

Clinical Policy: Tovorafenib (Ojemda)

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Description

Tovorafenib (Ojemda™) is a kinase inhibitor.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Ojemda is indicated for the treatment of pediatric patients 6 months of age and older with relapsed or refractory pediatric low-grade glioma (LGG) harboring a BRAF fusion or rearrangement, or BRAF V600 mutation.*

**This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on response rate and duration of response. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in a confirmatory trial(s).*

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

I. Initial Approval Criteria**A. Pediatric Low-Grade Glioma (must meet all):**

1. Diagnosis of relapsed or refractory LGG;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age $\geq$ 6 months;
4. Disease is positive for one of the following (a or b):
 - a. BRAF fusion or rearrangement;
 - b. BRAF V600 mutation;
5. Failure of at least one line of prior systemic therapy (*see Appendix B for examples*);
6. Documentation of the member's current body surface area (BSA)(m²);
7. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed both of the following (i and ii):
 - i. 380 mg per m² of BSA;
 - ii. 600 mg once weekly;
 - 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: 12 months

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. Pediatric Low-Grade Glioma (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Ojemda for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Both of the following (i and ii):
 - i. Documentation of the member's current body surface area (BSA)(m²);
 - ii. Dose does not exceed both of the following (1 and 2):
 - 1) 380 mg per m² of BSA;
 - 2) 600 mg once weekly;
 - 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*

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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

BRAF: B-Raf proto-oncogene,
serine/threonine kinase
BSA: body surface area

FDA: Food and Drug Administration
LGG: low grade glioma
WHO: World Health Organization

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	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
vincristine [†] / carboplatin [†]	Ages > 3 months to ≤ 16 years <u>Induction Therapy</u> vincristine 1.5 mg/m² IV continuous infusion once weekly; carboplatin 175 mg/m² IV continuous infusion once weekly on weeks 1 - 4 and 7 - 10. <u>Maintenance Therapy</u> vincristine 1.5 mg/m² IV continuous infusion once weekly for 3 weeks; carboplatin 175 mg/m² IV continuous infusion once weekly for 4 weeks; repeat every 6 weeks for 8 cycles.	See dosing regimen
vinblastine [†]	vinblastine 6 mg/m ² IV continuous infusion once weekly until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity	See dosing regimen

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name[®] (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name[®]) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

[†]Off-label

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

None reported

Appendix D: General Information

An FDA approved test for the detection of BRAF fusion or rearrangement, or BRAF V600 mutation in relapsed or refractory pediatric LGG is not currently available. However, independent labs offer testing for BRAF mutations and BRAF rearrangements. BRAF mutation tests are conducted through gene sequencing while BRAF rearrangements are detected through testing by FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridization. The University of San Francisco's Health Center for Clinical Genetics and Genomics offers both tests to external physicians.

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Pediatric LGG	Recommended dosage of Ojemda based on BSA: 380 mg/m² Tablets: 0.30 to 0.89 m²: Administer Ojemda oral suspension once weekly 0.90 to 1.12 m²: 400mg PO once weekly 1.13 to 1.39 m²: 500mg PO once weekly ≥1.40 m²: 600mg PO once weekly Oral Suspension: 0.30 to 0.35 m²: 125 mg (5 mL) PO once weekly 0.36 to 0.42 m²: 150 mg (6 mL) PO once weekly 0.43 to 0.48 m²: 175 mg (7 mL) PO once weekly 0.49 to 0.54 m²: 200 mg (8 mL) PO once weekly 0.55 to 0.63 m²: 225 mg (9 mL) PO once weekly 0.64 to 0.77 m²: 275 mg (11 mL) PO once weekly 0.78 to 0.83 m²: 300 mg (12 mL) PO once weekly 0.84 to 0.89 m²: 350 mg (14 mL) PO once weekly 0.90 to 1.05 m²: 375 mg (15 mL) PO once weekly 1.06 to 1.25 m²: 450 mg (18 mL) PO once weekly 1.26 to 1.39 m²: 525 mg (21 mL) PO once weekly ≥1.40 m²: 600 mg (24 mL) PO once weekly The recommended duration of treatment is until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.	600 mg/week

VI. Product Availability

- Tablets: 100 mg
- Oral suspension: 300 mg/12 mL

VII. References

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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:

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