



# SmartPA Criteria Proposal

<b>Drug/Drug Class:</b>	Vyjuvek Clinical Edit
<b>First Implementation Date:</b>	TBD
<b>Proposed Date:</b>	October 17, 2023
<b>Prepared for:</b>	MO HealthNet
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<b>Criteria Status:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of Existing Criteria <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Criteria

## Executive Summary

**Purpose:** Ensure appropriate utilization and control of Vyjuvek™ (beremagene geperpavec-svdt)

**Why Issue Selected:** On May 19, 2023, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Vyjuvek™ (beremagene geperpavec-svdt) for the treatment of wounds in patients 6 months of age and older with dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa (DEB) with mutation(s) in the collagen type VII alpha 1 chain (COL7A1) gene.

Epidermolysis bullosa (EB) is a genetic skin disorder that causes abnormalities in the cohesion of the layers of the epidermis resulting in skin fragility. EB is caused by mutations involving several genes that encode for structural proteins within keratin intermediate filaments, desmosome cell junctions, and hemidesmosome attachment complexes. Symptoms of EB vary widely among affected patients. Clinical manifestations include blisters, erosions, nonhealing ulcerations, and scars in response to mild skin trauma. Patients often present with extracutaneous manifestations including hair and nail abnormalities, ocular blisters, oral blisters, gastrointestinal complications, and genitourinary complications. Severe cases of EB may result in malnutrition, anemia, infection, skin cancer, and death. The National Epidermolysis Bullosa Registry (NEBR) estimates the incidence of EB to be approximately 20 per million live births.

Vyjuvek is a herpes-simplex virus type 1 (HSV-1) vector-based gene therapy and is the first-in-class topical gene therapy treatment approved for DEB. Further disease management is mostly supportive focusing on wound care, pain control, controlling infections, nutritional support, and prevention and treatment of complications.

Due to the high cost and specific approved indication, MO HealthNet will impose clinical criteria to ensure appropriate utilization of Vyjuvek.

**Program-Specific Information:**

Drug	Cost per vial (WAC)	Cost per month (WAC)*	Cost per year (WAC)*
VYJUVEK	\$24,250	\$48,500	\$630,500

\*Cost based on estimated usage of 26 vials per year

**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: Vyjuvek™ (beremagene geperpavec-svdt)
- Age range: All appropriate MO HealthNet participants aged 6 months and older

## Approval Criteria

### Initial Approval Criteria

- Must meet all of the following:
  - Prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist or other specialist in the treated disease state;
  - Participant is aged 6 months or older;
  - Documented diagnosis of dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa (DEB) confirmed by genetic testing showing pathogenic variant(s) in the *COL7A1* gene; **AND**
  - Documented baseline number and size of wounds
- Initial approval period: 6 months

### Continuation of Therapy

- Must meet all of the following:
  - Documented benefit of therapy defined as reduction in number or size of wounds
- Continuation approval period: 12 months

## Denial Criteria

- Therapy will deny with presence of one of the following:
  - Any approval criteria are not met; **OR**
  - Participant is currently pregnant

## Required Documentation

Laboratory Results:   
MedWatch Form:

Progress Notes:   
Other:

## Disposition of Edit

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

## Default Approval Period

6 months

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