

Clinical Policy: Metreleptin (Myalept)

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Line of Business: Commercial, HIM, Medicaid

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Description

Metreleptin (Myalept[®]) is a recombinant human leptin analog.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Myalept is indicated as an adjunct to diet as replacement therapy to treat the complications of leptin deficiency in patients with congenital or acquired generalized lipodystrophy.

Limitation(s) of use:

- The safety and effectiveness of Myalept for the treatment of complications of partial lipodystrophy have not been established.
- The safety and effectiveness of Myalept for the treatment of liver disease, including nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH), have not been established.
- Myalept is not indicated for use in patients with HIV-related lipodystrophy.
- Myalept is not indicated for use in patients with metabolic disease, without concurrent evidence of generalized lipodystrophy.

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

I. Initial Approval Criteria**A. Leptin Deficiency (must meet all):**

1. Diagnosis of leptin deficiency as evidenced by baseline leptin level < 12 ng/mL;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist or geneticist;
3. Age ≥ 1 year;
4. Member has one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Congenital generalized lipodystrophy (Berardinelli-Seip syndrome) as evidenced by presence of at least one gene mutation (i.e., AGPAT2, BSCL2, CAV1, PTF);
 - b. Acquired generalized lipodystrophy (Lawrence syndrome);
5. Dose does not exceed (a or b):
 - a. Body weight ≤ 40 kg: 0.13 mg/kg per day;
 - b. Body weight > 40 kg: 10 mg per day.

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. Leptin Deficiency (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. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed (a or b):
 - a. Body weight \leq 40 kg: 0.13 mg/kg per day;
 - b. Body weight > 40 kg: 10 mg per day.

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;
- B. General obesity not associated with congenital leptin deficiency;
- C. HIV-related lipodystrophy;
- D. Liver disease, including NASH.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

HIV: human immunodeficiency virus

NASH: nonalcoholic steatohepatitis

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s):
 - General obesity not associated with congenital leptin deficiency: Myalept has not been shown to be effective in treating general obesity, and the development of anti-metreleptin antibodies with neutralizing activity has been reported in obese patients treated with Myalept
 - Hypersensitivity to metreleptin
- Boxed warning(s): risk of anti-metreleptin antibodies with neutralizing activity and risk of lymphoma
 - Because of these risks, Myalept is available only through a restricted program under a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) called the Myalept REMS Program

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Complications of leptin deficiency in patients with congenital or acquired generalized lipodystrophy	<p><u>Weight ≤ 40 kg:</u> 0.06 to 0.13 mg/kg SC QD (adjust in increments of 0.02 mg/kg)</p> <p><u>Weight > 40 kg:</u> Males: 2.5 to 10 mg SC QD (adjust in increments of 1.25 to 2.5 mg/day) Females: 5 to 10 mg SC QD (adjust in increments of 1.25 to 2.5 mg/day)</p>	<p>Weight ≤ 40 kg: 0.13 mg/kg/day</p> <p>Weight > 40 kg: 10 mg/day</p>

VI. Product Availability

Lyophilized cake in vial to be reconstituted: 11.3 mg/vial (5 mg/mL after reconstitution)

VII. References

1. Myalept Prescribing Information. Cambridge, MA: Aegerion Pharmaceuticals, Inc; February 2022. Available at <http://www.myalept.com>. Accessed on March 29, 2022.
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3. National Organization for Rare Disorders. Congenital generalized lipodystrophy. Available at: <https://rarediseases.org/rare-diseases/congenital-generalized-lipodystrophy>. Last updated 2018. Accessed May 10, 2022.
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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.

HCPSC Codes	Description
J3490	Unclassified drugs

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
3Q 2018 annual review: policies combined for Centene HIM (new) and Commercial lines of business; no significant changes; age added; approval durations for Commercial modified from length of benefit to 6/6 months; added HIV-related lipodystrophy and liver disease as indications not covered per PI; references reviewed and updated.	04.02.18	08.18
3Q 2019 annual review: no significant changes; added Medicaid line of business to CP.PCH.05 and retired CP.PCH.05; references reviewed and updated.	04.22.19	08.19
3Q 2020 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	04.20.20	08.20
3Q 2021 annual review: no significant changes; references to HIM.PHAR.21 revised to HIM.PA.154; references reviewed and updated.	03.18.21	08.21
3Q 2022 annual review: added prescriber requirement; clarified that leptin deficiency should be confirmed by laboratory testing per clinical study design; clarified that congenital generalized lipodystrophy should be confirmed by gene mutation; updated HCPSC codes; references reviewed and updated.	03.29.22	08.22

Important Reminder

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Note:

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