

Clinical Policy: Taliglucerase Alfa (Elelyso)

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Description

Taliglucerase alfa (Elelyso®) is a hydrolytic lysosomal glucocerebroside-specific enzyme.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Elelyso is indicated for the treatment of patients 4 years and older with a confirmed diagnosis of type 1 Gaucher disease.

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

I. Initial Approval Criteria**A. Gaucher Disease** (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of type 1 (GD1) or type 3 Gaucher disease (GD3) confirmed by one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Enzyme assay demonstrating a deficiency of beta-glucocerebrosidase (glucosidase) activity;
 - b. DNA testing;
2. Age ≥ 4 years;
3. Member is symptomatic (e.g., anemia, thrombocytopenia, bone disease, hepatomegaly, splenomegaly);
4. One of the following (a or b):
 - a. Request is for GD1: Failure of Cerezyme® or Cerdelga®, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or both are contraindicated;
 - b. Request is for GD3: Failure of Cerezyme, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;

**Prior authorization may be required for Cerezyme and Cerdelga*
5. Elelyso is not prescribed concurrently with VPRIV® (velaglucerase alfa) or Cerezyme (imiglucerase);
6. Documentation of member's current weight (in kg);
7. Dose does not exceed 60 units/kg every two weeks.

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): HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace.

II. Continued Therapy

A. Gaucher Disease (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 increased or stabilized platelet count or hemoglobin, reduced or stabilized spleen or liver volume, or decreased bone pain;
3. Elelyso is not prescribed concurrently with VPRIV (velaglucerase alfa) or Cerezyme (imiglucerase);
4. Documentation of member's current weight (in kg);
5. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 60 units/kg every two weeks.

Approval duration: 12 months

B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):

1. Currently receiving medication via health plan 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): HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace.

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 – HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace or evidence of coverage documents.**

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

ERT: enzyme replacement therapy

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

GD1: type 1 Gaucher disease

GD3: type 3 Gaucher disease

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/Maximum Dose
Cerdelga (eliglustat)	GD1: CYP2D6 EM, IM: 84 mg PO BID CYP2D6 PM: 84 mg PO QD	CYP2D6 EM, IM: 168 mg/day CYP2D6 PM: 84 mg/day
Cerezyme (imiglucerase)	GD1 or GD3:	Individualized

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/Maximum Dose
	Individualize to each patient; initial dose ranges from 2.5 U/kg via IV infusion 3 times a week to 60 U/kg once every 2 weeks; disease severity may dictate treatment be initiated at relatively high dose or relatively frequent administration	

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

Appendix D: General Information

- Measures of therapeutic response: GD1 is a heterogeneous disorder which involves the visceral organs, bone marrow, and bone in almost all affected patients. Common conditions resulting from GD1 include anemia, thrombocytopenia, hepatomegaly, splenomegaly, and bone disease. Therefore, hemoglobin level, platelet count, liver volume, spleen volume, and bone pain are clinical parameters that can indicate therapeutic response to GD1 therapies. In some clinical trials, stability has been defined as the following thresholds of change from baseline: hemoglobin level < 1.5 g/dL decrease, platelet count < 25% decrease, liver volume < 20% increase, and spleen volume < 25% increase.
- Enzyme replacement therapy such as Cerezyme may have beneficial palliative effects in Type 2 disease, but does not alter the outcome and is not generally used.
- According to the European consensus guidelines revised recommendations on the management of neuronopathic Gaucher disease by Vellodi et al: (1) there is clear evidence in most patients that enzyme replacement therapy (ERT) ameliorates systemic involvement in non-neuronopathic (type 1) as well as chronic neuronopathic Gaucher disease (type 3), enhancing quality of life; (2) There is no evidence that ERT has reversed, stabilized or slowed the progression of neurological involvement; (3) In patients with established acute neuronopathic Gaucher disease (type 2), enzyme replacement therapy has had little effect on the progressively downhill course. It has merely resulted in prolongation of pain and suffering.
- There is currently insufficient clinical evidence that supports the combination use of enzyme replacement therapy with Zavesca® (miglustat) or Cerdelga (eliglustat), or concurrent use of two or more enzyme replacement therapies at once.

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Gaucher disease	<u>Treatment-naïve patients:</u> 60 units/kg IV every other week	Individualized (adjust based on achievement and
	<u>Patients switching from imiglucerase:</u>	

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Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
	Begin at the same unit/kg dose as the patient's previous imiglucerase dose; administer every other week	maintenance of therapeutic goals)

VI. Product Availability

Single-use vial: 200 units

VII. References

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Coding Implications

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HCPCS Codes	Description
J3060	Injection, taliglucerase alfa, 10 units

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
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dosing recommendations per Prescribing Information; references reviewed and updated.		

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