

Clinical Policy: Ibalizumab-uiyk (Trogarzo)

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Line of Business: Medicaid

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Description

Ibalizumab-uiyk (Trogarzo™) is a CD4-directed post-attachment human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) inhibitor.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Trogarzo is indicated for the treatment of HIV-1 infection, in combination with other antiretroviral(s), in heavily treatment-experienced adults with multidrug resistant HIV-1 infection failing their current antiretroviral regimen.

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

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. HIV-1 Infection (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of multidrug resistant HIV-1 infection;
2. Age ≥ 18 years;
3. Documentation of failure to their current antiretroviral regimen;
4. Prescribed concurrently with additional antiretroviral agents to which member is susceptible, if available;
5. Dose does not exceed 2,000 mg (10 vials) IV loading dose* and/or 800 mg (4 vials) IV every 14 days.

**A loading dose may be repeated if the member misses scheduled maintenance dose by 3 days or more.*

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.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

II. Continued Therapy

A. HIV-1 Infection (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Trogarzo for multidrug resistant HIV-1 infection and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 2,000 mg (10 vials) IV loading dose* and/or 800 mg (4 vials) IV every 14 days.
*A loading dose may be repeated if the member misses scheduled maintenance dose by 3 days or more.

Approval duration: 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.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.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

FDA: Food and Drug Administration	NNRTI: non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor
HIV-1: human immunodeficiency virus type 1	NRTI: nucleos(t)ide reverse transcriptase inhibitor
INSTI: integrase strand transfer inhibitors	PI: protease inhibitor

Appendix B: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s): prior hypersensitivity to Trogarzo or any components of the product
- Boxed warning(s) none reported

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
HIV-1 infection	A single loading dose of 2,000 mg IV, followed by a maintenance dose of 800 mg every 2 weeks. If a maintenance dose is missed by 3 days or longer beyond the scheduled dosing day, a loading dose of 2,000 mg should be administered as early as possible prior to resuming maintenance dosing of 800 mg every 2 weeks thereafter.	A loading dose of 2,000 mg up to every 17 days* A maintenance dose of 800 mg every 14 days

*Frequency of every 17 days was calculated from frequency of maintenance dose (every 14 days) plus minimum number of days that the dose is missed to qualify for another loading dose (3 days).

VI. Product Availability

Injection in single-dose vial: 200 mg/1.33 mL (150 mg/mL)

VII. References

1. Trogarzo Prescribing Information. Irvine, CA: TaiMED Biologics USA Corp.; April 2021. Available at: <https://www.trogarzo.com>. Accessed January 25, 2022.
2. Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents. Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in Adults and Adolescents Living with HIV. US Department of Health and Human Services. Last updated January 20, 2022. Available at <https://aidsinfo.nih.gov/guidelines/html/1/adult-and-adolescent-arv/0>. Accessed January 25, 2022.

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
N/A	Injection, ibalizumab, 200 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
New policy created, adapted CP.PHAR.378 Ibalizumab-uiky (Trogarzo) policy.	12.11.19	1.7.20
Updated: Removed Prescribed by or in consultation with an infectious disease or HIV specialist; Removed Current (within the past 30 days) HIV ribonucleic acid viral load of \geq 200 copies/mL;	7.19.20	
Q3 2021 Annual Review: no significant change. Reviewed and updated references	7.6.21	
Update: changed from resistance to failure to their current antiretroviral regimen	9.28.21	
4Q 2022 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	11.15.22	

Important Reminder

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Note:

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