Drug Coverage Policy

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Cardiology – Camzyos

- Camzyos® (mavacamten capsules - MyoKardia/Bristol Myers Squibb)

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OVERVIEW

Camzyos, a cardiac myosin inhibitor, is indicated for the treatment of symptomatic New York Heart Association Class (NYHA) II to III **obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy** in adults to improve functional capacity and symptoms.

Disease Overview

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) is a complex myocardial disorder in which the walls of the heart muscle, more specifically the left ventricle, are thickened or hypertrophied.[2-5] The condition is inherited in an autosomal dominant pattern. The estimated prevalence is one in 200 to 500 adults. Patients of any age can be impacted. However, many patients may be undiagnosed or asymptomatic. Diagnoses is usually by echocardiographic or magnetic resonance imaging which reveals a hypertrophied, nondilated left ventricle without another identifiable cardiac, systemic, metabolic or syndromic disease. The left ventricle becomes stiff, which makes it more difficult for the heart to normally expand and fill with blood. The amount of blood that the left ventricle can hold and pump throughout the body is reduced; the hypertrophied heart muscle may also pump with too much force. Many patients with HCM have obstructive disease in which the path for blood flow out of the heart can narrow and the output to the rest of the body may be restricted which is referred to as left ventricular outflow tract obstruction. This forces the heart to pump harder to overcome the obstructive forces. Symptoms that are commonly present with HCM include shortness of breath, palpitations, lightheadedness, chest pain, fatigue, and exercise intolerance. Many patients have heart failure, as well as atrial fibrillation or other ventricular arrhythmias. Sudden death may also result. HCM is due to enhanced interactions between two cardiac proteins, actin and myosin. Camzyos works by reducing the number of intersections formed between actin and myosin which leads to more optimized heart relaxation and filling; lessened heart muscle workload during contractions; and improved efficiency in energy utilized for each heartbeat. Before the approval of Camzyos, treatment for obstructive HCM focused on symptomatic relief with medications such as beta blockers, non-dihydropyridine calcium channel blockers (CCBs), and disopyramide. Septal reduction therapy is an option.

Clinical Efficacy

EXPLORER-HCM was a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group trial that evaluated Camzyos in over 250 patients with symptomatic NYHA Class II or III obstructive HCM[1,2] Patients had a left ventricular ejection fraction ≥ 55% and a left ventricular outflow tract peak gradient ≥ 50 mmHg (at rest or with provocation [Valsalva maneuver or post exercise]). Unexplained left ventricular hypertrophy was present with maximal left ventricular wall thickness of ≥ 15 mm or ≥ 13 mm if the patient had familial HCM.[2] Approximately 75% of patients were receiving beta blockers and 17% of patients were on CCBs for symptoms. The primary composite functional endpoint, evaluated at 30 weeks, was defined as the proportion of patients who achieved either improvement of mixed venous oxygen tension/peak oxygen consumption (pVO_2) by ≥ 1.5 mL/kg/min plus improvement in NYHA class by at least one or improvement of pVO_2 by ≥ 3.0 mL/kg/min plus no worsening in NYHA class. A greater proportion of patients receiving Camzyos met this composite endpoint compared with patients given placebo (37% vs. 17%, respectively; P = 0.0005). Regarding secondary endpoints, Camzyos led to greater improvements compared with placebo in measures assessing left ventricular outflow tract (LVOT) obstruction, functional capacity, and health status. These parameters were assessed by change from baseline through Week 30 in post-exercise LVOT peak gradient, change in pVO_2, proportion of patients with improvement in NYHA class, Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire-23 (KCCQ-23) Clinical Summary Score (CSS), and Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Symptoms Questionnaire (HCMSQ) Shortness of Breath domain score.[1,2] At Week 30, there were also reductions in N-terminal pro B-type natriuretic peptide and high-sensitivity cardiac troponin I levels from baseline.[2] Other data are also available.[6]

Guidelines

The American Heart Association and American College of Cardiology, alongside other organizations, published updated guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of patients with HCM in 2024.[7] For symptomatic patients with obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy attributable to LVOT obstruction, non-vasodilating beta blockers are recommended to be titrated to effectiveness or maximally tolerated doses. In patients for whom beta blockers are not effective or not tolerated, substitution with nondihydropyridine CCBs (e.g., verapamil, diltiazem) is recommended.

If patients continue to have severe symptoms despite beta blockers and nondihydropyridine CCBs, adding a myosin inhibitor (i.e., Camzyos) or disopyramide (in combination with an atrioventricular nodal blocking agent), or septal reduction performed at experienced centers is recommended. The guidelines note that Camzyos is only for adult patients. Camzyos is also contraindicated in pregnant patients due to potential teratogenic effects.

Safety
Camzyos has a Boxed Warning regarding the risk of heart failure.[1] The agent may cause heart failure due to systolic dysfunction. Echocardiogram assessment of left ventricular ejection fraction is required before and during Camzyos use. Initiation in patients with a left ventricular ejection fraction < 55% is not recommended. Therapy should be interrupted if left ventricular ejection fraction is less than 50% or if worsening clinical status occurs. Certain cytochrome P450 inhibitors and inducers are contraindicated in patients receiving Camzyos due to an increased risk of heart failure. Camzyos is available only through a restricted program called the Camzyos Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) program. Notable requirements include the following:

- Prescribers must be certified by enrolling in the Camzyos REMS program.
- Patients must enroll in the Camzyos REMS program and comply with ongoing monitoring requirements.
- Pharmacies must be certified by enrolling in the Camzyos REMS program and must only dispense to patients who are authorized to receive Camzyos.
- Wholesalers and distributors must only distribute the medication to certified pharmacies.

Coverage Policy

Policy Statement
Prior Authorization is recommended for prescription benefit coverage of Camzyos. All approvals are provided for the duration noted below. Because of the specialized skills required for evaluation and diagnosis of patients treated with Camzyos as well as the monitoring required for adverse events and long-term efficacy, approval requires Camzyos to be prescribed by a physician who has consulted with or who specializes in the condition.

Camzyos is considered medically necessary when the following criteria are met:

FDA-Approved Indication

1. **Obstructive Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy.** Approve for the duration noted below if the patient meets ONE of the following (A or B):
   - **A)** Initial Therapy. Approve for 1 year if the patient meets ALL of the following (i, ii, iii, iv, v, and vi):
     - **i.** Patient is ≥ 18 years of age; AND
     - **ii.** Patient meets BOTH of the following (a and b):
       - **a)** Patient has at least one symptom associated with obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy; AND
         Note: Examples of symptoms include shortness of breath, chest pain, lightheadedness, fainting, fatigue, and reduced ability to perform physical exercise.
       - **b)** Patient has New York Heart Association Class II or III symptoms of heart failure; AND
     - **iii.** Patient with left ventricular hypertrophy meets ONE of the following (a or b):
       - **a)** Patient has maximal left ventricular wall thickness ≥ 15 mm; OR
       - **b)** Patient has familial hypertrophic cardiomyopathy with a maximal left ventricular wall thickness ≥ 13 mm; AND

iv. Patient has a peak left ventricular outflow tract gradient ≥ 30 mmHg at rest or ≥ 50 mmHg after provocation (Valsalva maneuver or post exercise); AND
v. Patient has a left ventricular ejection fraction of ≥ 55%; AND
vi. Patient meets ONE of the following (a or b):
  a) Patient has tried or is currently receiving at least one beta-blocker or nondihydropyridine calcium channel blocker for at least 3 months; OR
  Note: Examples of beta blockers include metoprolol, atenolol, and bisoprolol. Examples of nondihydropyridine calcium channel blockers include verapamil and diltiazem.
  b) According to the prescriber, the patient has a contraindication or intolerance to a beta-blocker or nondihydropyridine calcium channel blocker; AND
  Note: Examples of contraindications to beta-blockers include bradycardia, severe hypotension, severe reactive airway disease or active bronchospasms. Examples of intolerances to beta-blockers include symptomatic fatigue or exercise intolerance, symptomatic bradycardia, and hypotension. Examples of contraindications to calcium channel blockers include bradycardia and hypotension. Examples of intolerances to calcium channel blockers include peripheral edema and dizziness or orthostasis.
vii. The medication is prescribed by a cardiologist; OR

B) Patient Currently Receiving Camzyos. Approve for 1 year if the patient meets ALL of the following (i, ii, iii, iv, and v):
i. Patient has been established on therapy for at least 1 year; AND
  Note: A patient who has received < 1 year of therapy or who is restarting therapy is reviewed under criterion A (Initial Therapy).
ii. Patient is ≥ 18 years of age; AND
iii. Patient meets BOTH of the following (a and b):
  a) Currently or prior to starting therapy, patient has or has experienced at least one symptom associated with obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy; AND
  Note: Examples of symptoms include shortness of breath, chest pain, lightheadedness, fainting, fatigue, and reduced ability to perform physical exercise.
  b) Currently or prior to starting therapy, patient is in or was in New York Heart Association Class II or III heart failure; AND
iv. Patient meets ONE of the following (a or b):
  a) Patient experienced a beneficial clinical response when assessed by at least one objective measure; OR
  Note: Examples include improved peak oxygen consumption/mixed venous oxygen tension; decreases in left ventricular outflow tract gradient; reductions in N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide levels; decreased high-sensitivity cardiac troponin I levels; reduced ventricular mass index; and/or a reduction in maximum left atrial volume index.
  b) Patient experienced stabilization or improvement in at least one symptom related to obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy; AND
  Note: Examples of symptoms include shortness of breath, chest pain, lightheadedness, fainting, fatigue, ability to perform physical exercise, and/or favorable changes in the Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire-23 (KCCQ-23) Clinical Summary Score (CSS) or Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Symptom Questionnaire (HCMSQ) Shortness of Breath domain scores.
v. The medication is prescribed by a cardiologist.

Conditions Not Covered

Camzyos for any other use is considered not medically necessary. Criteria will be updated as new published data are available.

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Revision Details

Summary of Changes	Review Date	Effective Date
Policy Name Change: Updated Policy Name from "Mavacamten" to "Cardiology – Camzyos." **Obstructive Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy. Patient Currently Receiving Camzyos: Added** a requirement that patients should be established on therapy for at least 8 months and added a note stating that a patient who has received < 8 months of therapy or who is restarting therapy is reviewed under criterion A (Initial Therapy).	6/27/2024	09/01/2024
No criteria changes.	7/10/2025	9/1/2025
Obstructive Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy. The approval duration for initial therapy was changed to 1 year. Previously, it was 8 months. The Note defining Class II and Class III heart failure was removed. The requirement for a peak left ventricular outflow tract gradient was changed to ≥ 30 mmHg at rest and ≥ 50 mmHg after provocation (Valsalva maneuver or post exercise). For patients currently receiving Camzyos, the requirement regarding patients being established on therapy for at least 8 months was changed to at least 1 year.	1/29/2026	3/1/2026
Obstructive Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy. A requirement was added that, for Initial Therapy, a patient has tried or is currently receiving at least one beta-blocker or nondihydropyridine calcium channel blocker for at least 3 months, or, according to the prescriber, the patient has a	4/16/2026	6/15/2026

contraindication or intolerance to a beta-blocker or calcium channel blocker. A Note of Examples of beta blockers and calcium channel blockers was added. Another Note of Examples of contraindications and intolerances was added. **Obstructive Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy:** For patients currently receiving Camzyos, the requirement for ejection fraction to be ≥ 50% was removed. The Note defining Class II versus Class III heart failure symptoms was also removed.		

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