

SPECIALTY GUIDELINE MANAGEMENT

MEPSEVII (vestronidase alfa-vjbk)

POLICY

I. INDICATIONS

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

FDA-Approved Indication

Mepsevii is indicated in pediatric and adult patients for the treatment of mucopolysaccharidosis VII (MPS VII, Sly syndrome).

Limitation of Use:

The effect of Mepsevii on the central nervous system manifestations of MPS VII has not been determined.

All other indications are considered experimental/investigational and not medically necessary.

II. DOCUMENTATION

Submission of the following information is necessary to initiate the prior authorization review:

- A. Initial requests: beta-glucuronidase enzyme assay or genetic testing results supporting diagnosis.
- B. Continuation requests: chart notes documenting a clinically positive response to therapy, which shall include improvement, stabilization, or slowing of disease progression.

III. CRITERIA FOR INITIAL APPROVAL

Mucopolysaccharidosis VII (MPS VII, Sly syndrome)

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of MPS VII (Sly syndrome) when both of the following criteria are met:

- A. Diagnosis of MPS VII was confirmed by enzyme assay demonstrating a deficiency of beta-glucuronidase enzyme activity or by genetic testing; AND
- B. Member has elevated urinary glycosaminoglycan (uGAG) excretion at a minimum of 2-fold over the mean normal for age at initiation of treatment with the requested medication.

IV. CONTINUATION OF THERAPY

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for continued treatment in members requesting reauthorization for an indication listed in Section III who have a clinically positive response to therapy, which shall include improvement, stabilization, or slowing of disease progression.

V. REFERENCES

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