

Drug Policy:

Blenrep™ (belantamab mafodotin-blmf)

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CMS REQUIREMENTS	STATE/FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS	APPLICABLE LINES OF BUSINESS Commercial, Exchange, Medicaid	

I. PURPOSE

To define and describe the accepted indications for Blenrep (belantamab mafodotin-blmf) 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

1. NOTE: Per NCH policy, Blenrep (belantamab mafodotin-blmf) is Not Approvable for the treatment of relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma. This Policy Position is based on the announcement made by the manufacturer, on November 7, 2022. In the FDA required confirmatory trial, Blenrep failed to show a significant progression-free survival (PFS) and overall survival (OS) benefit in comparison to pomalidomide and dexamethasone (GSK corporate announcement on the DREAMM-3 clinical trial referenced below). Please refer to NCH recommended alternatives agents/regimens, including but not limited to regimens at <http://pathways.newcenturyhealth.com>.

III. EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- A. Disease progression on or after treatment with Blenrep (belantamab mafodotin-blmf).
- B. Use of Blenrep (belantamab mafodotin-blmf) in members with ocular toxicities: A baseline (within 3 weeks of initiating therapy) and within 2 weeks prior to each dose, ophthalmic exams are reviewed for ocular adverse reactions.
- C. Dosing exceeds single dose limit of Blenrep (belantamab mafodotin-blmf) 2.5 mg/kg.
- D. Investigational use of Blenrep (belantamab mafodotin-blmf) 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

- A. GSK: Update on DREAMM-3 phase III trial for Blenrep in relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma on November 7, 2022 at: <https://www.gsk.com/en-gb/media/press-releases/gsk-provides-update-on-dreamm-3-phase-iii-trial-for-blenrep/>.
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