

**Clinical Policy: Sonidegib (Odomzo)**

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**Description**

Sonidegib (Odomzo<sup>®</sup>) is a hedgehog pathway inhibitor.

**FDA Approved Indication(s)**

Odomzo is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with locally advanced basal cell carcinoma (BCC) that has recurred following surgery or radiation therapy, or those who are not candidates for surgery or radiation 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<sup>®</sup> that Odomzo is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

**I. Initial Approval Criteria****A. Basal Cell Carcinoma** (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of one of the following (a, b, or c):
  - a. Locally advanced or locally recurrent BCC that meets one of the following (i, ii, or iii):
    - i. Member has disease that recurred following surgery;
    - ii. Member has disease that recurred following radiation;
    - iii. Member is not a candidate for surgery or radiation;
  - b. Nodal disease and surgery is not feasible;
  - c. Diffuse BCC formation (e.g., Gorlin syndrome or other genetic forms of multiple BCC);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age  $\geq$  18 years;
4. Odomzo is prescribed as a single agent;
5. For Odomzo requests, member must use generic sonidegib, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
6. Request meets one of the following (a or b):\*
  - a. Dose does not exceed both of the following (i and ii):
    - i. 200 mg per day;
    - ii. 1 tablet 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:**

**Medicaid/HIM** – 6 months

**Commercial** – 12 months or duration of request, whichever is less

**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) 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, and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
  - b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) 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, 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, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

**II. Continued Therapy**

**A. Basal Cell Carcinoma** (must meet all):

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

*\*Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

**Approval duration:**

**Medicaid/HIM** – 12 months

**Commercial** – 12 months or duration of request, whichever is less

**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) 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, and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
  - b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) 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, 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, 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, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid, or evidence of coverage documents.

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

BCC: basal cell carcinoma

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

NCCN: National Comprehensive Care Network

*Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*

Not applicable

*Appendix C: Contraindication/Boxed Warnings*

- Contraindication(s): none reported
- Boxed warning(s): embryo-fetal toxicity

**V. Dosage and Administration**

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
BCC	200 mg PO QD	200 mg/day

**VI. Product Availability**

Capsule: 200 mg

**VII. References**

1. Odomzo Prescribing Information. Cranbury, NJ: Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.; August 2023. Available at <https://www.odomzo.com>. Accessed January 30, 2025.
2. National Comprehensive Cancer Network Guidelines. Basal Cell Skin Cancer Version 1.2025. Available at [https://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician\\_gls/pdf/nmsc.pdf](https://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/nmsc.pdf). Accessed January 30, 2025.

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
2Q 2021 annual review: added BCC criteria for diagnosis of locally advanced BCC, previous surgery or radiation therapy if eligible, and use as a single agent, as these criteria are supported by the FDA label and/or NCCN; references for HIM line of business off-label use revised from HIM.PHAR.21 to HIM.PA.154; reference reviewed and updated.	02.02.21	05.21
2Q 2022 annual review: expanded BCC indication to include local recurrence and added indication of diffuse basal cell carcinoma (BCC) formation per NCCN; added generic redirection criteria; Commercial approval duration revised from “Length of Benefit” to “12 months or duration of request, whichever is less”; references reviewed and updated.	02.14.22	05.22
Template changes applied to other diagnoses/indications.	09.20.22	
2Q 2023 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated. Template verbiage per continued therapy section does not apply.	01.20.23	05.23
2Q 2024 annual review: added indication for nodal disease and surgery is not feasible per NCCN; references reviewed and updated.	02.08.24	05.24
2Q 2025 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	01.30.25	05.25

**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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**Note:**

**For Medicaid members**, when state Medicaid coverage provisions conflict with the coverage provisions in this clinical policy, state Medicaid coverage provisions take precedence. Please refer to the state Medicaid manual for any coverage provisions pertaining to this clinical policy.

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