Clinical Policy: Sofosbuvir/Velpatasvir/Voxilaprevir (Vosevi)

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Description

Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir (Vosevi®) is a fixed-dose combination oral tablet. Sofosbuvir is a nucleotide analog hepatitis C virus (HCV) NS5B polymerase inhibitor, velpatasvir is an NS5A inhibitor, and voxilaprevir is an NS3/4A protease inhibitor.

**These criteria do NOT apply to California Commercial Exchange Plans.*

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Vosevi is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with chronic HCV infection without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A) who have:

- Genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 infection and have previously been treated with an HCV regimen containing an NS5A inhibitor*;
- Genotype 1a or 3 infection and have previously been treated with an HCV regimen containing sofosbuvir without an NS5A inhibitor**.
    - Additional benefit of Vosevi over sofosbuvir/velpatasvir was not shown in adults with genotype 1b, 2, 4, 5, or 6 infection previously treated with sofosbuvir without an NS5A inhibitor.

* In clinical trials, prior NS5A inhibitor experience included daclatasvir, elbasvir, ledipasvir, ombitasvir, or velpatasvir.
** In clinical trials, prior treatment experience included sofosbuvir with or without any of the following: peginterferon alfa/ribavirin, ribavirin, HCV NS3/4A protease inhibitor (boceprevir, simeprevir or telaprevir).

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

I. Initial Approval Criteria*

For members in **Nevada, medical management techniques, including quantity management, beyond step therapy is not allowed.*

A. Hepatitis C Infection (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of HCV infection as evidenced by detectable serum HCV RNA levels by quantitative assay in the last 6 months;

2. Prescribed* by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist, hepatologist, infectious disease specialist, or provider who has expertise in treating HCV based on a certified training program (*see Appendix F*);
   **This prescriber requirement does not apply to HIM Georgia*
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Member meets one of the following (a, b, or c):
   a. HCV genotype is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, and member has previously been treated with an HCV regimen containing one of the following NS5A inhibitors: daclatasvir, elbasvir, ledipasvir, ombitasvir, pibrentasvir, or velpatasvir;
   b. HCV genotype is 1a or 3, and member has previously been treated with an HCV regimen containing sofosbuvir with or without any of the following: peginterferon alfa/ribavirin, ribavirin, HCV NS3/4A protease inhibitor (boceprevir, simeprevir or telaprevir);
   c. Member is treatment-naïve and all of the following (i-iii):
      i. HCV genotype is 3;
      ii. Member has compensated cirrhosis;
      iii. Documentation for the presence of baseline NS5A resistance-associated substitution (RAS) Y93H for velpatasvir;

   **Chart note documentation and copies of lab results are required*
5. If cirrhosis is present, confirmation of Child-Pugh A status;
6. For HCV treatment-experienced member: Member has received ≥ 8 weeks of the prior direct-acting antiviral agent (DAA) regimen from 4a or 4b above, unless virologic failure was determined prior to 8 weeks of therapy;
7. If request is for HCV genotype 3, treatment-naive, compensated cirrhosis with documentation of the presence of baseline NS5A RAS Y93H for velpatasvir: Member must use **sofosbuvir-velpatasvir (Epclusa® authorized generic**) in combination with ribavirin, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;*
   **For Illinois HIM requests, the step therapy requirements above do not apply as of 1/1/2026 per IL HB 5395*
8. Prescribed regimen is consistent with an FDA or AASLD-IDSA recommended regimen (*see Section V Dosage and Administration for reference*);
9. Dose does not exceed both of the following (a and b):
   a. Sofosbuvir 400 mg/velpatasvir 100 mg/voxilaprevir 100 mg per day;
   b. 1 tablet per day.

Approval duration: up to 24 weeks*
*(*Approved duration should be consistent with a regimen in Section V Dosage and Administration)*

B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2)**:**
1. Member must use **sofosbuvir-velpatasvir (Epclusa authorized generic**), if applicable for the requested indication, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or both are contraindicated;
2. One of the following (a or b):
   a. 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 (i or ii):

i. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace/ICHRA) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: HIM.PA.33 for health insurance marketplace/ICHRA; or
ii. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace/ICHRA) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: HIM.PA.103 for health insurance marketplace/ICHRA; or

b. 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 2a above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace/ICHRA.

II. Continued Therapy*

For members in **Nevada, medical management techniques, including quantity management, beyond step therapy is not allowed.*

A. Hepatitis C Infection (must meet all)**:**

1. Member meets one of the following (a, b, or c):
   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);*
   c. Documentation supports that member is currently receiving Vosevi for HCV infection and has recently completed at least 28 days of treatment with Vosevi;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. Prescribed regimen is consistent with an FDA or AASLD-IDSA recommended regimen (*see Section V Dosage and Administration for reference*);
4. Dose does not exceed both of the following (a and b):
   a. Sofosbuvir 400 mg/velpatasvir 100 mg/voxilaprevir 100 mg per day;
   b. 1 tablet per day.

Approval duration: Up to a total treatment duration of 24 weeks*
*(*Approved duration should be consistent with a regimen in Section V Dosage and Administration)*

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: HIM.PA.33 for health insurance marketplace/ICHRA; 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: HIM.PA.103 for health insurance marketplace/ICHRA; 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: HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace/ICHRA.

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 policy – HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace/ICHRA, or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

AASLD: American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
DAA: direct-acting antiviral
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
HBV: hepatitis B virus
HCV: hepatitis C virus
HIV: human immunodeficiency virus
IDSA: Infectious Diseases Society of America
NS3/4A, NS5A/B: nonstructural protein
PegIFN: pegylated interferon
RBV: ribavirin
RAS: resistance-associated substitution
RNA: ribonucleic acid
SVR12: sustained virologic response at 12 weeks

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
sofosbuvir/ velpatasvir (Epclusa) + RBV	**Genotype 3** - Treatment-naïve with compensated cirrhosis and baseline NS5A RAS Y93H: sofosbuvir/velpatasvir 400 mg/100 mg + weight-based RBV for 12 weeks	sofosbuvir 400 mg /velpatasvir 100 mg (one tablet) per day

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s): coadministration with rifampin
- Boxed warning(s): risk of hepatitis B virus (HBV) reactivation in patients coinfected with HCV and HBV

Appendix D: Direct-Acting Antivirals for Treatment of HCV Infection

Brand Name	Drug Class				
	NS5A Inhibitor	Nucleotide Analog NS5B Polymerase Inhibitor	Non-Nucleoside NS5B Palm Polymerase Inhibitor	NS3/4A Protease Inhibitor (PI)	CYP3A Inhibitor
Epclusa*	Velpatasvir	Sofosbuvir			
Harvoni*	Ledipasvir	Sofosbuvir			
Mavyret*	Pibrentasvir			Glecaprevir	
Sovaldi		Sofosbuvir			
Vosevi*	Velpatasvir	Sofosbuvir		Voxilaprevir	
Zepatier*	Elbasvir			Grazoprevir	

**Combination drugs*

Appendix E: General Information

- HBV reactivation is a Box Warning for all direct-acting antiviral drugs for the treatment of HCV. HBV reactivation has been reported when treating HCV for patients co-infected with HBV, leading to fulminant hepatitis, hepatic failure, and death, in some cases. Patients should be monitored for HBV reactivation and hepatitis flare during HCV treatment and post-treatment follow-up, with treatment of HBV infection as clinically indicated.
- Child-Pugh Score:

	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points
Bilirubin	Less than 2 mg/dL Less than 34 umol/L	2-3 mg/dL 34-50 umol/L	Over 3 mg/dL Over 50 umol/L
Albumin	Over 3.5 g/dL Over 35 g/L	2.8-3.5 g/dL 28-35 g/L	Less than 2.8 g/dL Less than 28 g/L
INR	Less than 1.7	1.7 - 2.2	Over 2.2
Ascites	None	Mild / medically controlled	Moderate-severe / poorly controlled
Encephalopathy	None	Mild / medically controlled Grade I-II	Moderate-severe / poorly controlled. Grade III-IV

Child-Pugh class is determined by the total number of points: A = 5-6 points; B = 7-9 points; C = 10-15 points.

Appendix F: Healthcare Provider HCV Training

Acceptable HCV training programs and/or online courses include, but are not limited to the following:

- Hepatitis C online course (https://www.hepatitisc.uw.edu/): University of Washington is funded by the Division of Viral Hepatitis to develop a comprehensive, online self-study course for medical providers on diagnosis, monitoring, and management of hepatitis C virus infection. Free CME and CNE credit available.
- Fundamentals of Liver Disease (https://liverlearning.aasld.org/fundamentals-of-liver-disease): The AASLD, in collaboration with ECHO, the American College of Physicians

(ACP), CDC, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, has developed Fundamentals of Liver Disease, a free, online CME course to improve providers' knowledge and clinical skills in hepatology.
- Decera Clinical Education (formerly Clinical Care Options): https://deceraclinical.com/education/activities/infectious-disease

Appendix G: Incomplete Adherence and AASLD-IDSA Recommended Management of Treatment Interruptions
- There are minimal data regarding the outcome of patients who have incomplete adherence to DAA therapy or the threshold level of adherence below which the incidence of sustained virologic response at 12 weeks (SVR12) is significantly reduced. In general, a treatment interruption of < 7 days is unlikely to impact SVR12.
- There are few data on which to base recommendations regarding how to manage patients who have discontinued DAAs for several days to weeks. The below recommendations are applicable to treatment-naive patients with HCV, without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis*, and receiving either Mavyret or Epclusa*. Patients with prior DAA treatment, or receiving other DAA treatment regimens, or other populations (e.g., patients who are posttransplant or have decompensated cirrhosis) should be managed in consultation with an expert.
  - Interruptions during the first 28 days of DAA therapy:
    - If missed ≤ 7 days, restart DAA therapy immediately and complete therapy for originally planned duration (8 or 12 weeks).
    - If missed ≥ 8 days, restart DAA therapy immediately and obtain HCV RNA test as soon as possible. If HCV RNA is negative, complete originally planned DAA treatment course (8 or 12 weeks). Recommendation to extend DAA treatment for an additional 4 weeks for patients with genotype 3 and/or cirrhosis. If HCV RNA is positive or not obtained, extend DAA treatment for an additional 4 weeks.
  - Interruptions after receiving ≥ 28 days of DAA therapy:
    - If missed ≤ 7 days, restart DAA therapy immediately and complete therapy for originally planned duration (8 or 12 weeks).
    - If missed 8-20 consecutive days, restart DAA therapy immediately and obtain HCV RNA test as soon as possible. If HCV RNA is negative, complete originally planned DAA treatment course (8 or 12 weeks). Recommendation to extend DAA treatment for an additional 4 weeks for patients with genotype 3 and/or cirrhosis. If HCV RNA is positive or not obtained, stop treatment and retreat according to the recommendations in the AASLD-IDSA Retreatment Section.
    - If missed ≥ 21 consecutive days, stop DAA treatment and assess for SVR12. If SVR12 not achieved, retreat according to the recommendations in the AASLD-IDSA Retreatment Section.

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication: HCV	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose	Reference
Genotype 1-6: Treatment-experienced with NS5A inhibitor* with or	One tablet PO QD for 12 weeks	One tablet (sofosbuvir 400 mg/ velpatasvir	FDA-approved labeling

Indication: HCV	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose	Reference
without compensated cirrhosis		100 mg/ voxilaprevir 100 mg) per day	
Genotype 1a or 3: Treatment-experienced with a sofosbuvir-containing regimen without NS5A inhibitor† with or without compensated cirrhosis	One tablet PO QD for 12 weeks		FDA-approved labeling
Genotype 1-6: Treatment-experienced with Mavyret® without cirrhosis	One tablet PO QD for 12 weeks		AASLD-IDSA (updated December 2023)
Genotype 1-6: Treatment-experienced with Mavyret® with compensated cirrhosis	Vosevi one tablet PO QD with weight-based RBV for 12 weeks		AASLD-IDSA (updated December 2023)
Genotype 1-6: Treatment-experienced with Vosevi® with or without compensated cirrhosis	Vosevi one tablet PO QD with weight-based RBV for 24 weeks		AASLD-IDSA (updated December 2023)
Genotype 1-6: Zepatier® treatment failure with or without compensated cirrhosis	One tablet PO QD for 12 weeks		AASLD-IDSA (updated December 2023)
Genotype 3: Treatment-naïve with compensated cirrhosis and baseline NS5A RAS Y93H	One tablet PO QD for 12 weeks		AASLD-IDSA (updated December 2023)

AASLD/IDSA treatment guidelines for hepatitis C infection are updated at irregular intervals; refer to the most updated AASLD/IDSA guideline for most accurate treatment regimen.
** In clinical trials, prior NS5A inhibitor experience included daclatasvir, elbasvir, ledipasvir, ombitasvir, or velpatasvir. See Appendix D table for NS5A inhibitors.*
† In clinical trials, prior treatment experience included sofosbuvir with or without any of the following: peginterferon alfa/ribavirin, ribavirin, HCV NS3/4A protease inhibitor (boceprevir, simeprevir, or telaprevir)

VI. Product Availability

Tablet: sofosbuvir 400 mg/velpatasvir 100 mg/voxilaprevir 100 mg

VII. References

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
3Q 2022 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	05.05.22	08.22
Added pathway to Vosevi approval for a specific treatment-naïve genotype 3 scenario per AASLD guideline; clarified prior DAA regimen is a criterion for an HCV treatment-experienced member. Template changes applied to other diagnoses/indications and continued therapy section.	08.29.22	
Per SDC, added the following requirement: If request is from Florida for HCV genotype 3, treatment-naive, compensated cirrhosis with documentation of the presence of baseline NS5A RAS Y93H for velpatasvir: member must use Epclusa authorized generic in combination with ribavirin.	01.12.23	
3Q 2023 annual review: eliminated adherence program participation criterion since member is already being managed by an HCV-trained specialist and due to competitor analysis; references reviewed and updated.	04.17.23	08.23
Per April SDC, expanded Epclusa authorized generic redirection to include states other than Florida.	09.21.23	12.23
Added disclaimer that medical management techniques, including quantity management, beyond step therapy are not allowed for members in NV per SB 439.	05.31.24	
3Q 2024 annual review: removed qualifier of "chronic" from HCV criteria as AASLD-IDSA recommends treatment of both acute and chronic HCV; added prescriber exception for HIM Georgia per plan request; added Epclusa authorized generic redirection to other diagnoses/indications section; added Appendix G for guidance on incomplete adherence and AASLD-IDSA recommended management of treatment interruptions; references reviewed and updated.	05.28.24	08.24
3Q 2025 annual review: added step therapy bypass for IL HIM per IL HB 5395; for continued therapy criteria, added "Prescribed regimen is consistent with an FDA or AASLD-IDSA recommended regimen"; references reviewed and updated. For continued therapy criteria, revised option for treatment duration minimum from 60 days to 28 days and removed requirement for specific confirmed genotype with treatment status.	07.15.25	08.25
3Q 2026 annual review: no significant changes; added ICHRA line of business; references reviewed and updated.	04.15.26	08.26

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Per September SDC: removed criterion requiring life expectancy ≥ 12 months with HCV treatment.	09.15.26	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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