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CHC-MCO Policy Submission

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Plan: PA Health & Wellness	Submission Date: 05/01/2021
Policy Number: PA.CP.PHAR.108	Effective Date: 01/2018 Revision Date: 04/2021
Policy Name: Omacetaxine (Synribo)	
<p>Type of Submission – <u>Check all that apply:</u></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> New Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised Policy* <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Review - No Revisions <input type="checkbox"/> Statewide PDL - <i>Select this box when submitting policies for Statewide PDL implementation and when submitting policies for drug classes included on the Statewide PDL.</i> </p>	
<p>*All revisions to the policy <u>must</u> be highlighted using track changes throughout the document.</p> <p>Please provide any changes or clarifying information for the policy below:</p> <p>2Q 2021 annual review: added, Member has experienced resistance, toxicity, or intolerance to prior therapy with two or more TKIs (e.g., imatinib, bosutinib, dasatinib, nilotinib, ponatinib); references reviewed and updated.</p>	
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Clinical Policy: Omacetaxine (Synribo)

Reference Number: PA.CP.PHAR.108

Effective Date: 01/18

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Description

Omacetaxine (Synribo[®]) is cephalotaxine ester that inhibits protein synthesis by binding to the A-site in the peptidyl-transferase center of the large ribosomal subunit.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Synribo is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with chronic or accelerated phase chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) with resistance and/or intolerance to two or more tyrosine kinase inhibitors.

Policy/Criteria

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Pennsylvania Health and Wellness that Synribo is **medically necessary** when one of the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of chronic myeloid leukemia (CML);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Member has experienced resistance, toxicity, or intolerance to prior therapy with two or more TKIs (e.g., imatinib, Bosulif[®], Sprycel[®], Tasigna[®], Iclusig[®]);
5. Request meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Dose does not exceed 2.5 mg/m² per day.
 - 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: Refer to PA.CP.PMN.53

II. Continued Approval

A. Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (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;
3. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. New dose does not exceed 2.5 mg/m² per day;
 - 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 Pennsylvania Health and Wellness benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy or the Continuity of Care polycye (PA.LTSS.PHAR.01) applies; or
2. Refer to PA.CP.PMN.53

III. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

CML: chronic myelogenous leukemia

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

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 and may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
imatinib (Gleevec [®])	Adult: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400-600 mg/day PO for chronic phase • 600-800 mg/day PO for accelerated phase or blast crisis (800 mg given as 400 BID) 	Adult: 800 mg/day
Bosulif [®] (bosutinib)	400 mg PO QD	600 mg/day
Sprycel [®] (dasatinib)	Adults: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronic phase: 100-140 mg/day PO • Accelerated, myeloid phase, or lymphoid blast phase: 140-180 mg/day PO 	Adults: 180 mg/day
Tasigna [®] (nilotinib)	Adults: 300 mg PO BID	Adults: 600 mg/day
Iclusig [®] (ponatinib)	Starting dose 45 mg PO QD	45 mg/day

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

None reported

IV. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
CML	Induction dose: 1.25 mg/m ² subcutaneous twice daily for 14 consecutive days of a 28-day cycle Maintenance dose: 1.25 mg/m ² subcutaneous twice daily for 7 consecutive days of a 28-day cycle	2.5 mg/m ² per day

V. Product Availability

Single-use vial: 3.5 mg of omacetaxine mepesuccinate as a lyophilized powder

VI. References

1. Synribo Prescribing Information. North Wales, PA: Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.; May 2020. Available at <https://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/drugInfo.cfm?setid=83a504ef-cf92-467d-9ecf-d251194a3484> . Accessed February 12, 2021.
2. National Comprehensive Cancer Network Drugs and Biologics Compendium. Available at www.nccn.org. Accessed February 12, 2021.
3. National Comprehensive Cancer Network Guidelines. Chronic Myeloid Leukemia Version 3.2021. Available at www.nccn.org. Accessed February 12, 2021.

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
J9262	Injection, omacetaxine mepesuccinate, 0.01 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	Approval Date
Q 2018 annual review: no significant changes; summarized NCCN and FDA approved uses for improved clarity; added specialist involvement in care; references reviewed and updated.	02.13.14	
2Q 2019 annual review: hematologist added to CML/ALL criteria; added requirement for failure of 2 or more tyrosine kinase inhibitors prior to approval for CML; references reviewed and updated.	04/19	
2Q 2020 annual review: black box warnings removed; references reviewed and updated.	04/2020	
2Q 2021 annual review: added, Member has experienced resistance, toxicity, or intolerance to prior therapy with two or more TKIs (e.g., imatinib, bosutinib, dasatinib, nilotinib, ponatinib); references reviewed and updated.	04/2021	