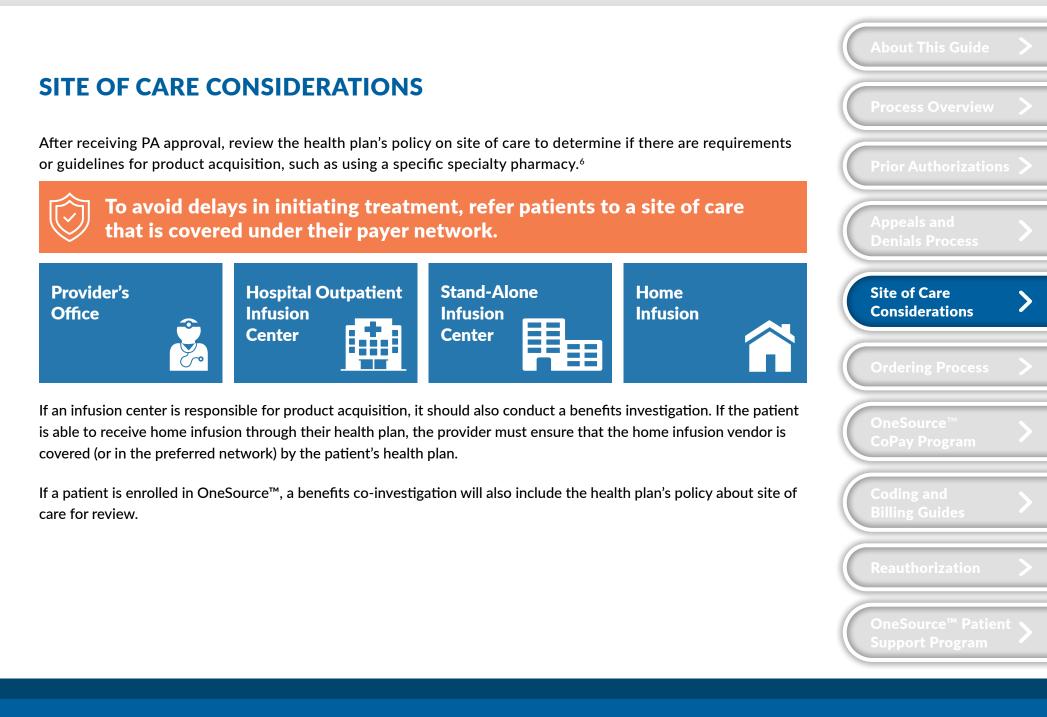


Contact your Alexion FRM to help provide the best strategy to approach denials.



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# **Determine Product Acquisition Options**

Based on a patient's coverage, the infusion provider will either purchase SOLIRIS<sup>®</sup> (eculizumab) as a buy-andbill product through an approved Alexion distributor or obtain SOLIRIS through the payer's network of preferred specialty pharmacies.<sup>7</sup>

# **Buy-and-Bill Option:**

- The process is called "buy-and-bill" because the health plan is covering the infusion through the medical benefit, and a medical claim is submitted after the provider has purchased and administered the drug
- For provider-administered outpatient drugs, a healthcare provider first purchases SOLIRIS through an authorized distributor, stores it, administers SOLIRIS to a patient, and then submits a claim for reimbursement for both SOLIRIS and the administration
- For the buy-and-bill option, it is important to ensure that the billing and coding for SOLIRIS is correct to secure reimbursement. Alexion has billing and coding guides for each indication (see page 21)



# **Specialty Pharmacy Provider Option:**

- For this option, the infusion provider does not purchase or seek reimbursement for SOLIRIS
- SOLIRIS is dispensed to the patient by a specialty pharmacy that is indicated by the health plan and is then drop-shipped directly to the infusion office specifically for that patient
- The infusion provider holds the patient-specific SOLIRIS until the patient arrives for treatment and administers SOLIRIS to that patient
- The specialty pharmacy will file a claim with the health plan for reimbursement of SOLIRIS and the provider is able to file a claim for SOLIRIS administration services only



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# **Ordering Process** >

# **ORDERING PROCESS**

# REMS certification

SOLIRIS<sup>®</sup> (eculizumab) is available only through a restricted program under a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) called ULTOMIRIS and SOLIRIS REMS, which can be viewed online at <u>www.UltSolREMS.com</u>. Providers who prescribe SOLIRIS must be certified.

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A prescriber, clinical pharmacist, registered nurse, or physician assistant can complete this process and will need a prescriber's National Provider Identifier (NPI) number for the REMS requirements.

Certification consists of reviewing REMS educational materials and enrollment in the REMS.

The purpose of the REMS is to mitigate the occurrence and morbidity associated with meningococcal infections by informing healthcare providers and patients about the:

- Increased risk of serious meningococcal infections with SOLIRIS
- Early signs of invasive meningococcal infections
- Need for immediate medical evaluation of signs and symptoms consistent with possible serious meningococcal infections



# **Ordering Process** >

# **ORDERING PROCESS (cont'd)**



Each patient must be registered directly with Alexion to obtain SOLIRIS® (eculizumab). To register a patient with Alexion, your office can contact the Alexion Customer Operations Center at 1-888-765-4747 Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM ET. A representative is available 24/7 for emergent needs.

Alexion requests the following information to order SOLIRIS and coordinate shipments for individual patient treatments:

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- a. Patient initials
- b. Patient birth year
- c. Diagnosis (indication)
- d. Prescriber name
- e. Prescriber NPI

To comply with REMS requirements, Alexion must have the prescriber name and NPI prior to shipping the product.

Once the infusion provider has verified the patient's insurance information, they can place an order for SOLIRIS, either through an authorized specialty distributor (for a buy-and-bill patient) or through a specialty pharmacy as specified by the patient's health plan.

For accounts that are ordering for the first time, call the Customer Operations Team at Alexion to set up a new account. Note that Alexion will need a purchase order from the specialty distributor or pharmacy to set up a new account.

The Customer Operations Team will verify that the ordering physician is REMS-certified and can answer any additional questions about the ordering process.



SOLIRIS will be directly shipped from Alexion. The site or provider will receive a confirmation number from the Customer Operations Team once SOLIRIS has been ordered. Once the drug has shipped, the FedEx tracking number will be sent in an email with the shipping confirmation.





<b>Approved Alexion Distribut</b>	ors
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ASD Healthcare (Cencora) 800.746.6273 asd.customerservice@asdhealthcare.com

BioCareSD 800.304.3064 BioCareAccSetup@biocaresd.com

Cardinal Health 800.218.5688 Multi-Specialty-Priority@cardinalhealth.com

CuraScriptSD (Express Scripts) 877.599.7748 Customer.Service@curascript.com McKesson Plasma & Biologics 877.625.2566 mpborders@mckesson.com

McKesson Specialty Health 855.477.9800 msh.providers@McKesson.com

**Metro Medical** (Cardinal Health) 800.768.2002 customerservice@metromedical.com

**Oncology Supply** (Cencora) 800.633.7555 service@oncologysupply.com **Ordering Process** 

You can contact an Alexion Customer Operations Representative from the US Patient Supply Group at:



1-888-765-4747

Monday-Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM ET

A representative is available 24/7 for emergent needs.

Each account will have a dedicated representative from this team to help with this process.

Note: Some payers require product acquisition from a payer-designated specialty pharmacy. Please check payer requirements.  $\wedge$ 

# **ALEXION OneSource<sup>™</sup> COPAY PROGRAM<sup>a</sup> COMMERCIALLY INSURED** NESOURCE® The Alexion OneSource CoPay Program helps patients pay for eligible out-of-pocket medication Personalized Patient Support from Alexion and infusion costs. **Program eligibility ALL OTHERS** Patient enrolled in OneSource The program is not valid for costs eligible to be reimbursed, in whole or in part, by government insurance programs, including Medicaid, Medicare (including Medicare Part D), Medicare Patient with commercial insurance who has a valid Advantage plans, Medigap, Veterans Affairs, Department prescription for a US FDA-approved indication for of Defense or TRICARE, or other federal or state programs SOLIRIS® (eculizumab)8 (including any state prescription drug assistance programs). Patients residing in Massachusetts, Minnesota, or Rhode Island Patients must reside and receive treatment with a are eligible for assistance with medication costs but are not Qualifying Alexion Product in the United States or eligible for assistance with infusion costs. its territories OneSource™ **CoPay Program** Have a question? Received an invoice? Contact OneSource: AlexionOneSource.com 1-888-765-4747

**a.** The Alexion OneSource CoPay Program covers copayments, deductibles, and coinsurance costs.



# **Coding and Billing Guides**

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Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc., has developed coding and billing guides to provide objective and publicly available coding and billing information for its infused specialty drugs. These guides provide the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) diagnosis codes, HCPCS code, and National Drug Code (NDC) for SOLIRIS® (eculizumab), and CPT codes and the ICD, 10th Revision, Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-PCS) procedure codes for drug administration services. The diseases that are indicated for use of SOLIRIS have their own coding and billing guides with codes specific for each indication. The coding guide for meningococcal vaccination is included as the vaccination may be required for prescribing SOLIRIS.

Hospitals and physicians are responsible for compliance with Medicare and other health plan rules and requirements and for the information submitted with all claims and appeals. Before any claims or appeals are submitted, hospitals and physicians should review official health plan instructions and requirements, confirm the accuracy of their coding or billing practices with these health plans, and use independent judgment when selecting codes that most appropriately describe the services or supplies provided to a patient. All codes submitted on a claim need to be supported by medical record documentation.

> The following pages contain a summary of the relevant codes for each indication. For the full coding and billing guide or to receive additional information, please contact your Alexion FRM.



not warrant, promise, guarantee, or make any statement that the use of this information will result in coverage or payment for SOLIRIS<sup>®</sup> (eculizumab), or that any payment received will cover providers' costs. Alexion is not responsible for any action providers take in billing for, or appealing, SOLIRIS claims.

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# **Diagnosis Coding for SOLIRIS® (eculizumab)**

### **Atypical-HUS**

The following International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification diagnosis code may be appropriate to describe patients diagnosed with atypical-HUS:

ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code <sup>9</sup>	D59.39	D59.32		
Code Descriptor	Other hemolytic uremic syndrome • Atypical (nongenetic) hemolytic uremic syndrome • Secondary hemolytic uremic syndrome	<ul> <li>Hereditary hemolytic uremic syndrome</li> <li>Atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome with an identified genetic cause</li> </ul>	Appeals and Denials Process	>
Appropriate Use	Assign this code when medical record documentation supports that atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome is not further specified as due to a genetic cause	Assign this code when medical record documentation supports that atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome is due to a genetic cause	Site of Care Considerations	>
	<ul> <li>Code first, if applicable, any associated:</li> <li>COVID-19 (U07.1)</li> <li>complications of kidney transplant (T86.1-)</li> <li>complications of heart transplant (T86.2-)</li> <li>complications of liver transplant (T86.4-)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Code also, if applicable:</li> <li>defects in the complement system (D84.1)</li> <li>methylmalonic acidemia (E71.120)</li> </ul>	Ordering Process	>
Coding Instructional Notes <sup>9</sup>	<ul> <li>Code also, if applicable, any associated condition, such as:</li> <li>hypertensive emergency (I16.1)</li> <li>malignant neoplasm (C00-C96)</li> <li>systemic lupus erythematosus (M32)</li> </ul>		OneSource™ CoPay Program	>
	<b>Use additional code</b> , if applicable, for adverse effect to identify drug (T36-T50 with fifth or sixth character 5)		Coding and Billing Guides	>
	Tip: Coding atypical-HUS to the highest level of s based on medical record documentation to avoid o		Reauthorization	>



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# Diagnosis Coding for SOLIRIS<sup>®</sup> (eculizumab) (cont'd) Anti-Acetylcholine Receptor (AChR) Antibody-Positive gMG The following International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification diagnosis codes may be appropriate to describe patients diagnosed with gMG who are anti-AChR antibody positive: ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code<sup>9</sup> **Code Descriptor** G70.00 Myasthenia gravis without (acute) exacerbation G70.01 Myasthenia gravis with (acute) exacerbation Anti-Aquaporin-4 Antibody-Positive NMOSD The following International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification diagnosis code may be appropriate to describe patients diagnosed with anti-AQP4 antibody-positive NMOSD: ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code<sup>9</sup> **Code Descriptor** G36.0 Neuromyelitis optica [Devic] PNH The following International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification diagnosis code may be appropriate to describe patients diagnosed with PNH: ICD-10-CM Diagnosis Code<sup>9</sup> **Code Descriptor Coding and** D59.5 Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria **Billing Guides**



# Coding and >**Billing Guides**

# Drug Coding for SOLIRIS® (eculizumab)

### **All Indications**

The following drug-specific Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) billing code can be reported on SOLIRIS medical claim forms to payers:

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New Code Description         Effective for Dates of Service			tes of Service			
Inject	ion, eculizi	umab, <u>2 mg</u>		On and after April 1, 2025		
Injection, eculizumab, 10 mg			From January 1,	2008, through March 31, 2025		
ered	300 mg	600 mg	900 mg	1200 mg	Effective Dates	
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J1299 Billing Units	150	300	450	600	Starting April 1, 2025
J1300 Billing Units	30	60	90	120	Through March 31, 2025

The following HCPCS modifiers may be required for SOLIRIS, as applicable:

Modifier <sup>10</sup>	Description	Commercial Requirement	Medicare Requirement
JZ	Zero drug amount discarded/not administered to any patient	Varies by payer	Y
RE	Furnished in full compliance with FDA-mandated risk evaluation and mitigation strategy (REMS)	Y	Y
тв	Drug or biological acquired with 340B drug pricing program discount, reported for informational purposes	Ν	Y

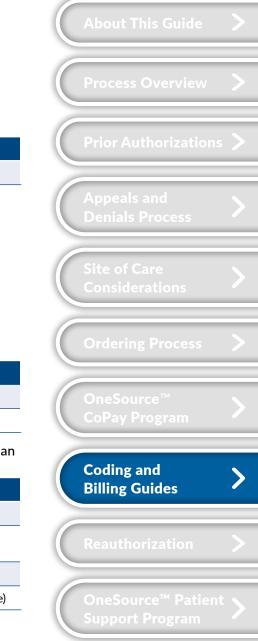
FDA, Food and Drug Administration.

1 billing unit of J1299 = 2 mg of SOLIRIS Billing with incorrect units may result in claim processing delays



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# Drug Coding for SOLIRIS<sup>®</sup> (eculizumab) (cont'd)

Some payers, including Medicaid, require drugs like SOLIRIS to be billed on medical claims with the product's National Drug Code (NDC) in addition to the HCPCS code. Payers typically require healthcare professionals to use the 11-digit NDC format compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)<sup>11</sup>:

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11-Digit NDC <sup>8,11</sup>	Code Descriptor	Strength
25682-0001-01	SOLIRIS single-use vial	300 mg/30 mL

Please note that payers have different guidance for placement of the NDC on medical claims. Typically, the 11-digit NDC is reported without any dashes or other punctuation.<sup>11</sup>

Some payers may also require a unit of measure (UoM) qualifier and quantity. For SOLIRIS, the UoM qualifier is ML (milliliter).

Check payer requirements for reporting the NDC and UoM on claims.

Please note: Changes to the HCPCS code and billing units do not affect NDC reporting.

### **Drug Administration Services**

The following are possible International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-PCS) procedure codes to report the administration of SOLIRIS in inpatient settings:

	ICD-10-PCS <sup>12</sup>	Code Descriptor
	XW033C6	Introduction of eculizumab into peripheral vein, percutaneous approach, new technology group 6
XW043C6		Introduction of eculizumab into central vein, percutaneous approach, new technology group 6

The following Current Procedural Terminology (CPT<sup>®</sup>) codes may be appropriate to report administration of SOLIRIS in physician offices and hospital outpatient facilities. Individual payer policies should be reviewed for reporting requirements.

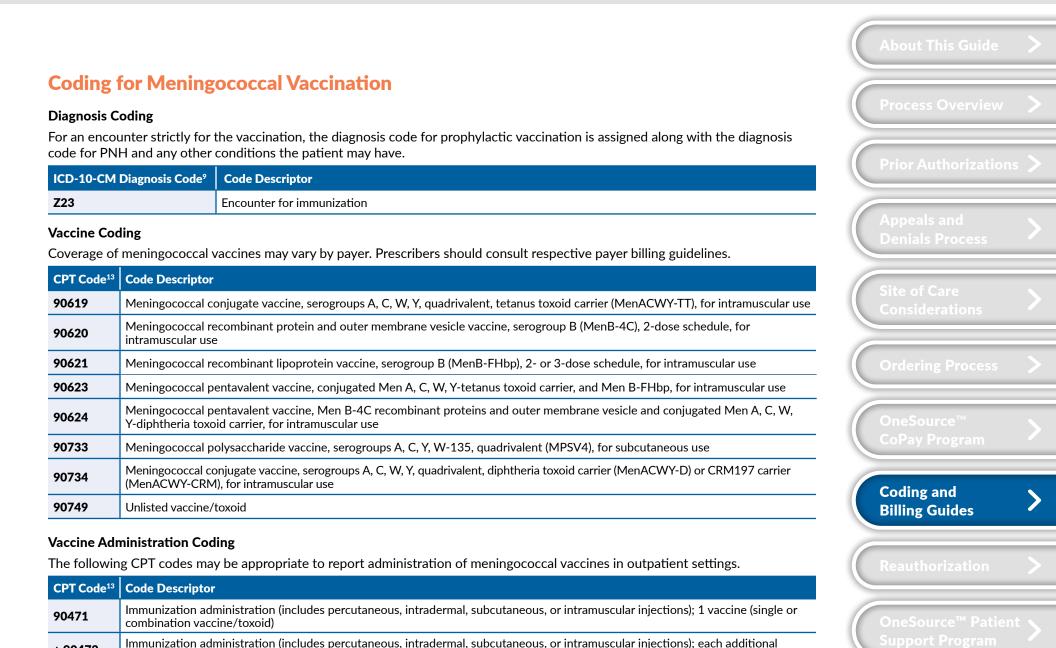
CPT <sup>13</sup>	Code Descriptor
96365	Intravenous infusion, for therapy, prophylaxis, or diagnosis (specify substance or drug); initial, up to one hour
+ 96366	Intravenous infusion, for therapy, prophylaxis, or diagnosis (specify substance or drug); each additional hour (list separately in addition to primary procedure)
96413ª	Chemotherapy administration, intravenous infusion technique; up to one hour, single or initial substance/drug
+ 96415ª	Chemotherapy administration, intravenous infusion technique; each additional hour (list separately in addition to primary procedure)

a. Billing highly complex administration codes (96413 and 96415) requires medical record documentation of the complexity involved beyond what is required for therapeutic infusions (96365 and 96366).<sup>14</sup>



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vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)



# **Reauthorization** >

# REAUTHORIZATION

Many health plans may require a PA renewal or reauthorization after a specified period of time – this information is typically included in the medical policy and the benefits investigation.<sup>3</sup> Continued coverage of SOLIRIS<sup>®</sup> (eculizumab) generally requires follow-up with the appropriate specialist and a positive clinical response from baseline for the appropriate indication.

Your Alexion FRM can provide education on payer-specific reauthorization criteria. OneSource<sup>™</sup> will proactively reach out to patients enrolled in OneSource prior to the reauthorization date.

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Please always refer to the specific health plan requirements for each patient.

NOTE: Use J1299 per 2 mg for dates of service on/after April 1, 2025 Use J1300 per 10 mg for dates of

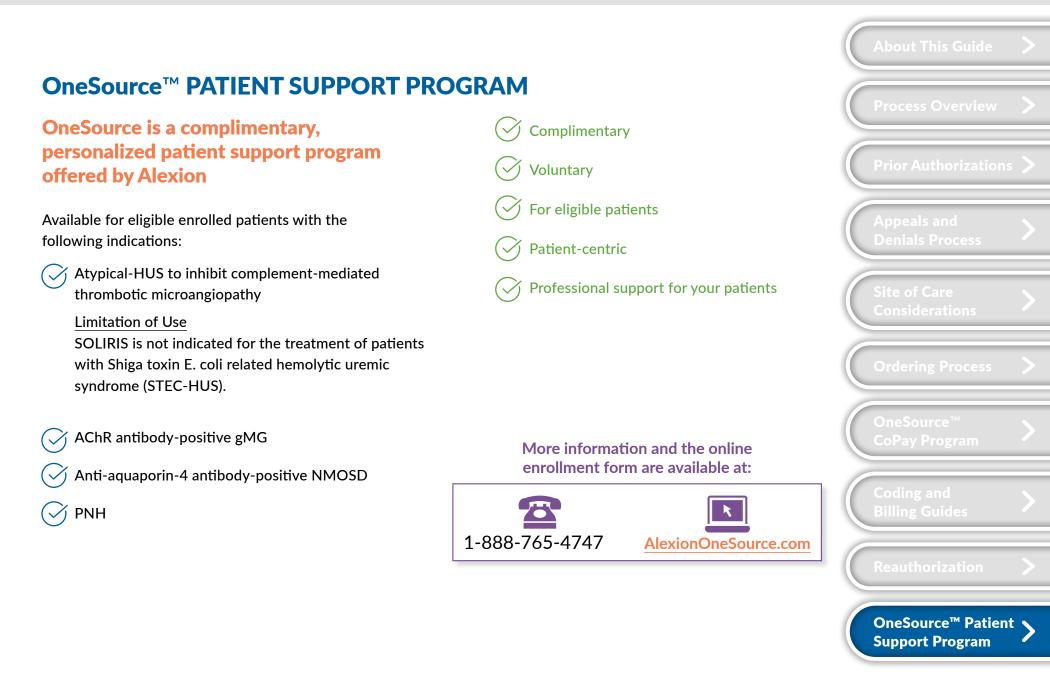
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# CONTRAINDICATIONS

• SOLIRIS is contraindicated for initiation in patients with unresolved serious Neisseria meningitidis infection.

# WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

# **Serious Meningococcal Infections**

SOLIRIS, a complement inhibitor, increases a patient's susceptibility to serious, life-threatening, or fatal infections caused by meningococcal bacteria (septicemia and/or meningitis) in any serogroup, including non-groupable strains. Life-threatening and fatal meningococcal infections have occurred in both vaccinated and unvaccinated patients treated with complement inhibitors.

Revaccinate patients in accordance with ACIP recommendations considering the duration of therapy with SOLIRIS. Note that ACIP recommends an administration schedule in patients receiving complement inhibitors that differs from the administration schedule in the vaccine prescribing information.

If urgent SOLIRIS therapy is indicated in a patient who is not up to date with meningococcal vaccines according to ACIP recommendations, provide the patient with antibacterial drug prophylaxis and administer meningococcal vaccines as soon as possible. Various durations and regimens of antibacterial drug prophylaxis have been considered, but the optimal durations and drug regimens for prophylaxis and their efficacy have not been studied in unvaccinated or vaccinated patients receiving complement inhibitors, including SOLIRIS. The benefits and risks of treatment with SOLIRIS, as well as those associated with antibacterial drug prophylaxis in unvaccinated or vaccinated patients, must be considered against the known risks for serious infections caused by *Neisseria meningitidis*.

Vaccination does not eliminate the risk of serious meningococcal infections, despite development of antibodies following vaccination.

Closely monitor patients for early signs and symptoms of meningococcal infection and evaluate patients immediately if infection is suspected. Inform patients of these signs and symptoms and instruct patients to seek immediate medical care if these signs and symptoms occur. Promptly treat known infections. Meningococcal infection may become rapidly life-threatening or fatal if not recognized and treated early. Consider interruption of SOLIRIS in patients who are undergoing treatment for serious meningococcal infection, depending on the risks of interrupting treatment in the disease being treated.

# SELECT IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION FOR SOLIRIS® (eculizumab) (cont'd)

# WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS (cont'd)

# **ULTOMIRIS and SOLIRIS REMS**

Due to the risk of serious meningococcal infections, SOLIRIS is available only through a restricted program called ULTOMIRIS and SOLIRIS REMS.

Prescribers must enroll in the REMS, counsel patients about the risk of serious meningococcal infection, provide patients with REMS educational materials, assess patient vaccination status for meningococcal vaccines (against serogroups A, C, W, Y, and B) and vaccinate if needed according to current ACIP recommendations two weeks prior to the first dose of SOLIRIS. Antibacterial drug prophylaxis must be prescribed if treatment must be started urgently and the patient is not up to date with both meningococcal vaccines according to current ACIP recommendations at least two weeks prior to the first dose of SOLIRIS. Patients must receive counseling about the need to receive meningococcal vaccines and to take antibiotics as directed, the signs and symptoms of meningococcal infection, and be instructed to carry the Patient Safety Card with them at all times during and for 3 months following SOLIRIS treatment.

Further information is available at <u>www.UltSoIREMS.com</u> or 1-888-765-4747.

### **Other Infections**

Serious infections with *Neisseria* species (other than *Neisseria meningitidis*), including disseminated gonococcal infections, have been reported.

SOLIRIS blocks terminal complement activation; therefore, patients may have increased susceptibility to infections, especially with encapsulated bacteria, such as infections with *Neisseria meningitidis* but also *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, and to a lesser extent, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*. Additionally, *Aspergillus* infections have occurred in immunocompromised and neutropenic patients. Children treated with SOLIRIS may be at increased risk of developing serious infections due to *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib). Administer vaccinations for the prevention of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) infections according to ACIP recommendations. Patients receiving SOLIRIS are at increased risk for infections due to these organisms, even if they develop antibodies following vaccination.

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# Monitoring Disease Manifestations After SOLIRIS Discontinuation

# **Treatment Discontinuation for PNH**

Monitor patients after discontinuing SOLIRIS for at least 8 weeks to detect hemolysis.

# **Treatment Discontinuation for aHUS**

After discontinuing SOLIRIS, monitor patients with aHUS for signs and symptoms of thrombotic microangiopathy (TMA) complications for at least 12 weeks. In aHUS clinical trials, 18 patients (5 in the prospective studies) discontinued SOLIRIS treatment. TMA complications occurred following a missed dose in 5 patients, and SOLIRIS was reinitiated in 4 of these 5 patients.

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Clinical signs and symptoms of TMA include changes in mental status, seizures, angina, dyspnea, or thrombosis. In addition, the following changes in laboratory parameters may identify a TMA complication: occurrence of 2, or repeated measurement of any one of the following: a decrease in platelet count by 25% or more compared to baseline or the peak platelet count during SOLIRIS treatment; an increase in serum creatinine by 25% or more compared to baseline or nadir during SOLIRIS treatment; or, an increase in serum LDH by 25% or more over baseline or nadir during SOLIRIS treatment.

If TMA complications occur after SOLIRIS discontinuation, consider reinstitution of SOLIRIS treatment, plasma therapy [plasmapheresis, plasma exchange, or fresh frozen plasma infusion (PE/PI)], or appropriate organ-specific supportive measures.

# **Thrombosis Prevention and Management**

The effect of withdrawal of anticoagulant therapy during SOLIRIS treatment has not been established. Therefore, treatment with SOLIRIS should not alter anticoagulant management.

# **Infusion-Related Reactions**

Administration of SOLIRIS may result in infusion-related reactions, including anaphylaxis or other hypersensitivity reactions. In clinical trials, no patients experienced an infusion-related reaction which required discontinuation of SOLIRIS. Interrupt SOLIRIS infusion and institute appropriate supportive measures if signs of cardiovascular instability or respiratory compromise occur.

# SELECT IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION FOR SOLIRIS® (eculizumab) (cont'd) ADVERSE REACTIONS

# Adverse Reactions for PNH

The most frequently reported adverse reactions in the PNH randomized trial (≥10% overall and greater than placebo) were: headache, nasopharyngitis, back pain, and nausea.

# Adverse Reactions for aHUS

The most frequently reported adverse reactions in the aHUS single arm prospective trials (≥20%) were: headache, diarrhea, hypertension, upper respiratory infection, abdominal pain, vomiting, nasopharyngitis, anemia, cough, peripheral edema, nausea, urinary tract infections, pyrexia.

# Adverse Reactions for gMG

The most frequently reported adverse reaction in the adult gMG placebo-controlled clinical trial (≥10%) was: musculoskeletal pain.

# Adverse Reactions for NMOSD

The most frequently reported adverse reactions in the NMOSD placebo-controlled trial (≥10%) were: upper respiratory infection, nasopharyngitis, diarrhea, back pain, dizziness, influenza, arthralgia, pharyngitis, and contusion.

# **DRUG INTERACTIONS**

# Plasmapheresis, Plasma Exchange, Fresh Frozen Plasma Infusion, or IVIg

Concomitant use of SOLIRIS with plasma exchange (PE), plasmapheresis (PP), fresh frozen plasma infusion (PE/PI), or in patients with gMG on concomitant IVIg treatment can reduce serum eculizumab concentrations and requires a supplemental dose of SOLIRIS.

# Neonatal Fc Receptor Blockers

Concomitant use of SOLIRIS with neonatal Fc receptor (FcRn) blockers may lower systemic exposures and reduce effectiveness of SOLIRIS. Closely monitor for reduced effectiveness of SOLIRIS.

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS contact Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. at 1-844-259-6783 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or <a href="https://www.fda.gov/medwatch">www.fda.gov/medwatch</a>.

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