

SmartPA Criteria Proposal

Drug/Drug Class:	Hereditary Angioedema Agents PDL Edit
First Implementation Date:	May 9, 2019
Proposed Date:	December 16, 2021
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Criteria Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Criteria <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision of Existing Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> New Criteria

Executive Summary

Purpose: The MO HealthNet Pharmacy Program will implement a state-specific preferred drug list.

Why Issue Selected: Hereditary angioedema is a rare disease, occurring in an estimated 1 in 50,000 people. The disease is characterized by recurrent attacks of angioedema, without urticaria or pruritis, that occur due to C1-inhibitor deficiency (type I) or dysfunction (type II). The agents for hereditary angioedema include C1 esterase inhibitors (Berinert[®], Cinryze[®], Haegarda[®], Ruconest[®]), ecallantide (Kalbitor[®]), icatibant (Firazyr[®]), lanadelumab-flyo (Takhzyro[®]), and berotralstat (Orladeyo[®]). The primary mediator of the swelling with hereditary angioedema is bradykinin, which is present in excess amounts during attacks. These agents aim to address the underlying pathophysiology by either working as a replacement for missing or malfunctioning C1 inhibitor, targeting kallikrein (berotralstat, ecallantide, and lanadelumab-flyo) to prevent excess bradykinin generation or inhibiting the binding of bradykinin through inhibition of its receptors (icatibant).

The International World Allergy Organization/European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (WAO/EAACI) guidelines provide the most current recommendations for both acute attacks and long-term management. Early treatment with C1 esterase inhibitors (plasma-derived or recombinant), ecallantide, or icatibant should be considered for all attacks, with definitive treatment strongly recommended for any attack affecting or potentially affecting the upper airway. For pediatric patients aged less than 12 years, plasma-derived C1 esterase inhibitors are recommended for treatment. Early treatment is associated with a quicker resolution of symptoms and attack duration. In order to facilitate early treatment, it is also recommended that patients have an agent available to them in the home. The second-line treatment option for acute attacks is plasma.

Long-term prophylaxis is appropriate for all patients regardless of disease severity. The preferred option for both adult and pediatric patients is plasma-derived C1 esterase inhibitors. However, the first oral prophylactic therapy, Orladeyo, was approved in December 2020 for use in patients aged 12 years and older and may prove to be a viable option for those patients currently untreated or with an aversion to injections.

Total program savings for the PDL classes will be regularly reviewed.

Required Documentation

Laboratory Results:
MedWatch Form:

Progress Notes:
Other:

Disposition of Edit

Denial: Exception "0160" (Preferred Drug List Edit)
Rule Type: PDL

Default Approval Period

6 months

References

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