


Prior Authorization Review Panel

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Policy Number: PA.CP.PHAR.405	Effective Date: 01/01/2018 Revision Date: 01/2021
Policy Name: Inotersen (Tegsedi)	
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Clinical Policy: Inotersen (Tegsedi)

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Description

Inotersen (Tegsedi™) is a transthyretin-directed antisense oligonucleotide.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Tegsedi is indicated for the treatment of the polyneuropathy of hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis (hATTR) in adults.

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 health plans affiliated with PA Health & Wellness® that Tegsedi is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Hereditary Transthyretin-Mediated Amyloidosis (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of hATTR with polyneuropathy;
2. Documentation confirms presence of a transthyretin (TTR) mutation;
3. Biopsy is positive for amyloid deposits or medical justification is provided as to why treatment should be initiated despite a negative biopsy or no biopsy;
4. Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist;
5. Age ≥ 18 years;
6. Member has not had a liver transplant;
7. Dose does not exceed 284 mg (1 syringe) per week.

Approval duration: 6 months

B. Other diagnoses/indications

1. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business 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. Hereditary Transthyretin-Mediated Amyloidosis (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Pennsylvania Health and Wellness benefit or member has previously met all initial approval criteria or the Continuity of Care policy (PA.LTSS.PHAR.01) applies;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy – including but not limited to improvement in any of the following parameters:
 - a. Neuropathy (motor function, sensation, reflexes, walking ability);
 - b. Nutrition (body mass index);

- c. Cardiac parameters (Holter monitoring, echocardiography, electrocardiogram, plasma BNP or NT-proBNP, serum troponin);
- d. Renal parameters (creatinine clearance, urine albumin);
- e. Ophthalmic parameters (eye exam);
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 284 mg (1 syringe) per week.

Approval duration: 12 months

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

1. Currently receiving medication via Pennsylvania Health and 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 for the relevant line of business 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 policy – PA.CP.PMN.53 or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

BNP: B-type natriuretic peptide
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
hATTR: hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis

NT-proBNP: N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide
TTR: transthyretin

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s):
 - Platelet count below 100,000/ μ L
 - History of acute glomerulonephritis caused by Tegsedi
 - History of a hypersensitivity reaction to Tegsedi
- Boxed warning(s): Thrombocytopenia and glomerulonephritis
- Tegsedi is available only through a restricted distribution program called the TEGSEDI REMS Program.

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis with polyneuropathy	284 mg SC once weekly	284 mg/week

VI. Product Availability

Single-dose, prefilled syringe: 284 mg

VII. References

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