

Clinical Policy: Margetuximab-cmkb (Margenza)

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Description

Margetuximab-cmkb (Margenza™) is a human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)/neu receptor antagonist.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Margenza is indicated, in combination with chemotherapy, for the treatment of adult patients with metastatic HER2-positive breast cancer who have received two or more prior anti-HER2 regimens, at least one of which was for metastatic disease.

Policy/Criteria

Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

It is the policy of PA Health & Wellness® that Margenza is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Breast Cancer (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of metastatic or recurrent unresectable (local or regional) HER2-positive breast cancer;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Failure of at least two anti-HER2-based regimens (*see Appendix B*), at least one of which was for metastatic disease, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
**Prior authorization may be required for anti-HER2-based regimens*
5. Prescribed in combination with chemotherapy (e.g., capecitabine, eribulin, gemcitabine, vinorelbine);
6. Request meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Dose does not exceed 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks;
 - b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

Approval duration: 6 months

B. Other diagnoses/indications

1. Refer to the off-label use policy if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): PA.CP.PMN.53

II. Continued Therapy

A. Breast Cancer (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via PA Health & Wellness benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy or the Continuity of Care policy (PA.LTSS.PHAR.01) applies;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. New dose does not exceed 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks;
 - b. New dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

Approval duration: 12 months

B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):

1. Currently receiving medication via PA Health & Wellness benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy or the Continuity of Care policy (PA.LTSS.PHAR.01) applies.

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

2. Refer to the off-label use policy if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): PA.CP.PMN.53

III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:

- A. Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off label use policies – PA.CP.PMN.53

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

HER2: human epidermal growth factor receptor 2

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent for all relevant lines of business and may require prior authorization.

| Drug Name | Dosing Regimen | Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Herceptin [®] (trastuzumab) ± any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aromatase inhibitor • Aromatase inhibitor ± Tykerb[®] (lapatinib) • Fulvestrant (Faslodex[®]) • Tamoxifen | Varies | Varies |
| Aromatase inhibitor ± Tykerb (lapatinib) | | |
| Perjeta [®] (pertuzumab) + Herceptin (trastuzumab) + either of the following: | | |

| Drug Name | Dosing Regimen | Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose |
|---|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Docetaxel • Paclitaxel | | |
| Kadcyla [®] (ado-trastuzumab emtansine) | 3.6 mg/kg IV every 3 weeks (21-day cycle) | 3.6 mg/kg |
| Enhertu [®] (fam-trastuzumab-nxki) | 5.4 mg/kg IV every 3 weeks | 5.4 mg/kg |
| Herceptin (trastuzumab) + any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paclitaxel ± carboplatin • Docetaxel • Vinorelbine • Xeloda[®] (capecitabine) • Tykerb (lapatinib) | Varies | Varies |
| Tykerb (lapatinib) + Xeloda (capecitabine) | Tykerb 1,250 mg PO QD days 1-21 + Xeloda 1,000 mg/m ² PO BID days 1-14 (21-day cycle) | Tykerb 1,250 mg/day Xeloda 2,000 mg/m ² /day |

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name[®] (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name[®]) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s): none reported
- Boxed warning(s): left ventricular dysfunction; embryo-fetal toxicity

V. Dosage and Administration

| Indication | Dosing Regimen | Maximum Dose |
|---------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Breast cancer | 15 mg/kg IV every 3 weeks | 15 mg/kg |

VI. Product Availability

Single-dose vial: 250 mg/10 mL

VII. References

1. Margenza Prescribing Information. Rockville, MD: MacroGenics, Inc.; May 2023. Available at: www.margenza.com. Accessed October 13, 2023.
2. National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Breast Cancer Version 4.2023. Available at: http://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/breast.pdf. Accessed November 28, 2023.
3. DRUGDEX[®] System [Internet database]. Greenwood Village, Colo: Thomson Healthcare. Updated periodically. Accessed November 28, 2023.

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 |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| J9353 | Injection, margetuximab-cmkb, 5 mg |

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