

Clinical Policy: Vismodegib (Erivedge)

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Line of Business: Commercial, HIM, Medicaid

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Description

Vismodegib (Erivedge[®]) is a hedgehog pathway inhibitor.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Erivedge is indicated for the treatment of adults with metastatic basal cell carcinoma (BCC), or with locally advanced BCC that has recurred following surgery or who are not candidates for surgery and who are not candidates for radiation.

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 Erivedge is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Basal Cell Carcinoma (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of advanced, recurrent, or metastatic BCC;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Member meets one of the following (a, b, or c):
 - a. Member has disease that recurred following surgery;
 - b. Member had disease that recurred following radiation;
 - c. Member is not a candidate for surgery or radiation;
5. Erivedge is prescribed as a single agent;
6. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed 150 mg (one capsule) per day;
 - b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

Approval duration:

Medicaid/HIM – 6 months

Commercial – Length of Benefit

B. Medulloblastoma (off-label) (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of recurrent medulloblastoma;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;

3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Member has received prior chemotherapy;
5. Tumor is positive for a sonic hedgehog mutation;
6. Erivedge is prescribed as a single agent;
7. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed 150 mg (one capsule) per day;
 - b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

Approval duration:

Medicaid/HIM – 6 months

Commercial – Length of Benefit

C. 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. All Indications in Section I (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Erivedge for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member has responded positively to therapy;
3. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. New dose does not exceed 150 mg (one capsule) day;
 - b. New dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

Approval duration:

Medicaid/HIM – 12 months

Commercial – Length of Benefit

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

BCC: basal cell carcinoma
 FDA: Food and Drug Administration
 NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable.

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s): none reported
- Boxed warning(s): embryo-fetal toxicity

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
BCC	150 mg PO QD	150 mg/day

VI. Product Availability

Capsules: 150 mg

VII. References

1. Erivedge Prescribing Information. South San Francisco, CA: Genentech USA, Inc.; July 2020. Available at https://www.gene.com/download/pdf/erivedge_prescribing.pdf. Accessed February 2, 2021.
2. National Comprehensive Cancer Network Drugs and Biologics Compendium. Available at www.nccn.org. Accessed February 2, 2021.
3. National Comprehensive Cancer Network Guidelines. Basal Cell Skin Cancer Version 1.2020. Available at www.nccn.org. Accessed February 2, 2021.
4. National Comprehensive Cancer Network Guidelines. Central Nervous System Cancers Version 3.2020. Available at www.nccn.org. Accessed February 2, 2021.

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Confirmation of pregnancy status added. Approval periods increased from 3/6 to 6/12 months.	07.17	08.17
2Q 2018 annual review: policies combined for Medicaid and HIM lines of business; added prescriber and age requirement; updated NCCN Compendium supported use in BCC with nodal or distant metastases; removed pregnancy as not an absolute CI per PI; added continuity of care language; references reviewed and updated.	02.08.18	05.18
2Q 2019 annual review: added Commercial line of business; summarized NCCN and FDA approved uses for improved clarity by	02.04.19	05.19

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removing specific requirements for locally advanced, nodal, or distant metastasis (approach aligns with previously approved corporate policy for Odomzo); references reviewed and updated.		
2Q 2020 annual review: NCCN recommended use added for medulloblastoma; HIM nonformulary language removed; references reviewed and updated.	02.11.20	05.20
2Q 2021 annual review: added BCC criteria for diagnosis of advanced, recurrent or metastatic BCC, previous surgery or radiation therapy if eligible, and use as a single agent for both BCC and medulloblastoma, as these are all supported by the FDA label and/or NCCN; references for HIM line of business off-label use revised from HIM.PHAR.21 to HIM.PA.154; reference reviewed and updated.	02.02.21	05.21

Important Reminder

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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.

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