Clinical Policy: Lumacaftor/Ivacaftor (Orkambi)

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Line of Business: Commercial, HIM, Medicaid

Revision Log

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Description

Lumacaftor/ivacaftor (Orkambi®) is a combination drug for cystic fibrosis (CF). Lumacaftor improves the conformational stability of F508del-cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR), while ivacaftor is a CFTR potentiator.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Orkambi is indicated for the treatment of CF in patients age 2 years and older who are homozygous for the F508del mutation in the CFTR gene.

If the patient's genotype is unknown, an FDA-cleared CF mutation test should be used to detect the presence of the F508del mutation on both alleles of the CFTR gene.

Limitation(s) of use: The efficacy and safety of Orkambi have not been established in patients with CF other than those homozygous for the F508del mutation.

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 Centene Corporation® that Orkambi is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Cystic Fibrosis (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of CF confirmed by all of the following (a, b, and c):
   a. Clinical symptoms consistent with CF in at least one organ system, or positive newborn screen or genetic testing for siblings of patients with CF;
   b. Evidence of CFTR dysfunction confirmed by one of the following (i or ii) (*see Appendix D*):
      i. Elevated sweat chloride ≥ 60 mmol/L;
      ii. Genetic testing confirming the presence of two disease-causing mutations in CFTR gene, one from each parental allele;
   c. Confirmation that member is homozygous for the *F508del* mutation in the CFTR gene;
2. Age ≥ 2 years;
3. Prescribed by or in consultation with a pulmonologist;

4. Chart notes indicate that pulmonary function tests performed within the last 90 days show one of the following (a or b):
   a. For age > 2 years: Documentation of a percent predicted forced expiratory volume in 1 second (ppFEV1) that is between 40-90%;
   b. For age < 6 years: Documentation of a lung clearance index (LCI) that is ≥ 7.4;
5. Orkambi is not prescribed concurrently with other CFTR modulators (e.g., Kalydeco®, Symdeko®, Trikafta™);
6. Dose does not exceed one of the following (a, b, c, or d):
   a. Age 2 to 5 years weighing < 14 kg: lumacaftor 200 mg/ivacaftor 250 mg (2 packets) per day;
   b. Age 2 to 5 years weighing ≥ 14 kg: lumacaftor 300 mg/ivacaftor 376 mg (2 packets) per day;
   c. Age 6 to 11 years: lumacaftor 400 mg/ivacaftor 500 mg (4 tablets) per day;
   d. Age ≥ 12 years: lumacaftor 800 mg/ivacaftor 500 mg (4 tablets) per day.

Approval duration:
Medicaid/HIM/Commercial – 6 months
Legacy Wellcare – 12 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): CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

II. Continued Therapy

A. Cystic Fibrosis (must meet all)**:**

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy as evidenced by one of the following (a or b)
   a. For age > 2 years: Stabilization in ppFEV1 if baseline was ≥ 70%, or increase in ppFEV1 if baseline was < 70%;
   b. For age < 6 years: Stabilization in LCI if baseline was ≥ 7.4;
3. Orkambi is not prescribed concurrently with other CFTR modulators (e.g., Kalydeco, Symdeko, Trikafta);
4. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed one of the following (a, b, c, or d):
   a. Age 2 to 5 years weighing < 14 kg: lumacaftor 200 mg/ivacaftor 250 mg (2 packets) per day;
   b. Age 2 to 5 years weighing ≥ 14 kg: lumacaftor 300 mg/ivacaftor 376 mg (2 packets) per day;
   c. Age 6 to 11 years: lumacaftor 400 mg/ivacaftor 500 mg (4 tablets) per day;
   d. Age ≥ 12 years: lumacaftor 800 mg/ivacaftor 500 mg (4 tablets) per day.

Approval duration: 12 months

B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2)**:**
1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy.
   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): CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

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 policies – CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid, or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

ACFLD: advanced cystic fibrosis lung disease
CF: cystic fibrosis
CFTR: cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
LCI: lung clearance index
MBW: multiple-breath washout
ppFEV1: percent predicted forced expiratory volume in 1 second

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

None reported

Appendix D: General Information

- Regarding the diagnostic criteria for CF of "genetic testing confirming the presence of two disease-causing mutations in CFTR gene," this is to ensure that whether heterozygous or homozygous, there are two disease-causing mutations in the CFTR gene, one from each parental allele.
- Most children can do spirometry by age 6, though some preschoolers are able to perform the test at a younger age. Some young children aren't able to take a deep enough breath and blow out hard and long enough for spirometry. Forced oscillometry is another way to test lung function in young children. This test measures how easily air flows in the lungs (resistance and compliance) with the use of a machine.
- The two most commonly reported parameters from multiple-breath washout (MBW) tests are the lung clearance index (LCI) and moment ratios (MRs). Measurements of LCI and MR are taken during the washout period. During the washout phase, subjects inhale gases that do not contain the test gas of interest. The principles of the washout are the same regardless of the test gas measured. The washout is stopped once the test gas reaches 1/40 of the initial gas concentration

- NHS Clinical Guidelines: Care of Children with Cystic Fibrosis: Normal ranges for LCI are device specific and still being established, but in general a value > 8.0 is above the normal range and > 10.0 is significantly abnormal.
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation 2020 guidelines for advanced cystic fibrosis lung disease (ACFLD):
  - Define ACFLD as ppFEV1 < 40% when stable or referred for lung transplantation evaluation or previous intensive care unit (ICU) admission for respiratory failure, hypercarbia, daytime oxygen requirement at rest (excluding nocturnal use only), pulmonary hypertension, severe functional impairment from respiratory disease (New York Heart Association Class IV), six-minute walk test distance < 400m.
  - No recommendations on the start or continuation of CFTR modulator therapy with ACFLD guidelines.
  - Treatment recommendations included: lung transplantation, supplemental oxygen, continuous alternating inhaled antibiotics, and systemic corticosteroids

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
CF	Adults and pediatric patients age 12 years and older: two tablets (each containing lumacaftor 200 mg/ivacaftor 125 mg) PO Q12H Pediatric patients age 6 through 11 years: two tablets (each containing lumacaftor 100 mg/ivacaftor 125 mg) PO Q12H Pediatric patients age 2 through 5 years and weighing < 14 kg: one packet of granules (each containing lumacaftor 100 mg/ivacaftor 125 mg) PO Q12H Pediatric patients age 2 through 5 years and weighing ≥ 14 kg: one packet of granules (each containing lumacaftor 150 mg/ivacaftor 188 mg) PO Q12H	Adults and pediatric patients age 12 years and older: lumacaftor 800 mg/ivacaftor 500 mg per day Pediatric patients age 6 through 11 years: lumacaftor 400 mg/ivacaftor 500 mg per day Pediatric patients age 2 through 5: <14 kg - lumacaftor 200 mg/ivacaftor 250 mg per day ≥ 14 kg - lumacaftor 300 mg/ivacaftor 376 mg per day

VI. Product Availability

- Tablets: lumacaftor 100 mg and ivacaftor 125 mg, lumacaftor 200 mg and ivacaftor 125 mg
- Oral granule packets (56 packets per carton): lumacaftor 100 mg and ivacaftor 125 mg, lumacaftor 150 mg and ivacaftor 188 mg

VII. References

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
1Q18 annual review: - Policies combined for Centene Medicaid and Commercial lines of business. - No significant changes from previous corporate approved policy - Commercial: Added age requirement per FDA labeling. Modified max dose criteria to be age-specific - References reviewed and updated.	10.26.17	02.18
No significant changes: updated age limit with corresponding dosing for pediatric patients down to 2 years of age per updated prescribing information.	09.26.18	
1Q 2019 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	10.25.18	02.19
Added HIM line of business per SDC and prior approved clinical guidance.	04.01.19	
1Q 2020 annual review: added the following criteria to initial approval: comprehensive diagnostic criteria (e.g., clinical symptoms in at least one organ, positive newborn screen, siblings genetic testing, and evidence of CFTR dysfunction) to confirm diagnosis of CF, prescriber requirement of pulmonologist, chart notes indicate that pulmonary function tests (ppFEV1 between 40-90%), not prescribed concurrently with other CFTR modulators; added the following to continued therapy criteria: positive response as evidenced by stabilization in ppFEV1 in lieu of an increase is acceptable if baseline was ≥ 70%, not prescribed concurrently with other CFTR modulators; added Appendix D; changed approval durations of commercial from	12.17.19	02.20

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length of benefit to 6 months initial and 12 months continued; references reviewed and updated.		
Revised initial approval criteria requiring chart notes for pulmonary function test: added "for age > 2 years" for ppFEV1; added alternative option for ppFEV1 for age < 6 years to allow for LCI ≥ 7.4; revised continuation criteria to include stabilization in LCI if baseline was ≥ 7.4; added information regarding LCI in Appendix D.	05.19.20	08.20
1Q 2021 annual review: no significant changes; references to HIM.PHAR.21 revised to HIM.PA.154; references reviewed and updated.	11.09.20	02.21
1Q 2022 annual review: added legacy Wellcare initial approval duration (WCG.CP.PHAR.213 to be retired); references reviewed and updated.	10.22.21	02.22

Important Reminder

This clinical policy has been developed by appropriately experienced and licensed health care professionals based on a review and consideration of currently available generally accepted standards of medical practice; peer-reviewed medical literature; government agency/program approval status; evidence-based guidelines and positions of leading national health professional organizations; views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas affected by this clinical policy; and other available clinical information. The Health Plan makes no representations and accepts no liability with respect to the content of any external information used or relied upon in developing this clinical policy. This clinical policy is consistent with standards of medical practice current at the time that this clinical policy was approved. "Health Plan" means a health plan that has adopted this clinical policy and that is operated or administered, in whole or in part, by Centene Management Company, LLC, or any of such health plan's affiliates, as applicable.

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Note:
For Medicaid members, when state Medicaid coverage provisions conflict with the coverage provisions in this clinical policy, state Medicaid coverage provisions take precedence. Please refer to the state Medicaid manual for any coverage provisions pertaining to this clinical policy.