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Pharmacy Benefit Scope: Medicaid

Medical Benefit Scope: Commercial, Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP)

KanumaTM (sebelipase alfa) (Intravenous)

I. Length of Authorization

Initial & Renewal coverage will be provided for 6 months.

II. Dosing Limits

- A. Quantity Limit (max daily dose) [NDC Unit]:
 - Kanuma 20 mg/10 mL single-dose vials: 112 vials per 28 day supply
- B. Max Units (per dose and over time) [HCPCS Unit]:
 - 560 billable units once weekly

III. Initial Approval Criteria 1-6

Coverage is provided in the following conditions:

- Patient is at least 1 month of age; AND
- Prescribing physician is a specialist in genetics and metabolism; AND
- Weight, baseline liver function and baseline lipid panel is provided;

Lysosomal Acid Lipase (LAL) Deficiency † Φ

• Diagnosis has been confirmed by either biallelic pathogenic variants in LIPA or deficient LAL enzyme activity in peripheral blood leukocytes, fibroblasts, or dried blood spots

† FDA Approved Indication(s); ♠ Orphan Drug

IV. Renewal Criteria 1-6

Coverage can be renewed based upon the following criteria:

- Patient continues to meet indication-specific relevant criteria such as concomitant therapy requirements (not including prerequisite therapy), performance status, etc. identified in section III; **AND**
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include: hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylaxis, etc.; AND
 - o Treatment has resulted in clinical benefit as evidenced in one or more of the following:
 - Improvement in weight-for-age z-scores for patients exhibiting growth failure
 - Improvement in LDL
 - Improvement in HDL

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- Improvement in triglycerides
- Improvement of AST or ALT; **OR**
- O Dose escalation in pediatric and adult patients with a suboptimal clinical response to the 1 mg/kg dose defined by at least one of the following:
 - Poor growth
 - Deteriorating biochemical markers [e.g., alanine aminotransferase (ALT), aspartate aminotransferase (AST)], and/or parameters of lipid metabolism [e.g., low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-c), triglycerides (TG)]; OR
- O Dose escalation for infants with rapidly progressive disease presenting within the first 6 months of life who have a suboptimal clinical response to the 1 mg/kg dose or 3 mg/kg dose defined by at least one of the following:
 - Poor growth
 - Deteriorating biochemical markers [e.g., alanine aminotransferase (ALT), aspartate aminotransferase (AST)]
 - Persistent or worsening organomegaly

V. Dosage/Administration¹

Indication	Dose	
	Pediatric & Adult patients:	
LAL deficiency	•	1 mg/kg administered once every other week as an IV infusion
	•	May increase dose to 3 mg/kg once every other week for patients who do not achieve an optimal clinical response to the 1 mg/kg dose
	•	Infants with rapidly progressive disease presenting within the first 6 months of life: 1 mg/kg
		administered once weekly as an IV infusion
	•	May increase dose to 3 mg/kg once weekly for patients who do not achieve an optimal clinical
		response
	•	May further increase dose to 5 mg/kg once weekly for patients who do not achieve an optimal clinical response to the 3 mg/kg dose

VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

HCPCS Code:

J2840 - Injection, sebelipase alfa, 1 mg: 1 billable unit = 1 mg

NDC(s):

Kanuma 20 mg/10 mL single-dose vials: 25682-0007-xx

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Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
E75.5	Other lipid storage disorders