Clinical Policy: Teriflunomide (Aubagio)
Reference Number: CP.PHAR.262
Effective Date: 08.01.16
Last Review Date: 08.20
Line of Business: Commercial, HIM, Medicaid

See Important Reminder at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.

Description
Teriflunomide (Aubagio®) is a pyrimidine synthesis inhibitor.

FDA Approved Indication(s)
Aubagio is indicated for the treatment of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS), to include clinically isolated syndrome, relapsing-remitting disease, and active secondary progressive disease, in adults.

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 Aubagio is medically necessary when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria
   A. Multiple Sclerosis (must meet all):
      1. Diagnosis of one of the following (a, b, or c):
         a. Clinically isolated syndrome;
         b. Relapsing-remitting MS;
         c. Secondary progressive MS;
      2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist;
      3. Age ≥ 18 years;
      4. Aubagio is not prescribed concurrently with other disease modifying therapies for MS (see Appendix D);
      5. Documentation of baseline number of relapses per year and expanded disability status scale (EDSS) score;
      6. At the time of request, member is not receiving leflunomide;
      7. Dose does not exceed 14 mg (1 tablet) per day.

     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.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.
II. Continued Therapy  
A. Multiple Sclerosis (must meet all):
   1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
   2. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
      a. If member has received < 1 year of total treatment: Member is responding positively to therapy;
      b. If member has received ≥ 1 year of total treatment: Member meets one of the following (i, ii, iii, or iv):
         i. Member has not had an increase in the number of relapses per year compared to baseline;
         ii. Member has not had ≥ 2 new MRI-detected lesions;
         iii. Member has not had an increase in EDSS score from baseline;
         iv. Medical justification supports that member is responding positively to therapy;
   3. Aubagio is not prescribed concurrently with other disease modifying therapies for MS (see Appendix D);
   4. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 14 mg (1 tablet) per day. 
      Approval duration: first re-authorization: 6 months; second and subsequent re-authorizations: 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.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PHAR.21 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 policy – CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents;
   B. Primary progressive MS.

IV. Appendices/General Information
   Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key
   EDSS: expanded disability status scale
   FDA: Food and Drug Administration
   MS: multiple sclerosis

   Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives
   Not applicable
Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings
- Contraindication(s): severe hepatic impairment; pregnancy or females of reproductive potential not using effective contraception; hypersensitivity to teriflunomide, leflunomide or any inactive ingredients in Aubagio; current leflunomide treatment
- Boxed warning(s): hepatotoxicity, risk of teratogenicity

Appendix D: General Information
- Disease-modifying therapies for MS are: glatiramer acetate (Copaxone®, Glatopa®), interferon beta-1a (Avonex®, Rebi®), interferon beta-1b (Betasoner®, Extavia®), peginterferon beta-1a (Plegridy®), dimethyl fumarate (Tecfidera®), diroximel fumarate (Vumerity™), monomethyl fumarate (Bafiertam™), fingolimod (Gilenya™), teriflunomide (Aubagio®), alemtuzumab (Lemtrada®), mitoxantrone (Novantrone®), natalizumab (Tysabri®), ocrelizumab (Ocrevus™), cladribine (Mavenclad®), siponimod (Mayzent®), and ozanimod (Zeposia®).
- Teriflunomide is the principal active metabolite of leflunomide and is responsible for leflunomide's activity in vivo. At recommended doses, teriflunomide and leflunomide result in a similar range of plasma concentrations of teriflunomide.

V. Dosage and Administration

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<th>Dosing Regimen</th>
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<td>Relapsing MS</td>
<td>7 or 14 mg PO QD with or without food</td>
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VI. Product Availability
- Tablets: 7 mg, 14 mg

VII. References

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals

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<td>Policy split from CP.PHAR.18 MS Treatments. Criteria: added max dosing, clarified monotherapy restriction, removed re-authorization requirement for documented adherence, updated contraindications and reasons to discontinue, modified efficacy criteria to “Responding positively to therapy”. Modified renewal approval duration to 12 months. Requirement for the trial and failure of at least 2 preferred</td>
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<td>Regimens from different classes added. Removed specific strength requirement from glatiramer.</td>
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<td>Added age requirement. Removed MRI requirement. Removed hypersensitivity reaction and active infection contraindications. Removed reasons to discontinue.</td>
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<td>2Q 2018 annual review: no significant changes; removed severe hepatic impairment as a contraindication per safety guidance endorsed by Centene Medical Affairs; references reviewed and updated.</td>
<td>01.05.18</td>
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<td>2Q 2019 annual review: no significant changes; specified that generic forms of glatiramer are preferred; references reviewed and updated.</td>
<td>02.04.19</td>
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<td>New language added to existing indication as shown in the following parenthetical: Aubagio is indicated for the treatment of relapsing forms of MS (to include clinically isolated syndrome, relapsing-remitting disease, and active secondary progressive disease, in adults) - criteria reconciled.</td>
<td>12.05.19</td>
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<td>Per SDC CY2020 strategy: removed all re-directions.</td>
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<td>2Q 2020 annual review: no significant changes; added Commercial and HIM lines of business (CP.PCH.02 retired); modified Commercial approval durations from Length of Benefit to 6/12 months; references reviewed and updated.</td>
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<td>Added requirements for documentation of baseline relapses/EDSS and objective measures of positive response upon re-authorization; modified continued approval duration to 6 months for the first re-authorization and 12 months for second/subsequent re-authorizations; references reviewed and updated.</td>
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