

Clinical Policy: Vismodegib (Erivedge)

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Description

The intent of the criteria is to ensure that patients follow selection elements established by Centene® clinical policy for vismodegib (Erivedge®).

Policy/Criteria

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation® that Erivedge is **medically necessary** when one of the following criteria is met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Basal Cell Carcinoma (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of basal cell carcinoma (BCC) and (a or b):
 - a. Metastatic disease;
 - b. Locally advanced disease and (i or ii):
 - i. Disease has recurred following surgery;
 - ii. Member is not candidate for surgery or radiation therapy;
2. Prescribed dose does not exceed 150 mg/day;
3. If applicable, pregnancy has been ruled out.

Approval duration: 6 months

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

II. Continued Approval

A. Basal Cell Carcinoma (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 (e.g., no disease progression or unacceptable toxicity);
3. Prescribed dose does not exceed 150 mg/day.

Approval duration: 12 months

B. 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:

Vismodegib is an inhibitor of the Hedgehog pathway which binds to and inhibits Smoothed, a transmembrane protein involved in Hedgehog signal transduction.

Formulations:

Erivedge: 150 mg capsules for oral administration.

FDA Approved Indications:

Erivedge is a hedgehog pathway inhibitor/oral capsule formulation indicated for:

- Treatment of adults with metastatic basal cell carcinoma, or with locally advanced basal cell carcinoma (BCC) that has recurred following surgery or who are not candidates for surgery, and who are not candidates for radiation.

Appendices

Appendix A: Abbreviation Key

BCC: basal cell carcinoma

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

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
N/A	

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	Approval Date
Policy split from CP.PHAR.99 Erivedge and Odomzo. Criteria: removed age restriction and pregnancy safety criteria. Background: added formulations.	06/16	08/16
Confirmation of pregnancy status added. Approval periods increased from 3/6 to 6/12 months.	07/17	08/17

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