Clinical Policy: Teriflunomide (Aubagio)
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Line of Business: Commercial, HIM

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

Description
Teriflunomide (Aubagio®) is a pyrimidine synthesis inhibitor.

FDA Approved Indication(s)
Aubagio is indicated for the treatment of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS), to include clinically isolated syndrome, relapsing-remitting disease, and active secondary progressive disease, 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 Aubagio is medically necessary when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria
   A. Multiple Sclerosis (must meet all):
      1. Diagnosis of one of the following (a, b, or c):
         a. Clinically isolated syndrome;
         b. Relapsing-remitting MS;
         c. Secondary progressive MS;
      2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist;
      3. Age ≥ 18 years;
      4. Aubagio is not prescribed concurrently with other disease modifying therapies for MS (see Appendix D);
      5. At the time of request, member is not receiving leflunomide;
      6. Dose does not exceed 14 mg (1 tablet) per day.

   Approval duration:
   HIM – 6 months
   Commercial – Length of Benefit

   B. Other diagnoses/indications
      1. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.CPA.09 for commercial and HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace.
II. Continued Therapy
   A. Multiple Sclerosis (must meet all):
      1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
      2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
      3. Aubagio is not prescribed concurrently with other disease modifying therapies for MS (see Appendix D);
      4. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 14 mg (1 tablet) per day.
   Approval duration:
   HIM – 12 months
   Commercial – Length of Benefit

   B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):
      1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy.
      Approval duration: Duration of request or 6 months (whichever is less); or
      2. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.CPA.09 for commercial and HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace.

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 – CP.CPA.09 for commercial and HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace or evidence of coverage documents;
   B. Primary progressive MS.

IV. Appendices/General Information
   Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key
   FDA: Food and Drug Administration
   MS: multiple sclerosis

   Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives
   Not applicable

   Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings
   • Contraindication(s): severe hepatic impairment; pregnancy or females of reproductive potential not using effective contraception; hypersensitivity to teriflunomide, leflunomide or any inactive ingredients in Aubagio; current leflunomide treatment
   • Boxed warning(s): hepatotoxicity, risk of teratogenicity

   Appendix C: General Information
   • Disease-modifying therapies for MS are: glatiramer acetate (Copaxone®, Glatopa®), interferon beta-1a (Avonex®, Rebif®), interferon beta-1b (Betaseron®, Extavia®), peginterferon beta-1a (Plegridy®), dimethyl fumarate (Tecfidera®), fingolimod
Teriflunomide is the principal active metabolite of leflunomide and is responsible for leflunomide's activity in vivo. At recommended doses, teriflunomide and leflunomide result in a similar range of plasma concentrations of teriflunomide.

V. Dosage and Administration

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<td>Relapsing MS</td>
<td>7 or 14 mg PO QD with or without food</td>
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VI. Product Availability

Tablets: 7 mg, 14 mg

VII. References


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