



For reimbursement information and support of Doxil (doxorubicin HCl liposome injection) Oncology Associates Members can call toll free 1-800-609-1083. The support program for Doxil offers a number of services including investigation/verification of policy benefits, pre-certifications, coding guidelines, and appeals strategy. Should a claim be denied, Doxil product replacement is available to those who qualify.

Physicians must individually register only once a year into the program. **Oncology Associates** thanks you for your support of Doxil.



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For product and medical questions regarding Ethylol. Please call the MedImmune Customer Service Support Network at 877-633-4411.



Attention: New Jersey Members!

Neumega injections in your office are now covered again by Medicare in New Jersey. This recent action is the benefit of hard work by the Wyeth Reimbursement Manager and the offices of New Jersey Senators Bob Toricelli and Jon Corzine.

Physician administered injections of Neumega had always been reimbursed in New Jersey by Medicare until midyear 2000. A reversal of payment policy by the New Jersey Medicare Medical Director was based on the opinion that Neumega was to be self-injected. "It is very rare that a patient would self-administer the product," said Wyeth National Account Manager Kevin Weber during a recent conversation with Oncology Associates.

In January of 2002 a letter of explanation, including the fact that all of the other 49 states do cover Neumega for Medicare patients in the physician's office, was sent to the NJ Medicare Medical Director by both of the New Jersey US Senators. The week of January 22, 2002, New Jersey Medicare changed its payment policy to again include the coverage of Neumega injections administered in the physician's office.

Though it has not been finalized, there is an outside chance that physicians may be able to retroactively bill for past denied New Jersey Medicare claims. Oncology Associates suggests that its New Jersey members call the Wyeth / Genetics Institute Reimbursement / Medical Affairs Hotline: 1-888-638-6342 toll free for assistance in regard to this latest development.