

Clinical Policy: Factor VIII/von Willebrand Factor Complex (Human - Alphanate, Humate-P, Wilate)

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Description

The intent of the criteria is to ensure that patients follow selection elements established by Pennsylvania Health and Wellness® clinical policy for factor VIII/von Willebrand factor complex (Alphanate®, Humate-P®, Wilate®).

Policy/Criteria

It is the policy of Pennsylvania Health and Wellness that Alphanate, Humate-P, and Wilate are **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Congenital Hemophilia A – Alphanate/Humate-P (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 control and prevention of bleeding episodes;
4. If factor VIII coagulant activity levels are >5%, member has failed a trial of desmopressin acetate, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced, or an appropriate formulation of desmopressin acetate is unavailable;
5. If Humate-P is prescribed, age \geq 18 years.

Approval duration: 3 months

B. Von Willebrand Disease (must meet all):

1. Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist;
2. Humate P or Wilate (a and b):
 - a. Diagnosis of (i or ii):
 - i. Von Willebrand disease (VWD) Type 1 or 2 and member has failed a trial of desmopressin acetate, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
 - ii. VWD Type 3;
 - b. Request is for (i or ii):
 - i. Control and prevention of bleeding episodes;
 - ii. Perioperative management;
3. Alphanate (a and b):
 - a. Diagnosis of (i or ii):
 - i. VWD Type 1 or 2 and member has failed a trial of desmopressin acetate, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
 - ii. VWD Type 3;
 - b. Request is for perioperative management.

Approval duration: 3 months

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

II. Continued Approval

A. **All indications listed in Section I** (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 applies (*see PA.LTSS.PHAR.01*);
2. Member is responding positively to therapy.

Approval duration: 3 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 applies (*see PA.LTSS.PHAR.01*).

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

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

Background

Description/Mechanism of Action:

Factor VIII (FVIII) and von Willebrand factor (VWF), obtained from pooled human plasma, are used to replace endogenous FVIII and VWF in patients with hemophilia or VWD. FVIII in conjunction with activated factor IX, activates factor X which converts prothrombin to thrombin and fibrinogen to fibrin. VWF promotes platelet aggregation and adhesion to damaged vascular endothelium and acts as a stabilizing carrier protein for FVIII. Circulating levels of functional VWF are measured as ristocetin cofactor activity (VWF:RCo).

Formulations (from human plasma):

Solution, Reconstituted, IV:

- Alphanate
 - FVIII 250 units and VWF:RCo > 400 units per 1000 units FVIII
 - FVIII 500 units and VWF:RCo > 400 units per 1000 units FVIII
 - FVIII 1000 units and VWF:RCo > 400 units per 1000 units FVIII
 - FVIII 1500 units and VWF:RCo > 400 units per 1000 units FVIII
 - FVIII 2000 units and VWF:RCo > 400 units per 1000 units FVIII
- Humate-P
 - FVIII 250 units and VWF:RCo 600 units
 - FVIII 500 units and VWF:RCo 1200 units
 - FVIII 1000 units and VWF:RCo 2400 units
- Wilate
 - FVIII 500 units and VWF:RCo 500 units
 - FVIII 1000 units and VWF:RCo 1000 units

FDA Approved Indications:

CLINICAL POLICY

Factor VIII/von Willebrand Factor Complex (Human)

Alphanate is a FVIII/VWF complex/IV formulation indicated for:

- Hemophilia A:
 - Control and prevention of bleeding in adults and pediatric patients with hemophilia A.
- Von Willebrand disease:
 - Surgical and/or invasive procedures in adults and pediatric patients with von Willebrand Disease (VWD) in whom desmopressin (DDAVP) is either ineffective or contraindicated.

Humate-P is a FVIII/VWF complex/IV formulation indicated for:

- Hemophilia A:
 - Treatment and prevention of bleeding in adults with hemophilia A (classical hemophilia).
- Von Willebrand disease (VWD):
 - Treatment of spontaneous and trauma-induced bleeding episodes;
 - Prevention of excessive bleeding during and after surgery in patients with severe VWD as well as patients with mild or moderate disease where use of desmopressin (DDAVP) is known or suspected to be inadequate.

Limitations of use: Controlled clinical trials to evaluate the safety and efficacy of prophylactic dosing with Humate-P to prevent spontaneous bleeding have not been conducted in VWD subjects.

Wilate is a FVIII/VWF complex/IV formulation indicated for:

- Von Willebrand disease:
 - In children and adults with von Willebrand disease (VWD) disease for:
 - On-demand treatment and control of bleeding episodes;
 - Perioperative management of bleeding.

Limitations of use: Wilate is not indicated for the treatment of hemophilia A.

Appendices

Appendix A: Abbreviation Key

IV: intravenous

RCo: ristocetin cofactor

VWD: von Willebrand disease

VWF: von Willebrand factor

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
J7183	Injection, von Willebrand factor complex (human), Wilate, 1 IU vWF:RCo
J7186	Injection, antihemophilic factor VIII/von Willebrand factor complex (human), per factor VIII i.u.
J7187	Injection, von Willebrand factor complex (Humate-P), per IU VWF:RCO

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