Clinical Policy: Triheptanoin (Dojolvi)

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See Important Reminder at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.

Description

Triheptanoin (Dojolvi®) is medium-chain triglyceride.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Dojolvi is indicated as a source of calories and fatty acids for the treatment of pediatric and adult patients with molecularly confirmed long-chain fatty acid oxidation disorders (LC-FAOD).

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

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Long-Chain Fatty Acid Oxidation Disorders (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of a LC-FAOD (*see Appendix D for examples*);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist, geneticist, or metabolic disease specialist;
3. Member has gene mutation(s) associated with LC-FAOD (*see Appendix D for examples*);
4. Medical justification supports the inability to use medium-chain triglyceride (MCT) oil (e.g., contraindications to excipients in MCT oil brands);*
   **For Illinois HIM requests, the step therapy requirement above does not apply as of 1/1/2026 per IL HB 5395*
5. Documentation of member's daily caloric intake (DCI);
6. Dose does not exceed 35% of the member's DCI (*see Appendix D*).

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/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. Long-Chain Fatty Acid Oxidation Disorders (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 (*see Appendix E*);
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 35% of the member's DCI (*see Appendix D*).

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/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

DCI: daily caloric intake
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
LC-FAOD: long-chain fatty acid oxidation disorders
MCT: medium-chain triglycerides

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
MCT oil	0.5 g/kg/day in three divided doses, which can be gradually increased to 1.0 to 1.5 g/kg per day	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

None reported

Appendix D: General Information

- LC-FAOD examples and associated genetic mutation locations:

LC-FAOD examples	Associated Genes
trifunctional protein deficiency (TFPD)	*HADHA, HADHB*
long-chain 3-hydroxyacyl CoA dehydrogenase deficiency (LCHADD)	*HADHA*
very long-chain acyl CoA dehydrogenase deficiency (VLCADD)	*ACADVL*
carnitine palmitoyltransferase-1 or 2 deficiency (CPT1/2D)	*CPT1A, CPT2*
carnitine-acylcarnitine translocase deficiency (CACTD)	*SLC25A20*

- Dosage calculation:
  - Caloric value of Dojolvi = 8.3 kcal/mL
  - Round the total daily dosage to the nearest whole mL
  - Total Daily Dose (in mLs) = $\frac{\text{Patient's DCI (\# kcal) x Target \# \% dose of DCI}}{\text{8.3 kcal/mL of Dojolvi}}$

Appendix E: Response to Therapy

- In adults, examples may include but are not limited to a reduced incidence of muscle myalgias, rhabdomyolysis, exercise intolerance, cardiac symptoms, hypoglycemia, hepatomegaly symptoms, or vomiting and dehydration precipitated by infections.
- In pediatrics, early treatment may not prevent symptomatology. Positive response can be demonstrated by continued tolerance to Dojolvi administration.

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
LC-FAOD	Target daily dosage of Dojolvi is up to 35% of the patient's total prescribed DCI divided into at least four doses and administered at mealtimes or with snacks	35% of patient's DCI

VI. Product Availability

Oral liquid: 500 mL (100% w/w of triheptanoin)

VII. References

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
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4Q 2026 annual review: no significant changes; added ICHRA line of business; references reviewed and updated.	07.08.26	11.26

Important Reminder

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