

## Drug Policy:

# Darzalex™ and Darzalex Faspro™ (daratumumab IV/SC)

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<b>PRIMARY BUSINESS OWNER:</b> UM		<b>COMMITTEE/BOARD APPROVAL</b> Utilization Management Committee	
<b>URAC STANDARDS</b> HUM v8: UM 1-2; UM 2-1	<b>NCQA STANDARDS</b> UM 2		<b>ADDITIONAL AREAS OF IMPACT</b>
<b>CMS REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>STATE/FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS</b>		<b>APPLICABLE LINES OF BUSINESS</b> Commercial, Exchange, Medicaid

## I. PURPOSE

To define and describe the accepted indications for Darzalex and Darzalex Faspro (daratumumab IV/SC) usage in the treatment of cancer, including FDA approved indications, and off-label indications.

New Century Health (NCH) is responsible for processing all medication requests from network ordering providers. Medications not authorized by NCH may be deemed as not approvable and therefore not reimbursable.

The use of this drug must be supported by one of the following: FDA approved product labeling, CMS-approved compendia, National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) clinical guidelines, or peer-reviewed literature that meets the requirements of the CMS Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15.

## II. INDICATIONS FOR USE/INCLUSION CRITERIA

**A. Continuation requests for a not approvable medication shall be exempt from this NCH policy provided:**

1. The requested medication was used within the last year, **AND**
2. The member has not experienced disease progression and/or no intolerance to the requested medication, **AND**
3. Additional medication(s) are not being added to the continuation request.

## **B. Multiple Myeloma (MM)**

1. **NOTE 1:** Subcutaneous daratumumab, Darzalex Faspro, may be substituted for IV daratumumab for all the indications listed in this policy.
2. Newly Diagnosed Multiple Myeloma: For members with newly diagnosed multiple myeloma, the following regimens are Approvable by NCH Policy for first line/initial therapy:
  - a. Daratumumab + lenalidomide + bortezomib +/- steroid (for transplant eligible members only)
  - b. Daratumumab + lenalidomide +/- steroid (transplant ineligible members)
  - c. Daratumumab + bortezomib + thalidomide +/- steroid (transplant ineligible members)
  - d. **NOTE 2:** Per NCH Policy, Daratumumab + carfilzomib + lenalidomide +/- steroid is Not Approvable for the treatment of newly diagnosed MM (transplant eligible or transplant ineligible). This Policy Position is based on the lack of Level 1 Evidence (randomized trials and or meta-analyses) to show superior outcomes with the above regimen in comparison to:
    - i. Daratumumab + lenalidomide + bortezomib +/- steroid] for transplant eligible newly diagnosed MM patients, and
    - ii. Daratumumab + bortezomib + thalidomide + steroid for transplant in-eligible newly diagnosed MM patients, and
    - iii. An exception may be made if the member is intolerant to/has a contraindication to bortezomib. Please refer to NCH alternative agents/regimens recommended by NCH, including but not limited to regimens available at <http://pathways.newcenturyhealth.com>.
3. Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma: The following regimens are Approvable per NCH Policy:
  - a. Daratumumab + carfilzomib +/- steroid ii. Daratumumab + pomalidomide +/- steroid (DRd) in members who failed 2 prior regimens or lines of therapy that include one proteasome inhibitor (e.g., bortezomib, ixazomib, carfilzomib) & one immunomodulatory agent (e.g., lenalidomide, thalidomide)
  - b. Daratumumab + lenalidomide +/- steroid (DRd)
  - c. Daratumumab + bortezomib +/- cyclophosphamide +/- steroid
  - d. Daratumumab monotherapy in members who failed 3 prior lines of therapy or double refractory on a proteasome inhibitor (e.g., bortezomib, carfilzomib, ixazomib) & an immunomodulatory agent (e.g., lenalidomide, pomalidomide, thalidomide).
  - e. **NOTE 3:** Per NCH Policy, [daratumumab + selinexor +/- steroid] is Not Approvable for the treatment of relapsed/refractory MM. This Policy Position is based on the lack of Level 1 Evidence (randomized clinical trial and/or meta-analyses) demonstrating superiority of the above regimen compared to NCH recommended alternatives agents/regimens, including but not limited to regimens at <http://pathways.newcenturyhealth.com>.

## **III. EXCLUSION CRITERIA**

- A. Disease progression while on a Darzalex and Darzalex Faspro (daratumumab IV/SC) containing regimen, or disease progression on Sarclisa (isatuximab) or Sarclisa (isatuximab) containing regimen.
- B. Dosing exceeds single dose limit of Darzalex IV 16 mg/kg or Darzalex Faspro SC 1,800 mg.
- C. Investigational use of Darzalex and Darzalex Faspro (daratumumab IV/SC) with an off-label indication that is not sufficient in evidence or is not generally accepted by the medical community. Sufficient evidence that is not supported by CMS recognized compendia or acceptable peer reviewed literature is defined as any of the following:
  - 1. Whether the clinical characteristics of the patient and the cancer are adequately represented in the published evidence.
  - 2. Whether the administered chemotherapy/biologic therapy/immune therapy/targeted therapy/other oncologic therapy regimen is adequately represented in the published evidence.
  - 3. Whether the reported study outcomes represent clinically meaningful outcomes experienced by patients. Generally, the definitions of Clinically Meaningful outcomes are those recommended by ASCO, e.g., Hazard Ratio of less than 0.80 and the recommended survival benefit for OS and PFS should be at least 3 months.
  - 4. Whether the experimental design, considering the drugs and conditions under investigation, is appropriate to address the investigative question. (For example, in some clinical studies, it may be unnecessary or not feasible to use randomization, double blind trials, placebos, or crossover).
  - 5. That non-randomized clinical trials with a significant number of subjects may be a basis for supportive clinical evidence for determining accepted uses of drugs.
  - 6. That case reports are generally considered uncontrolled and anecdotal information and do not provide adequate supportive clinical evidence for determining accepted uses of drugs.
  - 7. That abstracts (including meeting abstracts) without the full article from the approved peer-reviewed journals lack supporting clinical evidence for determining accepted uses of drugs.

#### IV. MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

- A. Please refer to the FDA label/package insert for details regarding these topics.

#### V. APPROVAL AUTHORITY

- A. Review – Utilization Management Department
- B. Final Approval – Utilization Management Committee

#### VI. ATTACHMENTS

- A. None

#### VII. REFERENCES

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