

Clinical Policy: Teduglutide (Gattex)

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Line of Business: Commercial, HIM, Medicaid

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Description

Teduglutide (Gattex[®]) is a glucagon-like peptide-2 analog.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Gattex is indicated for treatment of adult and pediatric patients 1 year of age and older with short bowel syndrome (SBS) who are dependent on parenteral support.

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[®] that Gattex is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Short Bowel Syndrome (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of SBS;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist;
3. Age \geq 1 year;
4. Weight \geq 10 kg;
5. Dependent on parenteral nutrition or other intravenous support for \geq 12 months;
6. If age \geq 18 years, failure of a 4-week trial of somatropin (e.g., Norditropin[®], Humatrope[®]) unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;

**Prior authorization may be required for somatropin.*

7. Dose does not exceed 0.05 mg/kg per day.

Approval duration:

HIM/Medicaid – 12 months

Commercial – 12 months or to member's renewal period, whichever is longer

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. Short Bowel Syndrome (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met all initial approval criteria;
2. Requirement for parenteral nutrition or other intravenous support has decreased since initiation of Gattex therapy;
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 0.05 mg/kg per day.

Approval duration:

HIM/Medicaid – 12 months

Commercial – 12 months or to member’s renewal period, whichever is longer

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 or 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 policy – 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

SBS: short bowel syndrome

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent and may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
somatropin (e.g., Norditropin)	Refer to prescribing information (<i>dosing is individualized depending on nature and severity of disease, formulation, and patient response</i>)	Varies

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name[®] (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name[®]) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings
None reported

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
SBS	0.05 mg/kg SC QD	0.05 mg/kg/day

VI. Product Availability

Single-use vial: 5 mg

VII. References

1. Gattex Prescribing Information. Lexington, MA: Shire-NPS Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; January 2021. Available at <http://www.gattex.com>. Accessed November 11, 2021.
2. Parrish CR, DiBaise JK. Managing the adult patient with short bowel syndrome. *Gastroenterology & Hepatology*. October 2017; 13(10): 600-608.
3. Seidner DL, Schwartz LK, Winkler MF, et al. Increased intestinal absorption in the era of teduglutide and its impact on management strategies in patients with short bowel syndrome – associated intestinal failure. *JPEN*. 2013; 37: 201-2011.

Coding Implications

Codes referenced in this clinical policy are for informational purposes only. Inclusion or exclusion of any codes does not guarantee coverage. Providers should reference the most up-to-date sources of professional coding guidance prior to the submission of claims for reimbursement of covered services.

HCPCS Codes	Description
J3490	Unclassified drugs

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
1Q18 annual review: Policies combined for Medicaid and Commercial lines of business; age added; preferencing for Zorptive added; the following criteria are removed given the 12-month PN requirement: colonoscopy; PN ≥ 3 times per week; use of antimotility and antisecretory agents; “consecutive” removed from the 12-month PN requirement; initial duration is increased from 6 to 12 months to allow more time for therapeutic response; continued therapy duration is increased from 6 to 12 months; references reviewed and updated.	12.01.17	02.18
3Q 2018 annual review: broadened redirection to any somatropin product, listing preferred products as examples; references reviewed and updated.	05.09.18	08.18
1Q 2019 annual review; no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	11.13.18	02.19

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
No significant changes; revised age requirement from 18 years to 1 year to align with updated prescribing information; added HIM-Medical Benefit line of business; references reviewed and updated.	06.07.19	
No significant changes; somatropin trial parenthetical revised to remove Zorbtive as an example.	09.19.19	
1Q 2020 annual review: added HIM line of business; removed HIM-Medical Benefit; somatropin trial limited to adults; references reviewed and updated.	11.19.19	02.20
1Q 2021 annual review: no significant changes; references to HIM.PHAR.21 revised to HIM.PA.154; references reviewed and updated.	10.22.20	02.21
1Q 2022 annual review: added minimum weight requirement based on prescribing information; added HCPCS codes; references reviewed and updated.	11.11.21	02.22

Important Reminder

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