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Nevada Medicaid Board

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Re: Emgality

Hello I'm Andrew Volin, a Board Certified Nurse Practitioner that has specialized in Neurology for 16 years. I've been practicing in the Las Vegas Valley for just under 1 year, relocating here from North Dakota. My practice has thousands of patients and I pride myself on providing excellent patient care. As I've seen treatments evolve for headache over the last 20 years several huge advancements have come to market in the preventive and treatment areas.

I would like to recommend that Emgality (galcanezumab) be made available statewide to Medicaid patients. Emgality is the ONLY calcitonin-gene related peptide antagonist (CGRP) with two indications: for adults with the preventive treatment of migraine (120 mg) AND for the treatment of episodic cluster headache (300 mg). Emgality has a safety profile and tolerability with minimal side effects. I have seen this medication completely transform patient's lives, allowing them to actively participate in society both professionally and personally without fear of "when is my next headache going to happen."

I have hundreds of patients that benefit from this medication. NV Medicaid is a large part of my practice and these patients deserve this option.

Please accept my request and strong advocacy for Emgality to be made preferred for this specific patient population as there is a need, and it is better for these patients to be on a preventive that works rather than go to emergency departments or urgent care centers.

Please feel free to call me at my office for further assistance.

Sincerely,

Andrew Volin, MS, APRN-BC

