

**Clinical Policy: Teplizumab-mzwv (Tzielid)**

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**Description**

Teplizumab-mzwv (Tzielid<sup>™</sup>) is a CD3-directed antibody.

**FDA Approved Indication(s)**

Tzielid is indicated to delay the onset of Stage 3 type 1 diabetes (T1D) in adults and pediatric patients aged 8 years and older with Stage 2 T1D.

**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<sup>®</sup> that Tzielid is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

**I. Initial Approval Criteria****A. Delayed Onset of Stage 3 Type 1 Diabetes (must meet all):**

1. Diagnosis of Stage 2 T1D as evidenced by all of the following (a, b, and c):
  - a. Presence of 2 or more diabetes-related autoantibodies detected in 2 samples obtained within the last 6 months: anti-insulin autoantibodies (mIAA), islet cell antibodies (ICA), anti-glutamic acid decarboxylase(GAD)65ab, anti-ICA512ab;
  - b. Abnormal glucose tolerance during an oral glucose-tolerance test (OGTT) confirmed within the last 7 weeks (i, ii, or iii) (*two confirmatory tests are required for members age ≥ 18 years*):
    - i. Fasting plasma glucose ≥ 110 mg/dL, and < 126 mg/dL;
    - ii. 2 hour plasma glucose ≥ 140 mg/dL, and < 200 mg/dL;
    - iii. 30, 60, or 90 minute value on OGTT ≥ 200 mg/dL;
  - c. Member does not have symptoms of diabetes (e.g., polyuria, polydipsia, polyphagia);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist;
3. Age ≥ 8 years;
4. Member does not have a diagnosis of Stage 3 T1D or type 2 diabetes;
5. Member has a first, second, or third degree relative who was diagnosed with T1D before age 40 and started on insulin therapy within one year of diagnosis;
6. Documentation of member's current body surface area (BSA) (m<sup>2</sup>);
7. Dose does not exceed a total of 11,240 mcg/m<sup>2</sup> administered over a 14-day treatment course (*see section V*).

**Approval duration: 3 months (one 14-day treatment course only)**

**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. Delayed Onset of Stage 3 Type 1 Diabetes**

1. Continued therapy will not be authorized as Tzield is indicated to be administered as a one-time treatment course only.

**Approval duration: Not applicable**

**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.

**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;

- B.** Stage 3 or 4 T1D;
- C.** Type 2 diabetes.

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

BSA: body surface area	mIAA: anti-insulin autoantibodies
FDA: Food and Drug Administration	OGTT: oral glucose tolerance test
GAD: glutamic acid decarboxylase	T1D: type 1 diabetes
ICA: islet cell antibodies	

*Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*

Not applicable

*Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings*

None reported

*Appendix D: General Information*

- There are 4 recognized stages of T1D:
  - Stage 1:  $\geq 2$  diabetes-related autoantibodies, normoglycemia, presymptomatic
  - Stage 2:  $\geq 2$  diabetes-related autoantibodies, dysglycemia, presymptomatic
  - Stage 3:  $\geq 2$  diabetes-related autoantibodies, dysglycemia, symptomatic
  - Stage 4: longstanding T1D
- In 2010, teplizumab failed to meet the primary efficacy endpoint (a composite of total daily insulin usage and HbA1c level at 12 months) in the phase 3 Protégé study, demonstrating no difference compared to placebo for the treatment of patients with early-onset T1D; as a result, clinical programs were suspended. In 2018, Provention Bio acquired teplizumab from MacroGenics/Lilly. A new phase 3 study for the treatment of early-onset T1D is now ongoing (PROTECT, NCT03875729). Results from this study are not yet available.

**V. Dosage and Administration**

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Delayed onset of Stage 3 T1D	14 day treatment course administered IV QD: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day 1: 65 mcg/m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Day 2: 125 mcg/m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Day 3: 250 mcg/m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Day 4: 500 mcg/m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Days 5-14: 1,030 mcg/m<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	11,240 mcg/m <sup>2</sup> /treatment course

**VI. Product Availability**

Single-dose vial: 2 mg/mL

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

HCPCS Codes	Description
J3590	Unclassified biologics
J9381	Injection, teplizumab-mzww, 5 mcg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy created pre-emptively	05.19.20	08.20
3Q 2021 annual review: no significant changes as drug is not yet FDA-approved; references to HIM.PHAR.21 revised to HIM.PA.154; references reviewed and updated.	03.17.21	08.21
3Q 2022 annual review: no significant changes as drug is not yet FDA-approved; references reviewed and updated.	03.30.22	08.22
Template changes applied to other diagnoses/indications.	10.03.22	
RT1: drug is now FDA approved – updated criteria per FDA labeling: modified language to refer to various stages of T1D, added that member should not have type 2 diabetes, and revised max dose; added that member should not have symptoms of diabetes; added requirement for documentation of current BSA for dose calculation purposes; references reviewed and updated.	11.21.22	02.23
Added HCPCS code [J9381] and deleted HCPCS code [C9399].	05.24.23	

**Important Reminder**

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**Note:**

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