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Patisiran

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Overview

This policy supports medical necessity review for patisiran (**Onpattro**®).

Receipt of sample product does not satisfy any criteria requirements for coverage.

Medical Necessity Criteria

Patisiran (Onpattro) is considered medically necessary when the following criteria are met:

1. **Polyneuropathy of Hereditary Transthyretin-Mediated Amyloidosis (hATTR).** Individual meets **ALL** of the following criteria:
   A. Age 18 years or older

B. Documented diagnosis of hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis is confirmed by a transthyretin (*TTR*) genetic variant (pathogenic or likely pathogenic variant)
C. Documentation of symptomatic polyneuropathy confirmed by history and clinical exam, electromyography or nerve conduction velocity testing (examples of polyneuropathy symptoms include reduced motor strength/coordination and impaired sensation [for example, pain, temperature, vibration, touch])
D. Documentation other causes of neuropathy have been excluded (for example, diabetes)
E. Medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist, geneticist or a physician who specializes in the treatment of amyloidosis

Dosing. Up to 0.3 mg/kg given intravenously up to a maximum dose of 30 mg and the dose is administered not more frequently than once every 3 weeks.

When coverage is available and medically necessary, the dosage, frequency, duration of therapy, and site of care should be reasonable, clinically appropriate, and supported by evidence-based literature and adjusted based upon severity, alternative available treatments, and previous response to therapy.

Reauthorization Criteria

Continuation of Patisiran (Onpattro) is considered medically necessary for treatment of polyneuropathy of hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis (hATTR) when initial criteria are met AND beneficial response is demonstrated (for example, improvement in neuropathy symptoms, stabilization of or slowed disease progression, improvement in quality of life).

Authorization Duration

Initial and reauthorization approval duration: up to 12 months

Conditions Not Covered

Any other use is considered experimental, investigational or unproven, including the following (this list may not be all inclusive):

1. **Concomitant Use With Amvuttra (vutrisiran subcutaneous injection), Tegsedi (inotersen subcutaneous injection), Wainua (eplontersen subcutaneous injection), or a Tafamidis Product.**
   Note: Examples of tafamidis products are Vyndaqel and Vyndamax.
   There are insufficient data supporting the safety and efficacy of concurrent use of these agents for hATTR with polyneuropathy. The Vyndaqel/Vyndamax pivotal trial, which took place prior to when Onpattro and Tegsedi were under investigation for amyloidosis, did not include patients who were taking investigational drugs. The pivotal trials for Amvuttra, Onpattro, Tegsedi, and Wainua did not allow concurrent use of tetramer stabilizers (e.g., tafamidis, diflunisal). The pivotal trials for Amvuttra and Wainua did not allow concurrent use of Onpattro or Tegsedi (Amvuttra was not approved when Wainua was under investigation). A Phase II open-label extension study (n = 27) included 13 patients who were treated concomitantly with Onpattro and tafamidis.[5] Following 24 months of treatment, there was no significant difference in the median serum TTR percent change from baseline with concomitant Onpattro and tafamidis (-80%) vs. Onpattro monotherapy (-88%). A scientific statement from the American Heart Association notes that there is little data to support combination therapy for these products.[3]

2. **Treatment of Cardiomyopathy hATTR in the Absence of Polyneuropathy Symptoms.** There is no data evaluating the safety and efficacy of inotersen or patisiran for treatment of cardiomyopathy hATTR in the absence of polyneuropathy symptoms. Clinical trials with inotersen and patisiran only included individuals with hATTR amyloidosis and polyneuropathy symptoms.

3. **Treatment of Polyneuropathy Not Related to hATTR Amyloidosis.** There is no data evaluating the safety and efficacy of inotersen or patisiran for the treatment of neuropathy from non-hATTR etiologies.

Clinical trials with inotersen and patisiran only included individuals with hATTR amyloidosis and polyneuropathy symptoms.

Coding Information

1) This list of codes may not be all-inclusive.
2) Deleted codes and codes which are not effective at the time the service is rendered may not be eligible for reimbursement.

Considered Medically Necessary when criteria in the applicable policy statements listed above are met:

HCPCS Codes	Description
J0222	Injection, patisiran, 0.1 mg

Background

OVERVIEW
Onpattro, a lipid nanoparticle formulated RNA interference therapeutic, is indicated for treatment of adults with **polyneuropathy of hereditary amyloid transthyretin amyloidosis (hATTR)**.[1] hATTR is a progressive disease caused by mutations in the transthyretin (*TTR*) gene leading to multisystem organ dysfunction.[2] Common neurologic manifestations include sensiomotor polyneuropathy, autonomic neuropathy, small-fiber polyneuropathy, and carpal tunnel syndrome.

The pivotal trial for Onpattro did not include patients with liver transplantation, which has historically been a treatment modality for hATTR.[1,6] A Phase IIIb, open-label trial evaluated the efficacy of Onpattro in adults with hATTR polyneuropathy progression post liver transplant (n = 23).[6] Patients received Onpattro at the FDA-approved dose for 12 months. The average of Month 6 and Month 12 serum TTR reduction was 91%. In addition, improvements in neuropathy, quality of life, autonomic symptoms from baseline to Month 12, and stabilized disability and nutritional status were noted.

Guidelines
A scientific statement from the American Heart Association (AHA) on the treatment of cardiomyopathy of hATTR amyloidosis (July 2020) includes recommendations related to polyneuropathy.[3] Canadian guidelines for the treatment of patients with polyneuropathy (February 2021) and recommendations from the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) [2021] include treatment recommendations for hATTR polyneuropathy as well.[2,4] In general, Onpattro and Tegsedi® (inotersen subcutaneous injection) are recommended for patients with hATTR polyneuropathy.

For patients with hATTR amyloidosis with polyneuropathy, the AHA recommends treatment with Onpattro or Tegsedi.[3] For patients with hATTR with polyneuropathy and cardiomyopathy, Onpattro, Tegsedi, or Vyndamax™ (tafamidis capsules)/Vyndaqel® (tafamidis meglumine capsules) are recommended. Use of combination therapy is discussed; however, it is noted that there is little data to support combination therapy.

The Canadian guidelines recommend Onpattro and Tegsedi as first-line treatment to stop the progression of neuropathy and improve polyneuropathy in early and late stage hATTR amyloidosis with polyneuropathy.[2]

The ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure note that TTR stabilization and reduction are the recommended basis of treatment for cardiomyopathy of ATTR.[4] Onpattro and Tegsedi may be considered for patients with hATTR polyneuropathy and cardiomyopathy.

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