Clinical Policy: Pegloticase (Krystexxa)
Reference Number: CP.PHAR.115
Effective Date: 06.01.13
Last Review Date: 02.20
Line of Business: Commercial, HIM, Medicaid

See Important Reminder at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.

Description
Pegloticase (Krystexxa®) is a PEGylated uric acid specific enzyme.

FDA Approved Indication(s)
Krystexxa is indicated for the treatment of chronic gout in adult patients refractory to conventional therapy.

Limitation(s) of use: Krystexxa is not recommended for the treatment of asymptomatic hyperuricemia.

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 Krystexxa is medically necessary when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria
   A. Chronic Gout (must meet all):
      1. Diagnosis of chronic gout;
      2. Age ≥ 18 years;
      3. Positive for symptomatic gout with one or more of the following:
         a. At least 3 gout flares in the previous 18 months;
         b. At least 1 gout tophus;
         c. Chronic gouty arthritis;
      4. Failure to normalize uric acid to < 6 mg/dL with allopurinol and Uloric® at maximally indicated doses, each used for at least 3 months unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
      5. Failure of one uricosuric agent (e.g., probenecid or losartan), at maximally indicated doses, in combination with allopurinol or Uloric unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
      6. Dose does not exceed 8 mg (uricase protein) every two 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.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

II. Continued Therapy
A. Chronic Gout (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 a decrease in plasma uric acid levels;
   3. Member is not concurrently taking any oral urate-lowering agents (e.g., allopurinol, Uloric, probenecid);
   4. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 8 mg (uricase protein) every two 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.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**
   FDA: Food and Drug Administration
   G6PD: glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase

   **Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives**
   This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent for all relevant lines of business and may require prior authorization.
### Drug Name | Dosing Regimen | Dose Limit/Maximum Dose
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allopurinol (Zyloprim®) | 400-600 mg PO QD | 600 mg/day
Uloric (febuxostat) | 40 mg PO QD | 80 mg/day
probenecid | 500 mg PO BID | 2 gm/day
losartan (Cozaar®)* | 50 mg PO QD | 50 mg/day

*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.

*Off-label

### Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings
- Contraindication(s): G6PD deficiency
- Boxed warning(s): anaphylaxis and infusion reactions; G6PD deficiency-associated hemolysis and methemoglobinemia

### V. Dosage and Administration

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### VI. Product Availability
Vial: 8 mg of uricase protein/1 mL

### VII. References

### 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.

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<td>PI indication criteria “chronic [and symptomatic] gout” is modified per ACR guidelines (symptomatic gout despite therapy: recent acute gout attacks, tophi, chronic gouty arthritis) and PI clinical trial inclusion criteria (uric acid of at least 8 mg/dL, gout with at least 3 gout flares in the previous 18 months or 1 gout tophus or gouty arthritis). Removed Appendix B, “clinical features of chronic gout.” Indication criteria “refractory to conventional therapy” is modified per PI clinical trial inclusion criteria and ACR guidelines, replacing Appendix C, reasons for not completing trial of XOI. Gout flare prophylaxis, use of pre-infusion medications, and administration in a healthcare setting are added under “therapeutic plan” criteria per PI. Max dose added per PI. Decreased uric acid levels added as efficacy criteria.</td>
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