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Every payer manages access to VYVGART® (efgartigimod alfa-fcab) or VYVGART® Hytrulo (efgartigimod alfa and hyaluronidase-qvfc) differently, and some payers may deny coverage. This claims appeal guide provides considerations when appealing a denied or underpaid VYVGART or VYVGART Hytrulo claim. A claims appeal is a request to your patient's health plan to reconsider its decision to deny coverage for VYVGART or VYVGART Hytrulo. This resource provides information that may be helpful when **navigating the claims appeal process and drafting a letter of claims appeal for your adult patient with anti-AChR antibody positive gMG**.

As payer-specific requirements for appealing a claim may vary, policies and processes should be reviewed to ensure all requirements are met. Detailed information regarding the denial or underpayment can be found in the explanation of benefits or remittance advice.

**The information provided in this guide is intended for informational purposes only. The healthcare provider is solely responsible for the completion and submission of coverage- or reimbursement-related documentation. The use of this information does not guarantee coverage or reimbursement for VYVGART or VYVGART Hytrulo.**

## TIPS FOR NAVIGATING THE CLAIMS APPEAL PROCESS



**Before you can resubmit the claim, you must determine why the claim was denied and correct the errors.**

**Some common denial reasons are:**

Denial reason	Example
<b>Incorrect coding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorrect ICD-10-CM, HCPCS, CPT, or modifier for gMG, VYVGART or VYVGART Hytrulo and/or its administration</li> <li>Incorrect units billed, reporting of drug waste or units discarded (when applicable)</li> </ul>
<b>Missing/incomplete/invalid claims data</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reopening a Medicare claim<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>

Key: AChR, Acetylcholine receptor; CPT, Current Procedural Terminology; gMG, generalized myasthenia gravis; HCPCS, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System; ICD-10-CM, International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification.

Many of these issues may be resolved by comparing the patient's medical record with information submitted on a claim and correcting the claim accordingly. Some clerical issues may be corrected via phone or provider portal without having to submit a formal appeal via the Medicare reopening process or similar steps under other payers.

### Reopening a Medicare Case<sup>1</sup>

Used for correction of minor clerical errors and omissions to change a determination/decision that results in over/underpayment
Request a reopening within 1 year (up to 4 years for good cause)
May avoid the formal appeal process

Details about the Medicare appeal process can be found in the Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 29.<sup>2,3</sup> Individual payer policies may vary; check payer requirements for appeals.

### References

1. CMS. Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 34: Reopening and revision of claim determinations and decisions: sections 10.4-10.5. Updated January 25, 2019. Accessed February 20, 2024. <https://www.cms.gov/regulations-and-guidance/guidance/manuals/downloads/clm104c34.pdf>
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3. CMS. Original Medicare (Parts A & B - fee-for-service). 2022. Accessed February 20, 2024. <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Appeals-and-Grievances/OrgMedFFSAppeals/Downloads/Flowchart-FFS-Appeals-Process.pdf>



**Be detailed and thorough.** Recommended information for a letter of claims appeal typically includes:

**Patient information:**

- Full name
- Date of birth
- Date of denial
- Case ID number (if available)
- Insurance ID/group number
- Copies of relevant medical records

**The patient's diagnosis and the indication for the intended use of VYVGART or VYVGART Hytrulo<sup>5</sup>**

- G70.00, Myasthenia gravis without (acute) exacerbation
- G70.01, Myasthenia gravis with (acute) exacerbation

**The severity of the patient's condition:**

- Myasthenia Gravis-Activities of Daily Living (MG-ADL) score
- Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America (MGFA) clinical classification
- Quantitative Myasthenia Gravis (QMG) score

**A summary of the patient's previous treatments, the duration of each and the rationale for discontinuation**

**The clinical rationale for treatment, including trial data supporting the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval, administration, and dosing information**

**Acknowledgment of the health plan's policy, why you disagree with the denial and a summary of your patient-specific recommendation**

**Additional enclosures, including:**

- Prescribing information
- Clinical notes/medical records
- FDA approval letter
- Diagnostic test results
- Relevant peer-reviewed articles



**If a claim is denied**, the health plan is required to notify you and your patient in writing and provide an explanation of the denied claim.<sup>5</sup>



**Familiarize yourself with the plan's specific guidelines**, but generally, you must file for an appeal within 180 days of receiving notice that your claim was denied.<sup>1</sup> Exact timelines may vary, please refer to the denial letter to determine appeal timelines specific to the patient's health plan.



Confirm the submission deadline



Submit an appeal within the specified deadline



Submit the appeal in the required format



Attach any supporting documentation from the medical record

**References**

4. CMS. 2024 ICD-10-CM tabular list of disease and injuries. Updated February 1, 2024. Accessed March 8, 2024. <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/coding-billing/icd-10-codes/2024-icd-10-cm>.

5. Appealing a health plan decision. HealthCare.gov website. Accessed February 20, 2024. <https://www.healthcare.gov/appeal-insurance-company-decision/internal-appeals>.

## Sample letter of claims appeal

A letter of claims appeal is typically used to address the specific reasons for coverage denial and demonstrate the physician's rationale for why VYVGART or VYVGART Hytrulo is the most appropriate therapy for the patient.

The following is a sample letter of claims appeal that can be customized for your patient's medical information, denial disposition, and supporting documentation. It is recommended the letter be drafted onto your practice's letterhead before submitting it to a payer. It should be submitted along with a copy of the patient's relevant medical records and explain why the use of VYVGART or VYVGART Hytrulo is appropriate for the patient. Some payers may have specific forms that must be completed to document this claims appeal.

[Physician letterhead]

[Date]

[Contact Name], [Title]

[Payer Name]

[Payer Address]

RE: [Patient Full Name]

Date of Birth: [Patient Birth Date]

Member ID: [Patient Member ID Number], Policy or Group Number: [Patient Policy or Group Number]

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to acknowledge that I have reviewed the rationale in the denial letter. This is a request to reconsider your coverage denial of [VYVGART or VYVGART Hytrulo] for my patient, [Patient Full Name]. Your reason[s] for the denial [was/were] [List reason for the denial].

### Patient's Clinical/Medical History

[Patient Name] is a[n] [age]-year-old patient who has been diagnosed with acetylcholine receptor (AChR) antibody-positive generalized myasthenia gravis (gMG) [ICD-10 code], as of [date of diagnosis].

[Include relevant medical information to support your reason for treatment with [VYVGART or VYVGART Hytrulo]. An example may include evidence that the patient's gMG symptoms and disabilities have been progressing despite their current therapies.

Additional information may include:

- Supporting information as requested by the plan in its denial letter
- Clinical attributes of [VYVGART or VYVGART Hytrulo] and relevance to patient]

### Previous Therapies, Reasons for Discontinuation, and Duration of Therapy:

History of previous gMG therapies: [Treatment #1], [Treatment #2]

Reasons for discontinuation of previous therapies: [Treatment #1], [Treatment #2]

Duration of previous therapies: [Treatment #1], [Treatment #2]

### Summary

Based on the patient's condition and medical history, as well as my experience treating adult patients with anti-AChR antibody-positive gMG, I strongly believe treatment with [VYVGART or VYVGART Hytrulo] is indicated and medically necessary for this patient because [Briefly summarize reasons for the patient to use [VYVGART or VYVGART Hytrulo]].

Please find the enclosed additional documents [list enclosures such as supporting clinical documentation, prescribing information, clinical notes/medical records, letter of medical necessity, etc] that support my [level of request] letter of appeal. If you need additional information for a timely approval, please contact my office at [insert office phone number].

Sincerely,

[Physician Name]

[Physician Address]

[Physician Phone]

Provide relevant medical information and attach patient's medical records and supporting documents for payers to review



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Check with the payer to identify specific documentation that needs to be submitted with a letter of claims appeal

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## INDICATION

VYVGART® (efgartigimod alfa-fcab) for intravenous infusion and VYVGART® HYTRULO (efgartigimod alfa and hyaluronidase-qvfc) for subcutaneous injection are each indicated for the treatment of generalized myasthenia gravis in adult patients who are anti-acetylcholine receptor (AChR) antibody positive.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

### CONTRAINDICATIONS

VYVGART and VYVGART HYTRULO are contraindicated in patients with serious hypersensitivity to efgartigimod alfa products or to any of the excipients of VYVGART or VYVGART HYTRULO, respectively. VYVGART HYTRULO is also contraindicated in patients with serious hypersensitivity to hyaluronidase. Reactions have included anaphylaxis and hypotension leading to syncope.

### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

#### Infection

VYVGART and VYVGART HYTRULO may increase the risk of infection. The most common infections observed in Study 1 were urinary tract infection (10% of efgartigimod alfa-fcab-treated patients vs 5% of placebo-treated patients) and respiratory tract infection (33% of efgartigimod alfa-fcab-treated patients vs 29% of placebo-treated patients). Patients on efgartigimod alfa-fcab vs placebo had below normal levels for white blood cell counts (12% vs 5%, respectively), lymphocyte counts (28% vs 19%, respectively), and neutrophil counts (13% vs 6%, respectively). The majority of infections and hematologic abnormalities were mild to moderate in severity. Delay the administration of VYVGART or VYVGART HYTRULO in patients with an active infection until the infection has resolved; monitor for clinical signs and symptoms of infections. If serious infection occurs, administer appropriate treatment and consider withholding treatment with VYVGART or VYVGART HYTRULO until the infection has resolved.

#### Immunization

Evaluate the need to administer age-appropriate vaccines according to immunization guidelines before initiation of a new treatment cycle with VYVGART or VYVGART HYTRULO. The safety of immunization with live vaccines and the immune response to vaccination during treatment with VYVGART or VYVGART HYTRULO are unknown. Because VYVGART and VYVGART HYTRULO cause a reduction in immunoglobulin G (IgG) levels, vaccination with live vaccines is not recommended during treatment with VYVGART or VYVGART HYTRULO.

#### Hypersensitivity Reactions

In clinical trials, hypersensitivity reactions, including rash, angioedema, and dyspnea were observed in patients treated with VYVGART or VYVGART HYTRULO. Urticaria was also observed in patients treated with VYVGART HYTRULO. Hypersensitivity reactions were mild or moderate, occurred within 1 hour to 3 weeks of administration, and did not lead to treatment discontinuation. Anaphylaxis and hypotension leading to syncope have been reported in postmarketing experience with intravenous efgartigimod alfa-fcab. Anaphylaxis and hypotension occurred during or within an hour of administration and led to infusion discontinuation and in some cases to permanent treatment discontinuation. Healthcare professionals should monitor patients during and for 1 hour after VYVGART administration, or for at least 30 minutes after VYVGART HYTRULO administration, for clinical signs and symptoms of hypersensitivity reactions. If a hypersensitivity reaction occurs, the healthcare professional should institute appropriate measures if needed or the patient should seek medical attention.

## Additional Resources

If you have additional questions about **VYVGART or VYVGART Hytrulo**, please contact **My VYVGART Path** at **1-833-MY-PATH-1 (1-833-697-2841)** where you can be connected to the appropriate resource.

You can access downloadable resources by visiting [VYVGARTHCP.com/access](http://VYVGARTHCP.com/access).

## Infusion-Related Reactions

Infusion-related reactions have been reported with intravenous efgartigimod alfa-fcab in postmarketing experience. The most frequent symptoms and signs were hypertension, chills, shivering, and thoracic, abdominal, and back pain. Infusion-related reactions occurred during or within an hour of administration and led to infusion discontinuation. If a severe infusion-related reaction occurs during administration, discontinue VYVGART infusion and initiate appropriate therapy. If a severe infusion-related reaction occurs with VYVGART HYTRULO, initiate appropriate therapy. Consider the risks and benefits of readministering VYVGART or VYVGART HYTRULO following a severe infusion-related reaction. If a mild to moderate infusion-related reaction occurs, patients may be rechallenged with close clinical observation, slower infusion rates, and pre-medications.

## ADVERSE REACTIONS

In Study 1, the most common (≥10%) adverse reactions in efgartigimod alfa-fcab-treated patients were respiratory tract infection, headache, and urinary tract infection. In Study 2, the most common (≥10%) adverse reactions in VYVGART HYTRULO-treated patients were injection site reactions and headache. Injection site reactions occurred in 38% of VYVGART HYTRULO-treated patients, including injection site rash, erythema, pruritus, bruising, pain, and urticaria. In Study 2 and its open-label extension, all injection site reactions were mild to moderate in severity and did not lead to treatment discontinuation. The majority occurred within 24 hours after administration and resolved spontaneously. Most injection site reactions occurred during the first treatment cycle, and the incidence decreased with each subsequent cycle.

## USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### Pregnancy

As VYVGART and VYVGART HYTRULO are expected to reduce maternal IgG antibody levels, reduction in passive protection to the newborn is anticipated. Risk and benefits should be considered prior to administering live vaccines to infants exposed to VYVGART or VYVGART HYTRULO in utero.

### Lactation

There is no information regarding the presence of efgartigimod alfa-fcab from administration of VYVGART, or efgartigimod alfa or hyaluronidase from administration of VYVGART HYTRULO, in human milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effects on milk production. Maternal IgG is known to be present in human milk. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for VYVGART or VYVGART HYTRULO, and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from VYVGART or VYVGART HYTRULO or from the underlying maternal condition.

## Please see the full Prescribing Information for VYVGART and the full Prescribing Information for VYVGART HYTRULO

You may report side effects to the US Food and Drug Administration by visiting <http://www.fda.gov/medwatch> or calling 1-800-FDA-1088. You may also report side effects to argenx US, Inc, at 1-833-argx411 (1-833-274-9411).

