Clinical Policy: Imlunestrant (Inluriyo)

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

Description

Imlunestrant (Inluriyo®) is an estrogen receptor antagonist.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Inluriyo is indicated for treatment of adults:

- As monotherapy, for estrogen receptor (ER)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative, estrogen receptor-1 (ESR1)-mutated advanced or metastatic breast cancer with disease progression following at least one line of endocrine therapy.
- In combination with abemaciclib, for ER-positive, HER2-negative, ESR1-mutated advanced or metastatic breast cancer, as detected by an FDA-authorized test, with disease progression following at least one line of endocrine therapy.

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

I. Initial Approval Criteria

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

1. Diagnosis of breast cancer;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Disease has all of the following characteristics (a, b, c, and d):
   a. ER-positive;
   b. HER2-negative;
   c. ESR1-mutated;
   d. Advanced (including locally advanced), metastatic, or recurrent unresectable (local or regional);
5. Disease has progressed following at least one line of endocrine therapy (*see Appendix B for examples*);
6. Prescribed in one of the following ways (a or b):
   a. As a single agent;
   b. In combination with Verzenio®, and member has not previously received CDK4/6 inhibitor therapy (e.g., Ibrance®, Kisqali®, Verzenio);

7. If member is a premenopausal or perimenopausal biological female, member has been treated with ovarian ablation or is receiving ovarian suppression (*see Appendix D*);
8. If member is a biological male, member is receiving an agent that suppresses testicular steroidogenesis (e.g., gonadotropin-releasing hormone agonists);
9. For brand Inluriyo requests, member must use generic imlunestrant, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
10. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
    a. Dose does not exceed one of the following (i or ii):
        i. 400 mg (2 tablets) per day;
        ii. If member is receiving a concomitant strong CYP3A inducer (e.g., carbamazepine, fosphenytoin, phenytoin, rifampin): 600 mg (3 tablets) per day;
    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/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. Breast Cancer (must meet all)**:**

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Inluriyo for breast cancer and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. Dose is ≥ 200 mg per day;
4. For brand Inluriyo requests, member must use generic imlunestrant, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
5. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a or b):*
    a. New dose does not exceed one of the following (i or ii):

i. 400 mg (2 tablets) per day;
ii. If member is receiving a concomitant strong CYP3A inducer (e.g., carbamazepine, fosphenytoin, phenytoin, rifampin): 600 mg (3 tablets) per day;

b. New dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

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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

CDK4/6: cyclin-dependent kinases 4 and 6
ER: estrogen receptor
ESR1: estrogen receptor-1
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
HER2: human epidermal growth factor receptor 2
LHRH: luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone
NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network

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
Endocrine Therapy		
anastrozole (Arimidex®)	1 mg PO QD	1 mg/day
exemestane (Aromasin®)	25 mg PO QD	25 mg/day
fulvestrant (Faslodex®)	500 mg IM as two 5 mL injections, one in each buttock, on days 1, 15, 29 and once monthly thereafter	See regimen
letrozole (Femara®)	2.5 mg PO QD	2.5 mg/day
megestrol acetate	40 mg PO QID	160 mg/day
tamoxifen (Nolvadex®, Soltamox®)	20 to 40 mg PO QD	40 mg/day
toremifene (Fareston®)	60 mg PO QD	60 mg/day

Drug names 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
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN):
  - Ovarian ablation may be accomplished by surgical oophorectomy or by ovarian irradiation. Ovarian suppression utilizes luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone (LHRH) agonists that result in suppression of luteinizing hormone and release of follicle-stimulating hormone from pituitary and reduction in ovarian estrogen production. Examples of LHRH agonists include, but are not limited to, goserelin and leuprolide.
  - The NCCN recommends that men with breast cancer be treated similarly to postmenopausal women; however, it is preferred that when an aromatase inhibitor is used, a LHRH analog should be given concurrently.
- In Inluriyo's pivotal study for approval (EMBER-3; NCT04975308), all premenopausal women, perimenopausal women, and men received a gonadotropin-releasing hormone agonist.

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen*	Maximum Dose
Breast cancer	400 mg PO QD as monotherapy or in combination with abemaciclib If receiving a concomitant strong CYP3A inducer: 600 mg PO QD Pre/perimenopausal women and men should receive a gonadotropin-releasing hormone agonist according to current clinical practice standards	600 mg/day

**If a dose reduction to < 200 mg/day is required, therapy should be discontinued.*

VI. Product Availability

Tablet: 200 mg

VII. References

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy created	09.30.25	11.25
4Q 2026 annual review: added recurrent unresectable as additional qualifier option and added option for use in combination with Verzenio per NCCN; added ICHRA line of business; references reviewed and updated. RT4: updated FDA approved indications section with combination use with abemaciclib; for breast cancer, removed off-label designation for criterion requiring in combination with Verzenio, and member has not previously received CDK4/6 inhibitor therapy.	09.29.26	11.26

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 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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