

Clinical Policy: Lanadelumab-fylo (Takhzyro)

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Line of Business: Commercial, HIM, Medicaid

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Description

Lanadelumab-fylo (Takhzyro™) is a human monoclonal antibody that inhibits the proteolytic activity of kallikrein to reduce the generation of bradykinin.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Takhzyro is indicated for prophylaxis to prevent attacks of hereditary angioedema (HAE) in patients 12 years and older.

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 Takhzyro is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria**A. Hereditary Angioedema** (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of HAE confirmed by one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Low C4 level and low C1-INH antigenic or functional level (*see Appendix D*);
 - b. Normal C4 level and normal C1-INH level, and both of the following (i and ii):
 - i. History of recurrent angioedema;
 - ii. Family history of angioedema;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an allergist, hematologist, or immunologist;
3. Age ≥ 12 years;
4. Member meets one of the following (a, b, or c):
 - a. Member experiences more than one severe event per month;
 - b. Member is disabled more than five days per month;
 - c. Member has history of previous airway compromise;
5. Member is not using Takhzyro in combination with another FDA-approved product for long-term prophylaxis of HAE attacks (e.g., Cinryze®, Haegarda®, Orladeyo™);
6. Dose does not exceed 300 mg every 2 weeks.

Approval duration:**Medicaid/HIM** – 6 months**Commercial** – 6 months or to the member's renewal date, 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. Hereditary Angioedema (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 as evidenced by reduction in attacks from baseline;
3. Member is not using Takhzyro in combination with another FDA-approved product for long-term prophylaxis of HAE attacks (e.g., Cinryze, Haegarda, Orladeyo);
4. Request is for 300 mg every 4 weeks, unless documentation supports member is not well-controlled (e.g., attack(s) within the last 6 months);
5. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 300 mg every 2 weeks.

Approval duration:

Medicaid/HIM – 12 months

Commercial – 6 months or to the member's renewal date, 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 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

CI-INH: C1 esterase inhibitor

C4: complement component 4

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

HAE: Hereditary Angioedema

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

None reported

Appendix D: General Information

- Diagnosis of HAE:
 - There are two classifications of HAE: HAE with C1-INH deficiency (further broken down into Type I and Type II) and HAE of unknown origin (also known as Type III).
 - In both Type I (~85% of cases) and Type II (~15% of cases), C4 levels are low. C1-INH antigenic levels are low in Type I while C1-INH functional levels are low in Type II. Diagnosis of Type I and II can be confirmed with laboratory tests. Reference ranges for C4 and C1-INH levels can vary across laboratories (see below for examples); low values confirming diagnosis are those which are below the lower end of normal.

Laboratory Test & Reference Range	Mayo Clinic	Quest Diagnostics	Lab Corp
C4	14 – 40 mg/dL	16 – 47 mg/dL	13 – 44 mg/dL
C1-INH, antigenic	19 – 37 mg/dL	21 – 39 mg/dL	21 – 39 mg/dL
C1-INH, functional	Normal: > 67% Equivocal: 41 – 67% Abnormal: < 41%	Normal: ≥ 68% Equivocal: 41 – 67% Abnormal: ≤ 40%	Normal: > 67% Equivocal: 41 – 67% Abnormal: < 41%

- Type III, on the other hand, presents with normal C4 and C1-INH levels. Some patients have an associated mutation in the FXII gene, while others have no identified genetic indicators. Type III is very rare (number of cases unknown), and there are no laboratory tests to confirm the diagnosis. Instead the diagnosis is clinical and supported by recurrent episodes of angioedema with a strong family history of angioedema.

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
HAE attack prophylaxis	300 mg SC every 2 weeks A dosing interval of 300 mg every 4 weeks may be considered if the patient is well-controlled (e.g., attack free) for more than 6 months	300 mg SC every 2 weeks

VI. Product Availability

Injection: 300 mg/2 mL (150 mg/mL) solution in single dose vial

VII. References

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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
J0593	Injection, lanadelumab-flyo, 1 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy created	09.25.18	11.18
1Q 2019 annual review: added requirement that member is not using requested product in combination with other approved products for the long-term prophylaxis of HAE attacks; references reviewed and updated.	11.19.18	02.19
Added HIM line of business per SDC and prior approved clinical guidance.	04.01.19	
1Q 2020 annual review: HAE lab reference range updated; removed rheumatologist specialty for alignment; revised dosing criteria for dose reduction if member is well-controlled per PI; added coding implications; references reviewed and updated.	11.04.19	02.20
1Q 2021 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	10.08.20	02.21

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