

## Clinical Policy: Mifepristone (Korlym)

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### Description

Mifepristone (Korlym<sup>®</sup>) is a cortisol receptor blocker.

### FDA Approved Indication(s)

Korlym is indicated to control hyperglycemia secondary to hypercortisolism in adult patients with endogenous Cushing's syndrome who have type 2 diabetes mellitus or glucose intolerance and have failed surgery or are not candidates for surgery.

Limitation(s) of use: Do not use for the treatment of type 2 diabetes mellitus unrelated to endogenous Cushing's syndrome.

### Policy/Criteria

*Provider must submit documentation (including 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<sup>®</sup> that mifepristone 300 mg and Korlym are **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

#### I. Initial Approval Criteria

##### A. Cushing's Syndrome (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of uncontrolled hyperglycemia secondary to endogenous Cushing's syndrome;
2. Member has type 2 diabetes mellitus, impaired glucose tolerance or pre-diabetes as evidenced by a fasting blood glucose, oral glucose tolerance test, or hemoglobin A1c;
3. Prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist;
4. Age  $\geq$  18 years;
5. Surgery to treat Cushing's syndrome was insufficient or member is not a candidate for surgery;
6. If request is for brand Korlym, member must use generic mifepristone\* 300 mg tablet, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;  
\*Prior authorization may be required for generic mifepristone
7. At the time of request, member does not have any of the following contraindications (a and b):
  - a. Concurrent use of drugs metabolized by CYP3A (e.g., simvastatin, lovastatin), or CYP3A substrates with narrow therapeutic ranges (e.g., cyclosporine, dihydroergotamine, ergotamine, fentanyl, pimozide, quinidine, sirolimus, tacrolimus);

- b. Concurrent long-term corticosteroid use;
8. Dose does not exceed both of the following (a and b):
  - a. 1,200 mg per day;
  - b. 4 tablets per day.

**Approval duration:**

**Medicaid/HIM** - 12 months

**Commercial** – 12 months or duration of request, whichever is less

**B. Other diagnoses/indications** (must meet 1 or 2):

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):
  - a. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.33 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
  - b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.103 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

**II. Continued Therapy**

**A. Cushing's Syndrome** (must meet all):

1. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
  - a. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
  - b. Member is currently receiving medication and is enrolled in a state and product with continuity of care regulations (*refer to state specific addendums for CC.PHARM.03A and CC.PHARM.03B*);
2. Member is responding positively to therapy as evidenced by, including but not limited to, improvement in any of the following parameters: improved fasting blood glucose, oral glucose tolerance test, or hemoglobin A1c since initiation of therapy;
3. Member must use generic mifepristone\* 300 mg tablet, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;  
*\*Prior authorization may be required for generic mifepristone*
4. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed both of the following (a and b):
  - a. 1,200 mg per day;
  - b. 4 tablets per day.

**Approval duration:**

**Medicaid/HIM** - 12 months

**Commercial** – 12 months or duration of request, whichever is less

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  - b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.103 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: 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*

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

*Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*

Not applicable

*Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings*

- Contraindication(s):
  - Pregnancy;
  - Concurrent use of drugs metabolized by CYP3A (e.g., simvastatin, lovastatin), or CYP3A substrates with narrow therapeutic ranges (e.g., cyclosporine, dihydroergotamine, ergotamine, fentanyl, pimozide, quinidine, sirolimus, tacrolimus);
  - Concurrent systemic corticosteroids for lifesaving purposes (e.g., immunosuppression after organ transplantation);
  - Women with history of unexplained vaginal bleeding or endometrial hyperplasia with atypia or endometrial carcinoma;
  - Known hypersensitivity to mifepristone;
- Boxed warning(s): termination of pregnancy

**V. Dosage and Administration**

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Cushing's syndrome	Starting dose is 300 mg PO QD. May increase in 300 mg increments (dose increase once every 2 to 4 weeks).	1,200 mg/day

**VI. Product Availability**

Tablet: 300 mg

**VII. References**

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
1Q 2022 annual review: no significant changes; clarified diagnosis requirement by separating into two separate requirements; references reviewed and updated.	09.22.21	02.22
Revised approval duration for Commercial line of business from length of benefit to 12 months or duration of request, whichever is less.	04.26.22	08.22
Template changes applied to other diagnoses/indications and continued therapy section.	09.30.22	
1Q 2023 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	10.13.22	02.23
1Q 2024 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	10.27.23	02.24
1Q 2025 annual review: per December SDC, added redirection to generic 300 mg tablet for brand Korlym requests; revised policy/criteria section to also include generic mifepristone; references reviewed and updated.	12.02.24	02.25
1Q 2026 annual review: no significant changes; extended initial approval duration from 6 to 12 months for this maintenance medication for a chronic condition; references reviewed and updated.	11.06.25	02.26

**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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