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FDA Revokes Alone Use of Monoclonal Antibody Bamlanivimab

Dear Provider:

On April 16, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) revoked the emergency use of monoclonal antibody therapy bamlanivimab when administered alone.

In response to the FDA’s revocation, effective for claims with a date of service on and after April 16, 2021, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana now considers the administration of bamlanivimab when administered alone **as investigational**.

Monoclonal Antibody	Code
Lilly (bamlanivimab)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q0239 – drug • M0239 – infusion and monitoring

Administration costs for the drugs listed below are still eligible for Blue Cross payment when billed with the correct codes:

Regeneron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q0243 – drug • M0243 – infusion and monitoring
Lilly (bamlanivimab & etesevimab)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q0245 – drug • M0245 – infusion and monitoring

As a reminder, providers should not bill Blue Cross for CPT® and HCPCS codes 91300, 91301, 91302, 91303, Q0243 and Q0245. The federal government covers these COVID-19 vaccines and drugs.

More Online

Be sure to visit our COVID-19 Provider Resources Page, where you can access our latest provider communications. Go to www.BCBSLA.com/providers, then click on the “COVID-19 Provider Resources” link at the top of the page. We will continue to add updated information to this page as it develops.

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If you have questions about COVID-19 billing, email our Provider Relations Department at provider.relations@bcbsla.com. Please put "COVID-19 Billing" in the subject line.

Thank you for all that you do for your patients—our members, especially during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natalie B. McCall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "N".

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