

**Clinical Policy: Marstacimab-hncq (Hypavzi)**

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**Description**

Marstacimab-hncq (Hypavzi™) is a tissue factor pathway inhibitor (TFPI) antagonist.

**FDA Approved Indication(s)**

Hypavzi is indicated for routine prophylaxis to prevent or reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes in adult and pediatric patients 12 years of age and older with:

- hemophilia A (congenital factor VIII [FVIII] deficiency) without FVIII inhibitors, or
- hemophilia B (congenital factor IX [FIX] deficiency) without FIX inhibitors.

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

**I. Initial Approval Criteria****A. Congenital Hemophilia A or B (must meet all):**

1. Prescribed for routine prophylaxis of bleeding episodes in members with one of the following (a or b):
  - a. Congenital hemophilia A (FVIII deficiency);
  - b. Congenital hemophilia B (FIX deficiency);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist;
3. Age  $\geq$  12 years;
4. Member meets one of the following (a, b, or c):
  - a. For hemophilia A: Member has severe hemophilia, defined as FVIII level of  $<$  1%;
  - b. For hemophilia B: Member has moderately severe to severe hemophilia, defined as FIX level of  $\leq$  2%;
  - c. Member has experienced at least one serious spontaneous bleed (*see Appendix D*);
5. One of the following (a or b; *see Appendix D*):
  - a. For hemophilia A, both (i and ii):
    - i. Failure of a FVIII product used for routine prophylaxis as assessed and documented by prescriber, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated;\*
    - ii. Failure of Hemlibra® as assessed and documented by prescriber, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;\*

- b. For hemophilia B: Failure of a FIX product used for routine prophylaxis as assessed and documented by prescriber, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated;\*
- \*Prior authorization may be required for FVIII products, FIX products, and Hemlibra*
6. No documented history of inhibitors;
  7. Provider confirms that member will discontinue any use of FVIII or FIX products as prophylactic therapy while on Hympavzi (on-demand usage may be continued);
  8. Dose does not exceed both (a and b):
    - a. Loading dose of 300 mg (2 pens or syringes);
    - b. Maintenance dose of 150 mg (1 pen or syringe) per week thereafter.

**Approval duration:**

**Medicaid/HIM** – 6 months (*12 months for HIM Texas*)

**Commercial** – 6 months or to the member’s renewal date, whichever is longer

**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. Congenital Hemophilia A or B (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 (e.g., reduction in the number of all bleeds, joint bleeds, and/or target joint bleeds over time);
3. Provider confirms that member has discontinued any use of FVIII or FIX products as prophylactic therapy while on Hympavzi (on-demand usage may be continued);
4. If request is for a dose increase, new maintenance dose does not exceed:
  - a. 150 mg (1 pen or syringe) per week;

- b. 300 mg (2 pens or syringes) per week AND documentation of both (i and ii):
  - i. Member’s weight ≥ 50 kg;
  - ii. Control of bleeding events on a maintenance dose of 150 mg per week is judged to be inadequate by the provider.

**Approval duration:**

**Medicaid/HIM** – 12 months

**Commercial** – 6 months or to the member’s renewal date, whichever is longer

**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.

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

FIX: factor IX

FVIII: factor VIII

TFPI: tissue factor pathway inhibitor

*Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*

*This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent for all relevant lines of business and may require prior authorization.*

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen
<b><i>Non-factor product for routine prophylaxis in hemophilia A</i></b>	
Hemlibra <sup>®</sup> (emicizumab-kxwh)	Loading dose of 3 mg/kg SC weekly for four weeks, followed by a maintenance dose of 1.5 mg/kg SC

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen
	weekly or 3 mg/kg once every two weeks or 6 mg/kg once every four weeks
<b><i>FVIII products for routine prophylaxis in hemophilia A - examples</i></b>	
Advate <sup>®</sup> , Adynovate <sup>®</sup> , Afstyla <sup>®</sup> , Altuviiio <sup>®</sup> , Eloctate <sup>®</sup> , Esperoct <sup>®</sup> , Jivi <sup>®</sup> , Helixate FS <sup>®</sup> , Kogenate FS <sup>®</sup> , Kovaltry <sup>®</sup> , Novoeight <sup>®</sup> , Nuwiq <sup>®</sup> ,	See individual Prescribing Information for dosing regimen
<b><i>FIX products for routine prophylaxis in hemophilia B - examples</i></b>	
Alprolix <sup>®</sup> , BeneFIX <sup>®</sup> , Idelvion <sup>®</sup> , Ixinity <sup>®</sup> , Rebinyn <sup>®</sup> , Rixubis <sup>®</sup>	See individual Prescribing Information for dosing regimen

*Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings*

None reported

*Appendix D: General Information*

- There are no strict criteria for failing factor product or Hemlibra for routine prophylaxis; however, the following reasons are acceptable to fulfill the criteria:
  - Prescriber has documented clinical criteria which support his or her assessment that the member has failed factor or Hemlibra therapy.
  - Clinically significant bleeding, hemarthroses, life-threatening bleeding episodes, joint swelling, upcoming surgery/procedure not responding to current therapy, or other clinical assessment as determined by prescriber.
- Serious bleeding episodes include bleeds in the following sites: intracranial; neck/throat; gastrointestinal; joints (hemarthrosis); muscles (especially deep compartments such as the iliopsoas, calf, forearm); or mucous membranes of the mouth, nose, and genitourinary tract.
- A spontaneous bleed is defined as a bleeding episode that occurs without apparent cause and is not the result of trauma.

**V. Dosage and Administration**

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Hemophilia A or B without inhibitors	One loading dose of 300 mg SC, followed by a maintenance dose of 150 mg SC once weekly on the same day each week, at any time of day.  Consider a dose adjustment to 300 mg SC injection weekly in patients weighing $\geq 50$ kg when control of bleeding events is judged to be inadequate by the healthcare provider.	300 mg/week

**VI. Product Availability**

- Single-dose prefilled pen: 150 mg/mL
- Single-dose prefilled syringe: 150 mg/mL

**VII. References**

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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
C9399	Unclassified drugs or biologicals ( <i>hospital outpatient use</i> )
J3590	Unclassified biologics

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy created pre-emptively	02.13.24	05.24
Drug is now FDA approved – criteria updated per FDA labeling: removed requirement for weight $\geq$ 35 kg; clarified hemophilia B from “moderate” to “moderately severe”; added option of at least one serious spontaneous bleed to the classification criteria of hemophilia A and B; removed option for $\geq$ 6 acute bleeding episodes in the previous 6 months; added redirection to Hemlibra for hemophilia A per SDC recommendation; added standard adverse effect or contraindication template language to failure of a FVIII or FIX product criterion; for continued therapy, added	10.24.24	02.25

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maximum maintenance dosing option of 300 mg weekly for patients weighing $\geq 50$ kg when control of bleeding events is judged to be inadequate by the provider; added Commercial approval duration of 6 months or to the member’s renewal date, whichever is longer to both initial and continued therapy criteria; revised continued approval duration for Medicaid & HIM to 12 months; references reviewed and updated.		

**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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