

# SmartPA Criteria Proposal

<b>Drug/Drug Class:</b>	Luxturna Clinical Edit
<b>First Implementation Date:</b>	April 18, 2019
<b>Proposed Date:</b>	June 16, 2022
<b>Prepared for:</b>	MO HealthNet
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<b>Criteria Status:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of Existing Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> New Criteria

## Executive Summary

**Purpose:** Ensure appropriate utilization and control of Luxturna® (voretigene neparvovec-rzyl)

**Why Issue Selected:** Luxturna® is an adeno-associated virus vector-based gene therapy indicated for the treatment of patients with confirmed biallelic *RPE65* mutation-associated retinal dystrophy, an inherited form of vision loss. Biallelic *RPE65* mutation-associated retinal dystrophy affects approximately 1,000 to 2,000 patients in the United States. Mutations in the *RPE65* gene lead to reduced or absent concentrations of RPE65 isomerohydrolase activity, blocking the visual cycle and resulting in impaired vision. Vision loss often begins during childhood or adolescence and ultimately progresses to complete blindness. Luxturna is a live, non-replicating adeno-associated virus serotype 2 which has been genetically modified to express the human *RPE65* gene; it delivers a normal copy of the gene to the cells of the retina, allowing normal protein production to facilitate phototransduction and restoration of vision loss. Luxturna is administered by subretinal injection performed in each eye on separate days within a close interval, but no fewer than 6 days apart. Premedication with a short course of oral corticosteroids is required prior to administration to prevent potential immune reaction. Due to the high cost and specific approved indication, MO HealthNet will impose clinical criteria to ensure appropriate utilization of Luxturna.

Program-Specific Information:	Date Range FFS 4-1-2021 to 3-31-2022			
	Drug	Claims	Cost per vial	Cost per therapy
	LUXTURNA VIAL	0	\$423,300.00 MAC	\$846,600.00 MAC

**Type of Criteria:**  Increased risk of ADE  Preferred Drug List  
 Appropriate Indications  Clinical Edit

**Data Sources:**  Only Administrative Databases  Databases + Prescriber-Supplied

## Setting & Population

- Drug class for review: Luxturna® (voretigene neparvovec-rzyl)
- Age range: All appropriate MO HealthNet participants aged 12 months or older

## Approval Criteria

- Prescribed by or in consultation with an ophthalmologist or other specialist in the treated disease state **AND**
- Participant has vision loss due to biallelic *RPE65* mutation-associated retinal dystrophy as confirmed through genetic testing **AND**
- Participant has viable retinal cells as determined by the provider **AND**
- Claim does not exceed 2 doses (1 dose per eye) per lifetime

## Denial Criteria

- Therapy will be denied if all approval criteria are not met

## Required Documentation

Laboratory Results:  
MedWatch Form:

X

Progress Notes:  
Other:

X

## Disposition of Edit

Denial: Exception code "0682" (Clinical Edit)  
Rule Type: CE

## Default Approval Period

30 days

## References

- LUXTURNA (voretigene neparovec-rzyl) intraocular suspension for subretinal injection [package insert]. Philadelphia, PA: Spark Therapeutics, Inc.; December 2019.
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