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Kanuma™ (sebelipase alfa)

HCPCS: J2840

Policy:

Requests must be supported by submission of chart notes and patient specific documentation.

A. Coverage of the requested drug is provided when all the following are met:
   a. FDA approved indication
   b. FDA approved age
   c. Prescribed by or in consultation with a geneticist or metabolic specialist
   d. Confirmation of diagnosis by serum assay showing a decrease of lysosomal acid lipase (LAL) activity followed by genetic testing showing a mutation in the LIPA gene
   e. Symptomatic manifestations of the disease are present, such as, elevated liver enzymes, microvesicular steatosis, elevated low-density lipoprotein, low high-density lipoprotein, or coronary artery disease
   f. Trial and failure, contraindication, OR intolerance to the preferred drugs as listed in Wellmark Advantage Health Plan's utilization management medical drug list.

B. Quantity Limitations, Authorization Period and Renewal Criteria
   a. Quantity Limits: Align with FDA recommended dosing
   b. Authorization Period: 1 year at a time
   c. Renewal Criteria: Clinical documentation must be provided to confirm that current criteria are met and that the medication is providing clinical benefit

***Note: Coverage may differ for Medicare Part B members based on any applicable criteria outlined in Local Coverage Determinations (LCD) or National Coverage Determinations (NCD) as determined by Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). See the CMS website at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/. Determination of coverage of Part B drugs is based on medically accepted indications which have supported citations included or approved for inclusion determined by CMS approved compendia.

Background Information

- Lysosomal acid lipase deficiency (LAL-D) is an autosomal recessive lysosomal storage disorder caused by a mutation on the LIPA gene. It is characterized by accumulation of undegraded triglycerides and cholesteryl esters due to a deficiency or insufficient activity of the enzyme lysosomal acid lipase (LAL). Age of onset and phenotypic

spectrum are variable and range from an infantile-onset form or Wolman disease with severe clinical course and death before 1 year of age to childhood/adult-onset disease with milder symptoms, historically also known as cholesteryl ester storage disease. The most common symptoms of Wolman's disease include abdominal distension, hepatosplenomegaly, ascites, fibrosis of the liver, vomiting, diarrhea, steatorrhea, malnutrition, failure to thrive, calcification of the adrenal gland, and developmental delays. Patients with cholesteryl ester storage disease present with a range of symptoms depending on the degree of LAL activity including hypercholesterolemia, hypertriglyceridemia, high-density lipoprotein deficiency, abnormal lipid deposits, hepatomegaly, splenomegaly, adrenomegaly, fatty liver disease, and liver fibrosis.

- LAL-D diagnosis is confirmed through identifying reduced lysosomal acid lipase activity in peripheral leukocytes or skin fibroblasts followed by genetic testing that shows the patient has a mutation of the LIPA gene.

- Enzyme replacement is the standard of care in lysosomal acid lipase deficiency. Kanuma is the only enzyme replacement therapy FDA approved for the treatment of pediatric and adult patients with LAL-D. Kanuma has been studied in patients as young as 1 month of age. All patients studied were symptomatic at study entry and showed improvement in liver function, lipid panel, hepatosplenomegaly, and gastrointestinal symptoms.

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Policy History		
#	Date	Change Description
1.1	Effective Date: 10/06/2022	Annual review – no changes made to the criteria at this time
1.0	Effective Date: 01/01/2022	New Policy

** The prescribing information for a drug is subject to change. To ensure you are reading the most current information it is advised that you reference the most updated prescribing information by visiting the drug or manufacturer website or http://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/index.cfm.*