

# **DRUG QUANTITY MANAGEMENT POLICY - PER RX**

**POLICY:** Oncology (Oral – BRAF Inhibitor) – Zelboraf Drug Quantity

Management Policy - Per Rx

• Zelboraf® (vemurafenib tablets – Genentech/Daiichi Sankyo)

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#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

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#### **OVERVIEW**

Zelboraf, a BRAF inhibitor, is indicated in adults for the following indications:1

- **Erdheim-Chester disease**, for treatment of patients with the *BRAF V600* mutation.
- **Melanoma**, for treatment of unresectable or metastatic disease with *BRAF V600E* mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test.

## **Dosing**

The recommended dose of Zelboraf is 960 mg (four 240 mg tablets) every 12 hours with or without a meal (total daily dose of 1,920 mg [8 tablets per day]). A missed dose can be taken up to 4 hours prior to the next dose. Zelboraf should be continued until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity occurs. To manage adverse events, the dose of Zelboraf may need to be reduced. Use of Zelboraf with

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strong cytochrome P450 (CYP)3A4 inducers should be avoided. If Zelboraf must be used with a strong CYP4A4 inducer, increase the dose of Zelboraf by 240 mg (one tablet) as tolerated (total daily dose of 2,160 mg [9 tablets per day]).

# Availability

Zelboraf is available as 240 mg capsules supplied in bottles containing 112 tablets each.<sup>1</sup>

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

This Drug Quantity Management program has been developed to promote the safe, effective, and economic use of Zelboraf. If the Drug Quantity Management rule is not met for the requested medication at the point of service, coverage will be determined by the Criteria below. All approvals are provided for 1 year in duration.

**Drug Quantity Limits** 

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Product	Strength and Form	Retail Maximum Quantity Per Rx	Home Delivery Maximum Quantity Per Rx	
Zelboraf® (vemurafenib tablets)	240 mg tablets	224 tablets	672 tablets	

EXCEPTIONS TO THE QUANTITY LIMITS LISTED ABOVE ARE COVERED AS MEDICALLY NECESSARY WHEN THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE MET. ANY OTHER EXCEPTION IS CONSIDERED NOT MEDICALLY NECESSARY.

### **CRITERIA**

**1.** If the patient is taking a strong cytochrome P450 (CYP)3A4 inducer, approve 252 tablets per dispensing at retail or 756 tablets per dispensing at home delivery.

<u>Note</u>: Examples of strong CYP3A4 inducers include, but are not limited to, phenytoin, carbamazepine, rifampin.

## **R**EFERENCES

1. Zelboraf® tablet [prescribing information]. South San Francisco, CA: Genentech; May 2020.

### **HISTORY**

Type of Revision	Summary of Changes	Review Date
New Policy	New policy was created to provide overrides to existing quantity limits.	07/23/2025

**Zelboraf 240 mg tablets:** Quantity limits were changed to 224 tablets per dispensing at retail and 672 tablets per dispensing at home delivery. Previously, the limits were 240 tablets per dispensing at retail and 720 tablets per dispensing at home delivery. A clinical override approved 252 tablets per dispensing at retail or 756 tablets per dispensing at home delivery if the patient is taking a strong cytochrome P450 (CYP)3A4 inducer.

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