

Clinical Policy: Talquetamab-tgvs (Talvey)

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****Please note: This policy is for medical benefit****

Description

Talquetamab-tgvs (Talvey™) is bispecific GPRC5D-directed CD3 T-cell engager.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Talvey is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma who have received at least four prior lines of therapy, including a proteasome inhibitor, an immunomodulatory agent and an anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody.

This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on response rate and durability of response. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in a confirmatory trial(s).

Policy/Criteria

It is the policy of Louisiana Healthcare Connections that Talvey is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Multiple Myeloma (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of MM;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Disease is relapsed or refractory;
5. Member has received or has documented intolerance to \geq 4 prior lines of therapies* (see Appendix B) that include all of the following (a, b, and c):
 - a. One proteasome inhibitors (e.g., bortezomib, Kyprolis®, Ninlaro®)
 - b. One immunomodulatory drugs (e.g., Thalomid®, lenalidomide, pomalidomide)
 - c. One anti-CD38 monoclonal antibodies (e.g., Darzalex®, Sarclisa®)

**Prior authorization may be required*
6. Request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed 0.4 mg/kg once weekly;
 - b. Dose does not exceed 0.8 mg/kg every 2 weeks;
 - c. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

Approval duration: 6 months

B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):

- a. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to LA.PMN.255;
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to LA.PMN.53.

II. Continued Therapy

A. Multiple Myeloma (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Louisiana Healthcare Connections benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Talvey for a covered indication 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, request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed 0.4 mg/kg once weekly;
 - b. Dose does not exceed 0.8 mg/kg every 2 weeks;
 - c. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

Approval duration: 12 months

B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to LA.PMN.255;
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to LA.PMN.53.

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 – LA.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

MM: multiple myeloma

NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
MM: regimens containing proteasome inhibitors, immunomodulatory agents and/or anti-CD38 monoclonal antibodies (examples – NCCN)		
bortezomib / lenalidomide (Revlimid [®]) or pomalidomide or Thalomid [®] (thalidomide) / dexamethasone	Varies	Varies
Kyprolis [®] (carfilzomib – weekly or twice weekly) / dexamethasone	Varies	Varies
Kyprolis [®] (carfilzomib) / lenalidomide (Revlimid [®]) / dexamethasone	Varies	Varies
Ninlaro [®] (ixazomib) / lenalidomide (Revlimid [®]) / dexamethasone	Varies	Varies
Darzalex [®] (daratumumab) / bortezomib / dexamethasone ± Thalomid [®] (thalidomide)	Varies	Varies
Darzalex [®] (daratumumab) / lenalidomide (Revlimid [®]) / dexamethasone	Varies	Varies

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name[®] (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name[®]) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s): None
- Boxed warning(s): cytokine release syndrome, neurologic toxicity

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Relapsed or refractory MM	<p>Weekly dosing schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 1: 0.01 mg/kg • Day 4: 0.06 mg/kg • Day 7 (first treatment dose): 0.4 mg/kg • One week after first treatment dose (subsequent treatment doses): 0.4 mg/kg weekly <p>Biweekly (every 2 weeks) dosing schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 1: 0.01 mg/kg • Day 4: 0.06 mg/kg • Day 7: 0.4 mg/kg • Day 10 (first treatment dose): 0.8 mg/kg • Two week after first treatment dose (subsequent treatment doses): 0.8 mg/kg every 2 weeks <p>Dose calculation is based on actual body weight.</p>	0.4 mg/kg once weekly or 0.8 mg/kg every 2 weeks

VI. Product Availability

Single-dose vials for injection: 3 mg/1.5 mL (2 mg/mL); 40 mg/mL

VII. References

1. Talvey Prescribing Information. Horsham, PA: Janssen Biotech, Inc.; Aug 2023. Available at: www.talvey.com. Accessed August 23, 2023.
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Coding Implications

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HCPCS Codes	Description
J3590	Unclassified biologics
C9399	Unclassified drugs or biologicals

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