Clinical Policy: Sacituzumab Govitecan-hziy (Trodelvy)

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Coding Implications
Revision Log

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Description

Sacituzumab govitecan-hziy (Trodelvy®) is a Trop-2-directed antibody and topoisomerase inhibitor conjugate.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Trodelvy is indicated for:

- Locally advanced or metastatic triple-negative breast cancer
  First Line
  - As a single agent for the first-line treatment of adult patients with unresectable locally advanced or metastatic triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) who are not candidates for PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitor-based therapy.
  - In combination with pembrolizumab or pembrolizumab and berahyaluronidase alfa-pmph for the first-line treatment of adult patients with unresectable locally advanced or metastatic TNBC whose tumors express PD-L1 (CPS ≥ 10) as determined by an FDA-authorized test.

  Second Line or Later
  - For the treatment of adult patients with unresectable locally advanced metastatic TNBC who have received two or more prior systemic therapies, at least one of them for metastatic disease
- Locally advanced or metastatic HR-positive, HER2-negative breast cancer
  - For the treatment of adult patients with unresectable locally advanced or metastatic hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative (IHC 0, IHC 1+ or IHC 2+/ISH-) breast cancer who have received endocrine-based therapy and at least two additional systemic therapies in the metastatic setting

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

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Breast Cancer (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of unresectable locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;

4. Documentation of one of the following (a or b):
   a. Triple negative (i.e., estrogen receptor-, progesterone receptor-, and HER2-negative) disease;
   b. HR-positive, HER2-negative disease;
5. For TNBC, prescribed in one of the following ways (a or b):
   a. In combination with Keytruda® or Keytruda Qlex™, and (i):
      i. Tumor expresses PD-L1 (Combined Positive Score [CPS] ≥ 10);
   b. As a single agent, and one of the following (i or ii):
      i. Failure of one or more prior regimens (*see Appendix B)*;
      ii. Tumor expresses PD-L1 CPS < 10 or member is not a candidate for PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor therapy (e.g., Keytruda);
6. For HR-positive, HER2-negative disease, all of the following (a, b, c, and d):
   a. Failure of an endocrine based therapy (*see Appendix B);*
   b. Failure of two or more additional prior regimens (*see Appendix B)*;
   c. At least one of the prior regimens was administered for metastatic disease (*see Appendix B*);
   d. Prescribed as a single agent;
7. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
   a. Dose does not exceed 10 mg/kg on days 1 and 8 of each 21-day cycle;
   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:
HIM/ICHRA/Medicaid – 12 months
Commercial – 6 months or to the member's renewal date, whichever is longer

B. Urothelial Cancer (off-label) (must meet all)**:**
1. Provider attestation of acknowledgement of the FDA's withdrawal of this indication due to failure to improve overall survival (OS) and associated higher number of deaths from adverse events with Trodelvy compared to alternative treatments (*see Appendix D*);
2. Diagnosis of locally advanced, recurrent, or metastatic urothelial cancer;
3. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
4. Age ≥ 18 years;
5. Failure of both of the following (a and b):
   a. Platinum-containing chemotherapy (*see Appendix B*);
   b. Programmed death receptor-1 (PD-1) or programmed death-ligand 1 (PD-L1) inhibitor (*see Appendix B*);
6. Prescribed as a single agent;
7. Dose is within FDA maximum limit for any FDA-approved indication or 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:
HIM/ICHRA/Medicaid – 12 months
Commercial – 6 months or to the member's renewal date, whichever is longer

C. 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/ICHRA) 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/ICHRA, and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
   b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace/ICHRA) 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/ICHRA, 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/ICHRA, 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 Trodelvy for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. For urothelial cancer, provider attestation of acknowledgement of the FDA's withdrawal of this indication due to failure to improve OS and associated higher number of deaths from adverse events with Trodelvy compared to alternative treatments (*see Appendix D*);
4. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a or b):*
   a. New dose does not exceed 10 mg/kg on days 1 and 8 of each 21-day cycle;
   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:
HIM/ICHRA/Medicaid – 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/ICHRA) 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/ICHRA, and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or

b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace/ICHRA) 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/ICHRA, 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/ICHRA, 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/ICHRA, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid, or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

CPS: combined positive score
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
HER2: human epidermal growth factor receptor 2
HR: hormone receptor
mUC: metastatic urothelial cancer
OS: overall survival
PD-1: programmed death receptor-1
PD-L1: programmed death-ligand
TNBC: triple-negative breast cancer

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
Examples of systemic therapies for recurrent unresectable or metastatic breast cancer		
paclitaxel	Varies	Varies
Abraxane® (albumin-bound paclitaxel)	Varies	Varies
docetaxel (Taxotere®)	Varies	Varies
doxorubicin	Varies	Varies
liposomal doxorubicin (Doxil®)	50 mg/m^2 IV day 1, cycled every 28 days	Varies
capecitabine (Xeloda®)	1,000-1,250 mg/m^2 PO BID on days 1-14, cycled every 21 days	Varies
gemcitabine (Gemzar®)	800-1,200 mg/m^2 IV on days 1,8 and 15, cycled every 28 days	Varies
vinorelbine	Varies	Varies
eribulin (Halaven®)	1.4 mg/m^2 IV on days 1 and 8, cycled every 21 days	Varies
carboplatin	AUC 6 IV on day 1, cycled every 21-28 days	Varies
cisplatin	75 mg/m^2 IV on day 1, cycled every 21 days	Varies

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
cyclophosphamide	50 mg PO QD on days 1-21, cycled every 28 days	Varies
epirubicin (Ellence®)	60-90 mg/m^2 IV on day 1, cycled every 21 days	Varies
Ixempra® (ixabepilone)	40 mg/m^2 IV on day 1, cycled every 21 days	40 mg/m^2
Examples of platinum-containing regimens for urothelial cancer		
DDMVAC (dose-dense methotrexate, vinblastine, doxorubicin, and cisplatin)	Varies	Varies
gemcitabine with either cisplatin or carboplatin	Varies	Varies
Examples of PD-1 and PD-L1 inhibitors for urothelial cancer		
Keytruda® (pembrolizumab)	Varies	Varies
Tecentriq® (atezolizumab)	Varies	Varies
Opdivo® (nivolumab)	Varies	Varies
Bavencio® (avelumab)	800 mg IV infusion once every 2 weeks	Varies
Examples of endocrine based therapy for breast cancer		
tamoxifen; aromatase inhibitors: anastrozole (Arimidex®), letrozole (Femara®), exemestane (Aromasin®)	Varies	Varies

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.

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s): severe hypersensitivity reaction to Trodelvy
- Boxed warning(s): neutropenia and diarrhea

Appendix D: Withdrawal of Metastatic Urothelial Cancer Indication

- On October 18, 2024, Gilead Sciences, Inc. announced plans to voluntarily withdraw the U.S. accelerated approval for Trodelvy for the treatment of adult patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial cancer who have previously received a platinum-containing chemotherapy and either PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitor.
- On November 22, 2024, FDA approved revisions to the full prescribing information to voluntarily withdraw the indication for advanced or metastatic urothelial cancer. This decision does not affect the other approved Trodelvy indications.
- This withdrawal was based on the confirmatory phase 3 TROPiCs-04 study, which failed to meet its primary endpoint of OS. The study also showed that Trodelvy was associated with a higher number of deaths from adverse events than the group that received treatment of the physician's choice.
- Patients receiving Trodelvy for metastatic urothelial cancer should discuss their care with their healthcare provider.

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Breast cancer	10 mg/kg IV on days 1 and 8 of each 21-day cycle	10 mg/kg

VI. Product Availability

Single-dose vial: 180 mg lyophilized powder for reconstitution

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
J9317	Injection, sacituzumab govitecan-hziy, 2.5 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
2Q 2022 annual review: for TNBC: removed "locally advanced" requirement as disease can be local or regional per NCCN; added	02.13.22	05.22

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
recurrent urothelial carcinoma indication per NCCN; added criterion for use as single-agent therapy for both TNBC and urothelial cancer per NCCN; references reviewed and updated.		
Template changes applied to other diagnoses/indications.	09.28.22	
2Q 2023 annual review: no significant changes; updated commercial LOB approval language to standard language with addition of "whichever is longer"; references reviewed and updated. RT4: added new indication for treatment of HR-positive, HER2-negative breast cancer who have received endocrine-based therapy and at least two additional systemic therapies in the metastatic setting	02.07.23	05.23
2Q 2024 annual review: for TNBC, revised failure of prior regimens from "two or more" to "one or more" per NCCN; references reviewed and updated.	01.18.24	05.24
RT4: updated to include withdrawal of previously FDA-approved indication for urothelial cancer and changed to off-label as the use remains NCCN supported; added provider attestation criterion acknowledging FDA withdrawal; added withdrawal information in Appendix D.	12.05.24	
2Q 2025 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	01.14.25	05.25
2Q 2026 annual review: for TNBC, added option to be prescribed as first-line therapy per NCCN; for all indications for Medicaid and HIM, extended initial approval duration from 6 to 12 months; references reviewed and updated. Added ICHRA line of business.	03.30.26	05.26
RT4: added new FDA-approved indications for first-line treatment of TNBC as monotherapy for those who are not candidates for PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitor-based therapy OR in combination with pembrolizumab or pembrolizumab and berahyaluronidase alfa-pmph; for breast cancer, added additional qualifier of locally advanced per prescribing information.	07.14.26	

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

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