

Clinical Policy: Siponimod (Mayzent)

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Line of Business: Commercial, HIM, Medicaid

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Description

Siponimod (Mayzent[®]) is a sphingosine 1-phosphate receptor modulator.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Mayzent is indicated for the treatment of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS), to include clinically isolated syndrome, relapsing-remitting disease, and active secondary progressive disease, in adults.

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

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Multiple Sclerosis (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of one of the following (a, b, or c):
 - a. Clinically isolated syndrome;
 - b. Relapsing-remitting MS;
 - c. Secondary progressive MS;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Documentation that member does not have a CYP2C9*3/*3 genotype (*see Appendix D*);
5. Mayzent is not prescribed concurrently with other disease modifying therapies for MS (*see Appendix D*);
6. Documentation of baseline number of relapses per year and expanded disability status scale (EDSS) score;
7. Dose does not exceed 2 mg per day.

Approval duration: 6 months

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

II. Continued Therapy

A. Multiple Sclerosis (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
2. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. If member has received < 1 year of total treatment: Member is responding positively to therapy;
 - b. If member has received ≥ 1 year of total treatment: Member meets one of the following (i, ii, iii, or iv):
 - i. Member has not had an increase in the number of relapses per year compared to baseline;
 - ii. Member has not had ≥ 2 new MRI-detected lesions;
 - iii. Member has not had an increase in EDSS score from baseline;
 - iv. Medical justification supports that member is responding positively to therapy;
3. Mayzent is not prescribed concurrently with other disease modifying therapies for MS (*see Appendix D*);
4. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 2 mg per day.

Approval duration: first re-authorization: 6 months; second and subsequent re-authorizations: 12 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 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.PHAR.21 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.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

EDSS: expanded disability status scale

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

MS: multiple sclerosis

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s):
 - Patients with a CYP2C9*3/*3 genotype
 - In the last 6 months, experienced myocardial infarction, unstable angina, stroke, TIA, decompensated heart failure requiring hospitalization, or Class III/IV heart failure
 - Presence of Mobitz type II second-degree, third-degree AV block, or sick sinus syndrome, unless patient has a functioning pacemaker
- Boxed warning(s): none reported

Appendix D: General Information

- Disease-modifying therapies for MS are: glatiramer acetate (Copaxone[®], Glatopa[®]), interferon beta-1a (Avonex[®], Rebif[®]), interferon beta-1b (Betaseron[®], Extavia[®]), peginterferon beta-1a (Plegridy[®]), dimethyl fumarate (Tecfidera[®]), diroximel fumarate (Vumerity[™]), monomethyl fumarate (Bafiertam[™]), fingolimod (Gilenya[™]), teriflunomide (Aubagio[®]), alemtuzumab (Lemtrada[®]), mitoxantrone (Novantrone[®]), natalizumab (Tysabri[®]), ocrelizumab (Ocrevus[™]), siponimod (Mayzent[®]), cladribine (Mavenclad[®]), and ozanimod (Zeposia[®]).
- The CYP2C9 genotype has a significant impact on siponimod metabolism. Mayzent is contraindicated in patients homozygous for CYP2C9*3 (i.e., CYP2C9*3/*3 genotype), which is approximately 0.4%-0.5% of Caucasians and less in others, because of substantially elevated siponimod plasma levels. Mayzent dosage adjustment is recommended in patients with CYP2C9*1/*3 or *2/*3 genotype because of an increase in exposure to siponimod.
- The American Academy of Neurology 2018 MS guidelines recommend the use of Gilenya, Tysabri, and Lemtrada for patients with highly active MS. Definitions of highly active MS vary and can include measures of relapsing activity and MRI markers of disease activity, such as numbers of gadolinium-enhanced lesions.

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
MS	<p>All patients: Day 1 and 2: 0.25 mg PO QD Day 3: 0.5 mg PO QD Day 4: 0.75 mg PO QD</p> <p>CYP2C9 genotypes *1/*1, *1/*2, or *2/*2: Day 5: 1.25 mg PO QD Day 6 and onward: 2 mg PO QD</p> <p>CYP2C9 genotypes *1/*3 or *2/*3: Day 5 and onward: 1 mg PO QD</p>	2 mg/day

VI. Product Availability

Tablets: 0.25 mg, 2 mg

VII. References

1. Mayzent Prescribing Information. East Hanover, New Jersey: Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation; March 2019. Available at: www.mayzent.com. Accessed January 27, 2020.
2. Rae-Grant A, Day GS, Marrie RA, et al. Practice guideline recommendations summary: disease-modifying therapies for adults with multiple sclerosis: report of the Guideline Development, Dissemination, and Implementation Subcommittee of the American Academy of Neurology. *Neurology*. 2018; 90(17): 777-788. Full guideline available at: <https://www.aan.com/Guidelines/home/GetGuidelineContent/904>.
3. Costello K, Halper J, Kalb R, Skutnik L, Rapp R. The use of disease-modifying therapies in multiple sclerosis, principles and current evidence – a consensus paper by the Multiple Sclerosis Coalition. Updated June 2019. Accessed January 27, 2020.

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy created	05.14.19	08.19
Added Commercial and HIM line of business to policy, retire CP.CPA.341 and HIM.PA.SP37; removed redirections for clinically isolated syndrome and relapsing-remitting MS per SDC and prior clinical guidance.	01.15.20	
2Q 2020 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	01.27.20	05.20
Added requirements for documentation of baseline relapses/EDSS and objective measures of positive response upon re-authorization; modified continued approval duration to 6 months for the first re-authorization and 12 months for second/subsequent re-authorizations; references reviewed and updated.	05.27.20	08.20

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