Clinical Policy: Eplontersen (Wainua)

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Line of Business: Commercial, HIM/ICHRA, Medicaid

Coding Implications
Revision Log

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

Description

Eplontersen (Wainua™) is a transthyretin (TTR)-directed antisense oligonucleotide.

FDA Approved Indication

Wainua is indicated for the treatment of polyneuropathy of hereditary TTR-mediated amyloidosis in adults.

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

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Hereditary Transthyretin-Mediated Amyloidosis (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of hereditary TTR-mediated amyloidosis with polyneuropathy;
2. Documentation confirms presence of a TTR mutation;
3. One of the following (a or b):
   a. Biopsy is positive for amyloid deposits;
   b. Medical justification is provided as to why treatment should be initiated despite a negative biopsy or no biopsy;
4. Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist;
5. Age ≥ 18 years;
6. Member has not had a prior liver transplant;
7. Wainua is not prescribed concurrently with Onpattro or Amvuttra;
8. Dose does not exceed 45 mg once monthly.

Approval duration:
Medicaid/HIM/ICHRA – 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.

II. Continued Therapy

A. Hereditary Transthyretin-Mediated Amyloidosis (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 as evidenced by, including but not limited to, improvement in any of the following parameters: measures of polyneuropathy (e.g., motor strength, sensation, and reflexes), quality of life, motor function, walking ability, and nutritional status (e.g., as evaluated by modified mass index);
3. Member has not had a prior liver transplant;
4. Wainua is not prescribed concurrently with Onpattro or Amvuttra;
5. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 45 mg once monthly.

Approval duration:
Medicaid/HIM/ICHRA – 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
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
TTR: transthyretin

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives
Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings
None reported

Appendix D: General Information

- To confirm amyloidosis, the demonstration of amyloid deposits via tissue biopsy is essential. Deposition of amyloid in the tissue can be demonstrated by Congo red staining of biopsy specimens. With Congo red staining, amyloid deposits show a characteristic green birefringence under polarized light; however, negative biopsy results should not be interpreted as excluding the disease.
- DNA sequencing is usually required for genetic confirmation. Current techniques for performing sequence analysis of TTR, the only gene known to be associated with TTR amyloidosis, detect > 99% of disease-causing mutations.

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Hereditary TTR-mediated amyloidosis with polyneuropathy	45 mg SC once monthly	45 mg/month

VI. Product Availability

Single-dose autoinjector or prefilled syringe: 45 mg/0.8 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
C9311	Injection, eplontersen, 1 mg (code may be used for medicare when drug administered under the direct supervision of a physician, not for use when drug is self administered)

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy created pre-emptively	05.01.23	08.23
RT4: drug is now FDA approved- criteria updated per FDA labeling; added HCPCS codes [C9399] and [J3490].	01.09.24	
2Q 2024 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	02.12.24	05.24
3Q 2024 annual review: removed Tegsedi® from criteria as agent will be discontinued September 2024 per Sobi manufacturer; references reviewed and updated.	05.09.24	08.24
2Q 2025 annual review: removed criteria “member has not received prior treatment with, Onpattro or Amvuttra” per competitor analysis; references reviewed and updated.	01.17.25	05.25
2Q 2026 annual review: no significant changes; for Medicaid/HIM revised initial approval duration from 6 to 12 months; references reviewed and updated. RT4: added new prefilled syringe formulation to product availability. Added ICHRA line of business.	04.23.26	05.26
HCPCS code added [C9311] and removed [C9399, J3490].	10.29.26	

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