

Clinical Policy: Efgartigimod Alfa-fcab, Efgartigimod/Hyaluronidase-qvfc (Vyvgart, Vyvgart Hytrulo)

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Description

- Efgartigimod alfa-fcab (Vyvgart[®]) is a neonatal Fc receptor (FcRn) antagonist.
- Efgartigimod alfa/hyaluronidase-qvfc (Vyvgart[®] Hytrulo) is a combination of efgartigimod alfa, a neonatal Fc receptor blocker, and hyaluronidase, an endoglycosidase.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Vyvgart and Vyvgart Hytrulo are indicated for the treatment of generalized myasthenia gravis (gMG) in adult patients who are anti-acetylcholine receptor (AChR) antibody positive.

Vyvgart Hytrulo is also indicated for the treatment of adult patients with chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP).

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 Vyvgart and Vyvgart Hytrulo are **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Generalized Myasthenia Gravis (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of gMG;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Myasthenia Gravis-Activities of Daily Living (MG-ADL) score \geq 5 at baseline;
5. Greater than 50% of the baseline MG-ADL score is due to non-ocular symptoms;
6. Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America (MGFA) clinical classification of Class II to IV;
7. Member has positive serologic test for anti-AChR antibodies;
8. Failure of a cholinesterase inhibitor (*see Appendix B*), unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
9. Failure of a corticosteroid (*see Appendix B*), unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
10. Failure of at least one immunosuppressive therapy (*see Appendix B*), unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated;

11. The requested agent is not prescribed concurrently with a complement inhibitor (e.g., Soliris[®]/Bkemv[™]/Epysqli[®], Ultomiris[®], Zilbrysq[®]) or another FcRn antagonist (e.g., Rystiggo[®]);
12. For Vyvgart requests: Documentation of member's current weight (in kg);
13. Request meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Vyvgart: Dose does not exceed 10 mg/kg (1,200 mg per infusion for members weighing 120 kg or more) IV once weekly for the first 4 weeks of every 8-week cycle;
 - b. Vyvgart Hytrulo: Dose does not exceed 1,008 mg/11,200 units SC once weekly for the first 4 weeks of every 8-week cycle.

Approval duration:**Medicaid/HIM** – 6 months**Commercial** – 6 months or to the member's renewal date, whichever is longer**B. Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (must meet all):**

1. Request is for Vyvgart Hytrulo;
2. Diagnosis of CIDP;
3. Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist or neuromuscular specialist;
4. Age \geq 18 years;
5. Disease is progressive or relapsing for \geq 2 months;
6. Member has either of the following (a or b):
 - a. Both of the following, characterizing typical CIDP (i and ii):
 - i. Progressive or relapsing symmetric, proximal, and distal muscle weakness of upper and lower limbs, and sensory involvement of \geq 2 limbs;
 - ii. Absent or reduced tendon reflexes in all limbs;
 - b. One of the following CIDP variants (i-v):
 - i. Distal CIDP;
 - ii. Multifocal CIDP;
 - iii. Focal CIDP;
 - iv. Motor CIDP;
 - v. Sensory CIDP;
7. Diagnosis has been confirmed via electrodiagnostic testing;
8. Member does not have any of the following (a-f):
 - a. *Borrelia burgdorferi* infection (Lyme disease), diphtheria, or drug or toxin exposure probable to have caused the neuropathy;
 - b. Hereditary demyelinating neuropathy;
 - c. Prominent sphincter disturbance;
 - d. Multifocal motor neuropathy;
 - e. IgM monoclonal gammopathy with high titer antibodies to myelin-associated glycoprotein;
 - f. Other causes for a demyelinating neuropathy, including POEMS syndrome, osteosclerotic myeloma, and diabetic and nondiabetic lumbosacral radiculoplexus neuropathy;
9. Failure of at least one immune globulin therapy* (*see Appendix B*), unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated;

*Prior authorization may be required for immune globulins

10. For members who do not have pure motor symptoms, failure of a corticosteroid (e.g., dexamethasone) at up to maximally indicated doses unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
11. Vyvgart Hytrulo is not prescribed concurrently with immune globulin therapy, a complement inhibitor (e.g., Soliris/Bkemv/Epysqli, Ultomiris), or another FcRn antagonist (e.g., Rystiggo);
12. Dose does not exceed 1,008 mg/11,200 units SC once weekly.

Approval duration:**Medicaid/HIM** – 6 months**Commercial** – 6 months or to the member’s renewal date, whichever is longer**C. Other diagnoses/indications** (must meet 1 or 2):

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):
 - a. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.33 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
 - b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.103 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

II. Continued Therapy**A. Generalized Myasthenia Gravis** (must meet all):

1. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
 - b. Member is currently receiving medication and is enrolled in a state and product with continuity of care regulations (*refer to state specific addendums for CC.PHARM.03A and CC.PHARM.03B*);
2. Member is responding positively to therapy as evidenced by a 2-point reduction in MG-ADL total score;
3. The requested agent is not prescribed concurrently with a complement inhibitor (e.g., Soliris/Bkemv/Epysqli, Ultomiris, Zilbrysq) or another FcRn antagonist (e.g., Rystiggo);
4. For Vyvgart requests: Documentation of member’s current weight (in kg);

5. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Vyvgart: New dose does not exceed 10 mg/kg (1,200 mg per infusion for members weighing 120 kg or more) IV once weekly for the first 4 weeks of every 8-week cycle;
 - b. Vyvgart Hytrulo: New dose does not exceed 1,008 mg/11,200 units SC once weekly for the first 4 weeks of every 8-week cycle.

Approval duration:**Medicaid/HIM** – 6 months**Commercial** – 6 months or to the member’s renewal date, whichever is longer**B. Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (must meet all):**

1. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
 - b. Member is currently receiving medication and is enrolled in a state and product with continuity of care regulations (*refer to state specific addendums for CC.PHARM.03A and CC.PHARM.03B*);
2. Request is for Vyvgart Hytrulo;
3. Member is responding positively to therapy as evidenced by one of the following (a, b, or c):
 - a. Improvement or stabilization in a CIDP disability or impairment scale (*see Appendix E for scales*);
 - b. Disability improvement;
 - c. Symptom improvement in affected limbs;
4. Vyvgart Hytrulo is not prescribed concurrently with immune globulin therapy, a complement inhibitor (e.g., Soliris/Bkemv/Epysqli, Ultomiris), or another FcRn antagonist (e.g., Rystiggo);
5. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 1,008 mg/11,200 units SC once weekly.

Approval duration:**Medicaid/HIM** – 6 months**Commercial** – 6 months or to the member’s renewal date, whichever is longer**C. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):**

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):
 - a. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.33 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
 - b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.103 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or

2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: 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

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| AChR: acetylcholine receptor | IgG: immunoglobulin G |
| CIDP: chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy | INCAT: inflammatory neuropathy cause and treatment |
| EAN/PNS: European Academy of Neurology/Peripheral Nerve Society | MG-ADL: Myasthenia Gravis-Activities of Daily Living |
| FcRn: neonatal Fc receptor | MGFA: Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America |
| FDA: Food and Drug Administration | |
| gMG: generalized myasthenia gravis | |

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 |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Corticosteroids | | |
| betamethasone | gMG Oral: 0.6 to 7.2 mg PO per day | 7.2 mg/day |
| dexamethasone | gMG Oral: 0.75 to 9 mg/day PO CIDP Oral: 40 mg QD x 4 days repeated q 4 weeks | Varies |
| methylprednisolone | gMG Oral: 12 to 20 mg PO per day; increase as needed by 4 mg every 2-3 days until there is marked clinical improvement CIDP Oral/IV: 500 mg QD x 4 days repeated q 4 weeks (pulsed regimen) | Varies |
| prednisone | gMG Oral: 15 mg/day to 20 mg/day; increase by 5 mg every 2-3 days as needed | 60 mg/day |

| Drug Name | Dosing Regimen | Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose |
|---|---|--|
| prednisolone | CIDP Oral: 30 mg QD x 4 weeks followed by slow tapering over months | Varies |
| Cholinesterase Inhibitors for gMG | | |
| pyridostigmine (Mestinon®) | Oral immediate-release: 600 mg daily in divided doses (range, 60-1,500 mg daily in divided doses) Oral sustained release: 180-540 mg QD or BID | Immediate-release: 1,500 mg/day Sustained-release: 1,080 mg/day |
| neostigmine (Bloxivertz®) | Oral: 15 mg TID. The daily dosage should be gradually increased at intervals of 1 or more days. The usual maintenance dosage is 15-375 mg/day (average 150 mg) IM or SC: 0.5 mg based on response to therapy | Oral: 375 mg/day |
| Immunosuppressants for gMG | | |
| azathioprine (Imuran®) | Oral: 50 mg QD for 1 week, then increase gradually to 2 to 3 mg/kg/day | 3 mg/kg/day |
| mycophenolate mofetil (Cellcept®)* | Oral: Dosage not established. 1 gram BID has been used with adjunctive corticosteroids or other non-steroidal immunosuppressive medications | 2 g/day |
| cyclosporine (Sandimmune®)* | Oral: initial dose of cyclosporine (non-modified), 5 mg/kg/day in 2 divided doses | 5 mg/kg/day |
| Rituxan® (rituximab), Riabni™ (rituximab-arrx), Ruxience™ (rituximab-pvvr), Truxima® (rituximab-abbs)*† | IV: 375 mg/m ² once a week for 4 weeks; an additional 375 mg/m ² dose may be given every 1 to 3 months afterwards | 375 mg/m ² |
| Immune Globulins for CIDP | | |
| intravenous immune globulin (e.g., Gammagard Liquid®, Gamunex®-C, Gammaked™) | Induction: 2 g/kg divided over 2-5 days Maintenance: 1 g/kg q 3 weeks | Not applicable |
| subcutaneous immune globulin (e.g., Hizentra®, HyQvia®) | Varies | Not applicable |

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; †Prior authorization is required for rituximab products

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindications:
 - Vyvgart and Vyvgart Hytrulo: serious hypersensitivity to efgartigimod alfa products or to any of the excipients of the drug
 - Vyvgart Hytrulo: serious hypersensitivity to hyaluronidase

Appendix D: General Information

- gMG
 - The MG-ADL scale is an 8-item patient-reported scale that measures functional status in 8 domains related to MG – talking, chewing, swallowing, breathing, impairment of ability to brush teeth or comb hair, impairment of ability to arise from a chair, double vision, and eyelid droop. Each domain is given a score of 0-3, with 0 being normal and 3 being most severe impairment. A 2-point decrease in the MG-ADL score is considered a clinically meaningful response.
 - In the Phase 3 ADAPT trial, all study patients received an initial 4-week treatment cycle of Vyvgart, with subsequent cycles administered according to individual clinical response when MG-ADL score was ≥ 5 (i.e., symptoms are at least the minimum threshold required for necessitating treatment) and, if the patient was an MG-ADL responder to the 4-week treatment cycle, when they no longer had a clinically meaningful decrease (MG-ADL clinically meaningful improvement defined as having ≥ 2 -point improvement in total MG-ADL score) compared with baseline. Subsequent cycles could commence no sooner than 8 weeks from initiation of the previous cycle.
- CIDP
 - CIDP is divided into typical CIDP and CIDP variants. CIDP variants are now well characterized entities, each presenting with a specific clinical and electrodiagnostic phenotype.
 - Diagnostic criteria for CIDP: If the electrodiagnostic study does not fulfill the minimal electrodiagnostic criteria (i.e., conclusion is “possible CIDP”), then ≥ 2 additional supportive criteria can be met for some CIDP variants. Supportive criteria include response to CIDP standard treatment, cerebrospinal fluid analysis, nerve imaging, and nerve biopsy. Not all CIDP diagnostic categories allow for 2 supportive criteria to meet for CIDP diagnosis and hence were not included in the Vyvgart Hytrulo CIDP criteria. For diagnostic criteria specific to each of the CIDP variants, refer to the 2021 EAN/PNS CIDP guideline.
 - Immune globulins, corticosteroids, and plasma exchange are recommended treatments for patients with disabling symptoms. Plasma exchange is similarly effective to immune globulins and corticosteroids but is typically reserved for treatment-refractory patients; it may be less well tolerated and more difficult to administer. Patient-specific factors may determine the appropriate choice of therapy.

Appendix E: Examples of CIDP Disability and Impairment Scales

- Inflammatory neuropathy cause and treatment (INCAT) disability score
- Inflammatory Rasch-built overall disability scale (I-RODS)
- Modified INCAT sensory sum scale (mISS)
- Medical Research Council (MRC) sum score

- Grip strength (with Martin Vigorimeter or Jamar hand grip dynamometer)

V. Dosage and Administration

| Drug Name | Indication | Dosing Regimen | Maximum Dose |
|--|------------|---|--|
| Efgartigimod alfa-fcab (Vyvgart) | gMG | 10 mg/kg IV once weekly for the first 4 weeks. Subsequent treatment cycles based on clinical evaluation; safety not established for initiating subsequent cycles sooner than 50 days from the start of the previous treatment cycle. | 10 mg/kg/week (1,200 mg per infusion for members weighing \geq 120 kg) |
| Efgartigimod alfa/hyaluronidase-qvfc (Vyvgart Hytrulo) | gMG | 1,008 mg efgartigimod alfa and 11,200 units hyaluronidase SC once weekly for the first 4 weeks. Subsequent treatment cycles based on clinical evaluation; safety not established for initiating subsequent cycles sooner than 50 days from the start of the previous treatment cycle. | 1,008 mg/11,200 units/week |
| | CIDP | 1,008 mg efgartigimod alfa and 11,200 units hyaluronidase SC once weekly | |

VI. Product Availability

| Drug Name | Availability |
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| Efgartigimod alfa-fcab (Vyvgart) | Single-dose vial: 400 mg/20 mL injection solution |
| Efgartigimod alfa-hyaluronidase-qvfc (Vyvgart Hytrulo) | Single-dose vial: 1,008 mg (efgartigimod alfa)/11,200 units (hyaluronidase)/5.6 mL |

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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 |
|-------------|---|
| J9332 | Injection, efgartigimod alfa-fcab, 2 mg |
| J9334 | Injection, efgartigimod alfa, 2 mg and hyaluronidase-qvfc |

| Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals | Date | P&T Approval Date |
|---|----------|-------------------|
| Policy created pre-emptively | 08.17.21 | 11.21 |
| Drug is now FDA approved – criteria updated per FDA labeling: revised requirement for a prior trial of two non-steroidal immunosuppressant therapies to a trial of at least one; added requirement for documentation of member’s current weight for dose calculation purposes; references reviewed and updated. | 01.04.22 | 02.22 |
| Added HCPCS code [J9332]. | 06.30.22 | |
| Updated requirement for no concurrent use to include Ultomiris. | 08.09.22 | |
| Added to continuation of therapy requirement for no concurrent use with Soliris or Ultomiris. Template changes applied to other diagnoses/indications and continued therapy section. | 08.23.22 | 11.22 |
| 1Q 2023 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated. | 11.22.22 | 02.23 |

| Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals | Date | P&T Approval Date |
|--|----------|-------------------|
| RT4: Vyvgart Hytrulo added to policy. | 06.27.23 | |
| Added HCPCS code [J9334] | 10.27.23 | |
| 1Q 2024 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated. | 11.29.23 | 02.24 |
| RT4: added new indication of CIDP for Vyvgart Hytrulo; updated Commercial approval durations from 6/12 months to “6 months or to the member’s renewal date, whichever is longer” since this is an injectable agent. | 08.27.24 | 11.24 |
| 1Q 2025 annual review: for gMG, added exclusion for concurrent therapy with Bkempv, Epysqli, Zilbrysq, and an FcRn antagonist; for CIDP, added exclusion for concurrent therapy with a complement inhibitor or FcRn antagonist; references reviewed and updated. | 11.20.24 | 02.25 |

Important Reminder

This clinical policy has been developed by appropriately experienced and licensed health care professionals based on a review and consideration of currently available generally accepted standards of medical practice; peer-reviewed medical literature; government agency/program approval status; evidence-based guidelines and positions of leading national health professional organizations; views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas affected by this clinical policy; and other available clinical information. The Health Plan makes no representations and accepts no liability with respect to the content of any external information used or relied upon in developing this clinical policy. This clinical policy is consistent with standards of medical practice current at the time that this clinical policy was approved. “Health Plan” means a health plan that has adopted this clinical policy and that is operated or administered, in whole or in part, by Centene Management Company, LLC, or any of such health plan’s affiliates, as applicable.

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