

Clinical Policy: Factor VIII (Human, Recombinant)

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Description

The intent of the criteria is to ensure that patients follow selection elements established by Centene[®] clinical policy for factor VIII (Human – Hemofil M[®], Koate[®], Koate-DVI[®], Monoclate-P[®]; Recombinant - Advate[®], Adynovate[®], Afstyla[®], Eloctate[®], Helixate FS[®], Kogenate FS[®], Kogenate FS with Vial Adapter[®], Kogenate FS with Bio-Set[®], Kovaltry[®], NovoEight[®], Nuwiiq[®], Obizur[®], Recombinate[®], ReFacto[®], Xyntha[®], Xyntha[®] Solofuse[™]).

Policy/Criteria

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation[®] that Advate, Adynovate, Afstyla, Eloctate, Helixate FS, Hemofil M, Koate, Koate-DVI, Kogenate FS, Kogenate FS with Vial Adapter, Kogenate FS with Bio-Set, Kovaltry, Monoclate-P, NovoEight, Nuwiiq, Obizur, Recombinate, ReFacto, Xyntha, Xyntha Solofuse are **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Congenital Hemophilia A (must meet all):

1. Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist;
2. Diagnosis of congenital hemophilia A (factor VIII deficiency);
3. Request is for one of the following uses:
 - a. Control and prevention of bleeding episodes:
 - i. Obizur is not approved for congenital hemophilia A;
 - b. Perioperative management:
 - i. Obizur is not approved for congenital hemophilia A;
 - c. Routine prophylaxis to prevent or reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes:
 - i. Obizur is not approved for congenital hemophilia A;
4. Member does not have von Willebrand disease (VWD);
5. Intravenous (IV) desmopressin is inadequate, inappropriate or contraindicated, or an appropriate formulation of IV desmopressin is not available;
6. If Xyntha is prescribed, contraindication to or has failed Advate (e.g., inhibitor production or hypersensitivity), or Advate is not available.

Approval duration:

3 months (bleeding episodes/surgery)

6 months (routine prophylaxis)

B. Acquired Hemophilia A (must meet all):

1. Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist;
2. Diagnosis of acquired hemophilia A;

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3. Request is for one of the following uses:
 - a. Control and prevention of bleeding episodes:
 - b. Perioperative management:
 - c. Routine prophylaxis to prevent or reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes;
4. Member does not have VWD.

Approval duration: 3 months

C. Other diagnoses/indications: Refer to CP.PHAR.57 - Global Biopharm Policy.

II. Continued Approval**A. Congenital Hemophilia A (must meet all):**

1. Currently, receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met all initial approval criteria;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy.

Approval duration:
3 months (bleeding episodes/surgery)
6 months (routine prophylaxis)

B. Acquired Hemophilia A (must meet all):

1. Currently, receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met all initial approval criteria;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy.

Approval duration: 3 months

C. Other diagnoses/indications (1 or 2):

1. Currently, receiving medication via Centene benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy.

Approval duration: Duration of request or 6 months (whichever is less); or

2. Refer to CP.PHAR.57 - Global Biopharm Policy.

Background*Description/Mechanism of Action:*

Factor VIII replacement, necessary for clot formation and maintenance of hemostasis, activates factor X in conjunction with activated factor IX. Activated factor X converts prothrombin to thrombin, which converts fibrinogen to fibrin, and with factor XIII forms a stable clot.

- Congenital hemophilia A: Inherited factor VIII deficiency.
- Acquired hemophilia A: Normal factor VIII genes with development of autoantibodies (inhibitors) against factor VIII. The autoantibodies neutralize circulating factor VIII and create a functional deficiency.

Formulations (from human plasma):

Solution Reconstituted, IV:

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- Hemofil M: 250; 500; 1000; 1700 (units)
- Koate: 250; 500; 1000 (units) [*replacing Koate-DVI*]
- Koate-DVI: 250; 500; 1000 (units) [*phasing out*]
- Monoclata-P: 1000; 1500 (units)

Formulations (recombinant human unless otherwise noted):

Solution Reconstituted, IV:

- Advate: 250; 500; 1000; 1500; 2000; 3000; 4000 (units)
- Adynovate (pegylated/longer-lasting): 250; 500; 750; 1000; 1500; 2000 (units)
- Afstyla: 250; 500; 1000; 2000; 3000 (units)
- Eloctate (Fc fusion/longer-lasting): 250; 500; 750; 1000; 1500; 2000; 3000; 4000; 5000; 6000 (units)
- Helixate FS: 250; 500; 1000; 2000; 3000 (units)
- Kogenate FS: 250, 500, 1000, 2000, 3000 (units)
- Kogenate FS with Bio-Set: 250, 500, 1000, 2000, 3000 (units)
- Kogenate FS with Vial Adapter: 2000; 3000 (units)
- Kovaltry: 250; 500; 1000; 2000; 3000 (units)
- NovoEight: 250; 500; 1000; 1500; 2000; 3000 (units)
- Nuwiq: 250; 500; 1000; 2000 (units)
- Obizur (*recombinant porcine*): 500 (units)
- Recombinate: 220-400; 401-800; 801-1240; 1241-1800; 1801-2400 (units)
- ReFacto: 250; 500; 1000; 2000 (units)
- Xyntha: 250, 500; 100; 2000 (units)
- Xyntha Solofuse: 250; 500; 100; 2000; 3000 (units)

FDA-Approved Indications

Congenital hemophilia A (factor VIII deficiency) indications and approved products:

- Control and prevention of bleeding episodes:
 - Children and adults: Advate, Adynovate, Afstyla, Eloctate, Helixate FS, Hemofil M, Koate, Koate-DVI, Kogenate FS, Kovaltry, Monoclata-P, NovoEight, Nuwiq, Recombinate, ReFacto, Xyntha, Xyntha Solofuse
- Perioperative management:
 - Children and adults: Advate, Adynovate, Afstyla, Eloctate, Helixate FS, Hemofil M, Koate, Koate-DVI, Kogenate FS, Kovaltry, Monoclata-P, NovoEight, Nuwiq, Recombinate, ReFacto, Xyntha, Xyntha Solofuse
- Routine prophylaxis to prevent or reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes:
 - Children and adults: Advate, Adynovate, Afstyla, Eloctate, Helixate FS, Kogenate FS, Kovaltry, NovoEight, Nuwiq, Recombinate, ReFacto (short-term)
- Routine prophylaxis to prevent or reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes and to reduce the risk of joint damage in children without pre-existing joint damage:
 - Children: Helixate FS, Kogenate FS

Limitations of use: The products listed above are not indicated for treatment of VWD.

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Acquired hemophilia A indications and approved products:

- Treatment of bleeding episodes:
 - Adults: Obizur

Limitations of use: Safety and efficacy of Obizur has not been established in patients with baseline antiporcine factor VIII inhibitor titer greater than 20 BU. Obizur is not indicated for the treatment of congenital hemophilia A or VWD.

Appendices

Appendix A: Abbreviation Key

IV: intravenous

VWD: von Willebrand disease

Coding Implications

Codes referenced in this clinical policy are for informational purposes only. Inclusion or exclusion of any codes does not guarantee coverage. Providers should reference the most up-to-date sources of professional coding guidance prior to the submission of claims for reimbursement of covered services.

HCPCS Codes	Description
C9137	Injection, factor VIII (antihemophilic factor, recombinant) PEGylated, 1 IU
C9138	Injection, factor VIII (antihemophilic factor, recombinant) (Nuwiq), 1 IU
J7182	Injection, factor VIII, (antihemophilic factor, recombinant), (NovoEight), per IU
J7185	Injection, factor VIII (antihemophilic factor, recombinant) (Xyntha), per IU
J7188	Injection, factor VIII (antihemophilic factor, recombinant), per IU
J7190	Factor VIII (antihemophilic factor, human) per IU
J7192	Factor VIII (antihemophilic factor, recombinant) per IU, not otherwise specified

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	Approval Date
Policy split from CP.PHAR.12.Blood Factors and converted to new template. Added Kovaltry; removed requests for documentation; added 12 and older per PI indications if Adynovate. Removed preferencing for Helixate before Kogenate and Refacto. Under initial criteria, removed requirement for “severe hemophilia” and “history of 2 or more joint bleeds for prophylaxis indication.” Non-prophylactic approval duration changed to 3 months initially with one 3-month re-auth. Removed denial based on inhibitor titer of ≥ 5 BU/mL. Reviewed by specialist.	04/16	05/16
Product updates: Afstyla added (new drug); Adynovate updated to include perioperative management and use in children; Koate added - Koate-DVI	04/17	05/17

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<p>being phased out; Kogenate is available via three different PIs as Kogenate FS, Kogenate FS with Vial Adapter and Kogenate FS with Bio-Set; Obizur added (new drug for acquired hemophilia); ReFacto – removed “short term” use from criteria; Xyntha Solofuse added (same indications as Xyntha). Required trial of desmopressin is edited to avoid necessity of testing for coagulation factors. Safety information removed.</p> <p>Removed age >18 age restriction for Obizur per specialist recommendation. Wording for uses of all blood factor products made consistent across all policies. Per specialist review, for congenital hemophilia A, opened indications for routine prophylaxis up to all drugs listed in the policy, except Obizur. Approval periods across all blood factor policies made consistent. Efficacy statement added to renewal criteria. Hemophilias are specified as “congenital” versus “acquired” across blood factor policies where indicated. Reviewed by specialist- hematologist/internal medicine.</p>		

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