

Clinical Policy: Factor VIIa, Recombinant (NovoSeven RT, SevenFact)

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Line of Business: Commercial, HIM, Medicaid

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Description

Factor VIIa, recombinant (NovoSeven[®] RT) and coagulation factor VIIa (recombinant)-jncw (SevenFact[®]) are coagulation factors.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

NovoSeven RT is indicated for treatment of bleeding episodes and perioperative management in:

- Adults and children with hemophilia A or B with inhibitors, congenital factor VII (FVII) deficiency, and Glanzmann's thrombasthenia with refractoriness to platelet transfusions, with or without antibodies to platelets
- Adults with acquired hemophilia

SevenFact is indicated for the treatment and control of bleeding episodes occurring in adults and adolescents (12 years of age and older) with hemophilia A or B with inhibitors.

Limitation(s) of Use: SevenFact is not indicated for treatment of congenital factor VII deficiency.

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 NovoSeven RT and SevenFact are **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Hemophilia A or B with Inhibitors, Congenital Factor VII Deficiency (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Congenital or acquired hemophilia A or B with inhibitors;
 - b. Congenital factor VII deficiency (NovoSeven RT requests only);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist;
3. For SevenFact requests only: Age \geq 12 years;
4. Request is for one of the following uses (a or b):
 - a. Control and prevention of bleeding episodes;
 - b. Perioperative management (NovoSeven RT requests only);
5. Documentation of member's current body weight (in kg);
6. Dose does not exceed one of the following (a or b):

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- a. For NovoSeven requests:
 - i. Hemophilia: 90 mcg/kg every two hours;
 - ii. Congenital factor VII deficiency: 30 mcg/kg every four hours;
- b. For SevenFact requests: 75 mcg/kg every 2 hours.

Approval duration: 3 months

B. Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of Glanzmann's thrombasthenia (NovoSeven RT requests only);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist;
3. Condition is refractory to platelet transfusions;
4. Documentation of member's current body weight (in kg);
5. Request is for one of the following uses (a or b):
 - a. Control and prevention of bleeding episodes;
 - b. Perioperative management;
6. Dose does not exceed 90 mcg/kg every two hours.

Approval duration: 3 months

C. 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.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

II. Continued Therapy**A. All Indications in Section I (must meet all):**

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. Documentation of member's current body weight (in kg);
4. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed one of the following (a or b):
 - a. For NovoSeven requests:
 - i. Hemophilia: 90 mcg/kg every two hours;
 - ii. Congenital factor VII deficiency: 30 mcg/kg every four hours;
 - b. For SevenFact requests: 75 mcg/kg every 2 hours.

Approval duration: 3 months

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 3 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.

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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

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s):
 - NovoSeven RT: none reported
 - SevenFact: known allergy to rabbits or rabbit proteins; severe hypersensitivity reaction to SevenFact or any of its components
- Boxed warning(s): thrombosis

Appendix D: General Information

- Congenital hemophilia A is a deficiency of factor VIII.
- Congenital hemophilia B is a deficiency of factor IX.
- Acquired hemophilia is evidenced by presence of coagulation factor inhibitors (autoantibodies).

V. Dosage and Administration

Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Factor VIIa, recombinant (NovoSeven RT)	Treatment of bleeding episodes	<u>Congenital hemophilia A or B with inhibitors:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 mcg/kg IV every 2 hrs, adjustable based on severity of bleeding until hemostasis is achieved • 90 mcg/kg IV every 3-6 hrs after hemostasis is achieved for severe bleeds <u>Congenital factor VII deficiency:</u> 15-30 mcg/kg IV every 4-6 hrs until hemostasis is achieved <u>Glanzmann’s thrombasthenia:</u>	Congenital factor VII deficiency: 30 mcg/kg every 4 hrs All other indications: 90 mcg/kg every 2 hrs

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Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
		<p>90 mcg/kg IV every 2-6 hrs until hemostasis is achieved</p> <p><u>Acquired hemophilia:</u> 70-90 mcg/kg IV every 2-3 hrs until hemostasis is achieved</p>	
Factor VIIa, recombinant (NovoSeven RT)	Peri-operative management	<p><u>Congenital hemophilia A or B with inhibitors:</u></p> <p><i>Minor surgery:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 mcg/kg IV immediately before surgery, repeat every 2 hrs during surgery • 90 mcg/kg IV every 2 hrs after surgery for 48 hours, then every 2-6 hrs until healing has occurred <p><i>Major surgery:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 mcg/kg IV immediately before surgery, repeat every 2 hrs during surgery • 90 mcg/kg IV every 2 hrs after surgery for 5 days, then every 4 hrs or by continuous infusion at 50 mcg/kg/hr until healing has occurred • Additional boluses can be given <p><u>Congenital factor VII deficiency:</u> 15-30 mcg/kg IV immediately before surgery and every 4-6 hours for the duration of surgery and until hemostasis is achieved Note: doses as low as 10 mcg/kg can be effective</p> <p><u>Glanzmann's thrombasthenia:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 mcg/kg IV immediately before surgery and repeat every 2 hrs for the duration of the procedure • 90 mcg/kg IV every 2-6 hrs to prevent post-operative bleeding 	<p>Congenital factor VII deficiency: 30 mcg/kg every 4 hrs</p> <p>Glanzmann's thrombasthenia: 140 mcg/kg every 2 hrs</p> <p>All other indications: 90 mcg/kg every 2 hrs</p>

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Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher doses of 100-140 mcg/kg can be used for surgical patients who have clinical refractoriness with or without platelet-specific antibodies <p><u>Acquired hemophilia:</u> 70-90 mcg/kg immediately before surgery and every 2-3 hrs for the duration of surgery and until hemostasis is achieved</p>	
Coagulation factor VIIa (recombinant)-jncw (SevenFact)	Treatment and control of bleeding episodes	<p><u>For mild or moderate bleeds:</u> 75 mcg/kg IV every 3 hrs until hemostasis is achieved OR Initial dose of 225 mcg/kg; if hemostasis is not achieved within 9 hrs, additional 75 mcg/kg every 3 hrs as needed to achieve hemostasis</p> <p><u>For severe bleeds:</u> 225 mcg/kg, followed if necessary 6 hrs later with 75 mcg/kg every 2 hrs</p>	75 mcg/kg every 3 hrs

VI. Product Availability

Drug Name	Availability
Factor VIIa, recombinant (NovoSeven RT)	Powder for reconstitution in single-use vial: 1 mg, 2 mg, 5 mg, 8 mg
Coagulation factor VIIa (recombinant)-jncw (SevenFact)	Lyophilized powder for reconstitution in single-use vial: 1 mg, 5 mg

VII. References

1. NovoSeven RT Prescribing Information. Plainsboro, NJ: Novo Nordisk, Inc.; July 2020. Available at <http://www.novosevenrt.com>. Accessed December 1, 2020.
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4. Medical and Scientific Advisory Council (MASAC) of the National Hemophilia Foundation (NHF): Database of treatment guidelines. Available at

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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
J7189	Factor VIIa (antihemophilic factor, recombinant), per 1 mcg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Safety information removed. Wording for uses and approval periods for all blood factor products made consistent across all policies. Efficacy statement added to renewal criteria. Hemophilias are specified as “congenital” versus “acquired” across blood factor policies where indicated. Added requirement that acquired hemophilia be evidenced by the presence of factor VIII inhibitors. Reviewed by specialist- hematology/internal medicine.	04.01.17	05.17
1Q18 annual review: - No significant changes - Converted to new template - References reviewed and updated.	11.29.17	02.18
1Q 2019 annual review: added HIM-Medical Benefit; no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	09.26.18	02.19
1Q 2020 annual review: no significant changes; added HIM line of business; references reviewed and updated.	11.27.19	02.20
RT4: Added newly approved product SevenFact to the policy.	04.21.20	
1Q 2021 annual review: added commercial line of business; added requirement for documentation of member’s body weight for calculation of appropriate dosage; clarified covered indications for SevenFact to align with FDA label; references to HIM.PHAR.21 revised to HIM.PA.154; references reviewed and updated.	12.01.20	02.21

Important Reminder

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