Clinical Policy: Teduglutide (Gattex)

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Description
Teduglutide (Gattex®) is a glucagon-like peptide-2 analog.

FDA Approved Indication(s)
Gattex is indicated for treatment of adult and pediatric patients 1 year of age and older with short bowel syndrome (SBS) who are dependent on parenteral support.

Policy/Criteria
Provider must submit documentation (which may include office chart notes and lab results) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

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

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Short Bowel Syndrome (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of short bowel syndrome;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist;
3. Age ≥ 1 year;
4. Weight ≥ 10 kg;
5. Dependent on parenteral nutrition or other intravenous support;
6. Documentation of member's current body weight (in kg);
7. Dose does not exceed 0.05 mg/kg per day.

Approval duration: 12 months

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

II. Continued Approval

A. Short Bowel Syndrome (must meet all)**:**

1. Currently receiving medication via PA Health & Wellness benefit or member has previously met all initial approval criteria or the Continuity of Care policy (PA.PHARM.01) applies;
2. Requirement for parenteral nutrition or other intravenous support has decreased since initiation of Gattex therapy;
3. Documentation of member's current body weight (in kg);
4. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 0.05 mg/kg per day.

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.PHARM.01) applies; or

2. Refer to PA.CP.PMN.53

III. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
SBS: short bowel syndrome

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives
Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings
None reported

IV. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
SBS	0.05 mg/kg SC QD	0.05 mg/kg/day

V. Product Availability

Single-use vial: 5 mg

VI. References

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4. Iyer K, DiBiase JK, and Rubio-Tapia A. AGA clinical practice update on management of short bowel sydrnome: expert review. *Gastroenterology & Hepatology* 2022;20:2185-2194.
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Coding Implications

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HCPCS Codes	Description
J3490	Unclassified drugs

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date
Age added. Preferencing for Zorptive added. The following criteria are removed given the 12-month PN requirement: colonosopy; PN ≥ 3 times	02/2018

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date
per week; use of antimotility and antisecretory agents. "Consecutive" removed from the 12-month PN requirement. Initial duration is increased from 6 to 12 months to allow more time for therapeutic response; continued therapy duration is increased from 6 to 12 months. References reviewed and updated.	
1Q 2019 annual review; references reviewed and updated.	01/2019
1Q 2020 annual review: revised age requirement from 18 years to 1 year to align with updated prescribing information; references reviewed and updated.	01/2020
1Q 2021 annual review: references reviewed and updated.	01/2021
1Q 2022 annual review: added minimum weight requirement based on prescribing information; references reviewed and updated.	01/2022
1Q 2023 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	01/2023
1Q 2024 annual review: added criteria, "documentation requirement of current body weight in kg"; references reviewed and updated.	01/2024
1Q 2025 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	01/2025
1Q 2026 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	01/2026