

## Clinical Policy: Protein C Concentrate, Human (Ceprotin)

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### Description

The intent of these criteria is to ensure that patients follow selection elements established by Pennsylvania Health and Wellness® clinical policy for Protein C concentrate, human (Ceprotin®).

### FDA Approved Indication(s)

Ceprotin is indicated in pediatric and adult patients with severe congenital Protein C deficiency for the prevention and treatment of venous thrombosis and purpura fulminans.

### Policy/Criteria

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

#### I. Initial Approval Criteria

##### A. Congenital Protein C Deficiency (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of congenital protein C deficiency;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation a hematologist or physician with expertise in inherited thrombophilias\*;
3. Diagnosis of severe congenital protein C deficiency and one of the following (a or b):
  - a. Prescribed for use in an acute setting\*\*;
  - b. Lab result confirming low protein C activity (due to low protein C levels or function or both).

**Approval duration: 6 months**

##### B. Other diagnoses/indications: Refer to PA.CP.PMN.53

#### II. Continued Approval

##### A. Congenital Protein C Deficiency (must meet all):

1. Previously received this 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. Documentation supports a positive response to therapy;
3. If not previously determined, lab result confirms low protein C activity (due to low protein C levels or function or both)

**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; or

2. Refer to PA. CP.PMN.53

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*\*Common causes of inherited thrombophilias include Factor V Leiden, prothrombin gene mutation, and deficiencies in protein S, protein C, and antithrombin.*

*\*\*Treatment should not be delayed by testing requirements in the acute setting nor should testing be performed in the presence of acute thrombosis or initial anticoagulation therapy (at least three months) as these factors will influence the results.*

### **Background**

#### *Description/Mechanism of Action:*

Ceprotin (Protein C Concentrate [Human]) is manufactured from human plasma purified by a combination of filtration and chromatographic procedures, including a column of immobilized mouse monoclonal antibodies on gel beads.

Protein C is the precursor of a vitamin K-dependent anticoagulant glycoprotein (serine protease) that is synthesized in the liver. It is converted by the thrombin/thrombomodulin-complex on the endothelial cell surface to activated Protein C (APC). APC is a serine protease with potent anticoagulant effects, especially in the presence of its cofactor protein S. APC exerts its effect by the inactivation of the activated forms of factors V and VIII, which leads to a decrease in thrombin formation. APC has also been shown to have profibrinolytic effects.

The Protein C pathway provides a natural mechanism for control of the coagulation system and prevention of excessive procoagulant responses to activating stimuli. A complete absence of protein C is not compatible with life. A severe deficiency of this anticoagulant protein causes a defect in the control mechanism and leads to unchecked coagulation activation, resulting in thrombin generation and intravascular clot formation with thrombosis.

#### *Formulations:*

Ceprotin (Protein C concentrate [human]) is a lyophilized powder\* for IV injection available in the following nominal product strengths:

- 500 IU\*\* per vial
- 1000 IU\*\* per vial

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*\*For reconstitution with Sterile Water for Injection to a concentration of 100 IU/mL of Ceprotin.*

*\*\*One international unit (IU) of protein C corresponds to the amidolytically measured activity of protein C in 1 mL of normal plasma.*

### **Appendices**

#### **Appendix A: Abbreviation Key**

APC: activated Protein C

#### **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-

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date sources of professional coding guidance prior to the submission of claims for reimbursement of covered services.

<b>HCPCS Codes</b>	<b>Description</b>
J2724	Injection, protein C concentrate, intravenous, human, 10 IU

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