

Clinical Policy: Mifepristone (Korlym)

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Line of Business: Commercial, HIM, Medicaid

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Description

Mifepristone (Korlym[®]) is a cortisol receptor blocker.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Korlym is indicated to control hyperglycemia secondary to hypercortisolism in adult patients with endogenous Cushing's syndrome who have type 2 diabetes mellitus or glucose intolerance and have failed surgery or are not candidates for surgery.

Limitation(s) of use: Do not use for the treatment of type 2 diabetes mellitus unrelated to endogenous Cushing's syndrome.

Policy/Criteria

Provider must submit documentation (including 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 Korlym is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria**A. Cushing's Syndrome** (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of uncontrolled hyperglycemia secondary to endogenous Cushing's syndrome;
2. Member has type 2 diabetes mellitus, impaired glucose tolerance or pre-diabetes as evidenced by a fasting blood glucose, oral glucose tolerance test, or hemoglobin A1c;
3. Prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist;
4. Age \geq 18 years;
5. Surgery to treat Cushing's syndrome was insufficient or member is not a candidate for surgery;
6. At the time of request, member does not have any of the following contraindications (a and b):
 - a. Concurrent use of drugs metabolized by CYP3A (e.g., simvastatin, lovastatin), or CYP3A substrates with narrow therapeutic ranges (e.g., cyclosporine, dihydroergotamine, ergotamine, fentanyl, pimozide, quinidine, sirolimus, tacrolimus);
 - b. Concurrent long-term corticosteroid use;
7. Dose does not exceed 1,200 mg (4 tablets) per day.

Approval duration:

Medicaid/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, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

II. Continued Therapy

A. Cushing's Syndrome (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met all initial approval criteria;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy as evidenced by, including but not limited to, improvement in any of the following parameters: improved fasting blood glucose, oral glucose tolerance test, or hemoglobin A1c since initiation of therapy;
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 1,200 mg (4 tablets) per day.

Approval duration:

Medicaid/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 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, 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

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s):
 - Pregnancy
 - Concurrent use of drugs metabolized by CYP3A (e.g., simvastatin, lovastatin), or CYP3A substrates with narrow therapeutic ranges (e.g., cyclosporine, dihydroergotamine, ergotamine, fentanyl, pimozide, quinidine, sirolimus, tacrolimus);
 - Concurrent systemic corticosteroids for lifesaving purposes (e.g., immunosuppression after organ transplantation)
 - Women with history of unexplained vaginal bleeding or endometrial hyperplasia with atypia or endometrial carcinoma
 - Known hypersensitivity to mifepristone
- Boxed warning(s): termination of pregnancy

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Cushing's syndrome	Starting dose is 300 mg PO QD. May increase in 300 mg increments (dose increase once every 2 to 4 weeks).	1,200 mg/day

VI. Product Availability

Tablets: 300 mg

VII. References

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3. Fleseriu M, Molitch ME, Gross C, et al. A new therapeutic approach in the medical treatment of Cushing's syndrome: glucocorticoid receptor blockade with mifepristone. *Endocr Pract*. March/April 2013; 19(2): 313-326.
4. American Diabetes Association. Standards of medical care in diabetes—2019. *Diabetes Care*. 2019; 42(suppl 1): S1-S193. Updated July 31, 2019. Accessed November 5, 2019.

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
1Q18 annual review: - Policies combined for Medicaid and Commercial lines of business. - Age added. "Adherence to an anti-diabetic regimen" is removed due to verification challenge. - The following contraindications are removed due to verification challenge: history of unexplained vaginal bleeding; endometrial hyperplasia with atypia or endometrial carcinoma. - "Dose does not exceed 1200 mg/day or 20 mg/kg per day, whichever is less" is edited to "Dose does not exceed 1200 mg/day". - - References reviewed and updated.	11.28.17	02.18

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
1Q 2019 annual review: pregnancy removed as a contraindication; no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	11.13.18	02.19
1Q 2020 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated; added HIM line of business.	11.05.19	02.20
1Q 2021 annual review: no significant changes; revised off-label policy references from HIM.PHAR.21 to HIM.PA.154; references reviewed and updated.	11.03.20	02.21
1Q 2022 annual review: no significant changes; clarified diagnosis requirement by separating into two separate requirements; references reviewed and updated.	09.22.21	02.22

Important Reminder

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