

**Clinical Policy: Patisiran (Onpattro)**

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Line of Business: Commercial, Medicaid, HIM-Medical Benefit

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**Description**

Patisiran (Onpattro™) is a double-stranded small interfering ribonucleic acid, formulated as a lipid complex for delivery to hepatocytes.

**FDA Approved Indication(s)**

Onpattro is indicated for the treatment of the polyneuropathy of hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis in adults.

**Policy/Criteria**

*Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.*

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation® that Onpattro is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

**I. Initial Approval Criteria****A. Hereditary Transthyretin-Mediated Amyloidosis (must meet all):**

1. Diagnosis of hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis with polyneuropathy;
2. Documented transthyretin (TTR) mutation;
3. Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist;
4. Age  $\geq$  18 years;
5. Member has not had a prior liver transplant;
6. Dose does not exceed the following (based on actual body weight):
  - a. Weight < 100 kg: 0.3 mg/kg once every 3 weeks;
  - b. Weight  $\geq$  100 kg: 30 mg once every 3 weeks.

**Approval duration: 6 months**

**B. Other diagnoses/indications**

Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.CPA.09 for commercial, CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid, and HIM-Medical Benefit.

**II. Continued Therapy****A. Hereditary Transthyretin-Mediated Amyloidosis (must meet all):**

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;

2. Member is responding positively to therapy [e.g., improved measures of polyneuropathy (e.g., motor strength, sensation, and reflexes), improvement in quality of life, motor function, walking ability (e.g., as measured by timed 10-m walk test), and nutritional status (e.g., as evaluated by modified mass index)];
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed the following (based on actual body weight):
  - a. Weight < 100 kg: 0.3 mg/kg once every 3 weeks;
  - b. Weight ≥ 100 kg: 30 mg once every 3 weeks.

**Approval duration: 12 months**

**B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):**

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy.  
**Approval duration: Duration of request or 6 months (whichever is less);** or
2. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.CPA.09 for commercial, CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid, and HIM-Medical Benefit.

**III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:**

- A. Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off label use policies – CP.CPA.09 for commercial, CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid, and HIM-Medical Benefit or evidence of coverage documents.

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

TTR: transthyretin

*Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*

Not applicable

*Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings*

None reported

*Appendix D: General Information*

- To confirm amyloidosis, the demonstration of amyloid deposits via tissue biopsy is essential. Deposition of amyloid in the tissue can be demonstrated by Congo red staining of biopsy specimens. With Congo red staining, amyloid deposits show a characteristic green birefringence under polarized light; however, negative biopsy results should not be interpreted as excluding the disease.
- DNA sequencing is usually required for genetic confirmation. Current techniques for performing sequence analysis of TTR, the only gene known to be associated with TTR amyloidosis, detect > 99% of disease-causing mutations.

**V. Dosage and Administration**

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis-associated polyneuropathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adults weighing &lt; 100 kg: 0.3 mg/kg IV every 3 weeks</li> <li>Adults weighing ≥ 100 kg: 30 mg IV every 3 weeks</li> <li>Premedicate with a corticosteroid, acetaminophen, and antihistamines to reduce the risk of infusion-related reactions.</li> <li>Onpattro should be administered by a healthcare professional.</li> </ul>	See dosing regimen

**VI. Product Availability**

Lipid complex injection (single-dose vial): 10 mg/5 mL (2 mg/mL)

**VII. References**

1. Onpattro Prescribing Information. Cambridge, MA: Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; February 2020. Available at: <https://www.alnylam.com/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/ONPATTRO-Prescribing-Information.pdf>. Accessed July 27, 2020.
2. Ando Y, Coelho T, Berk JL, et al. Guideline of transthyretin-related hereditary amyloidosis for clinicians. Orphanet J Rare Dis. 2013 Feb 20;8:31.
3. Adams D, Gonzalez-Duarte A, O’Riordan WD, et al. Patisiran, an RNAi Therapeutic, for Hereditary Transthyretin Amyloidosis. N Engl J Med. 2018 Jul 5;379(1):11-21.

**Coding Implications**

Codes referenced in this clinical policy are for informational purposes only. Inclusion or exclusion of any codes does not guarantee coverage. Providers should reference the most up-to-date sources of professional coding guidance prior to the submission of claims for reimbursement of covered services.

HCPCS Codes	Description
J0222	Injection, patisiran, 0.1 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy created	09.11.18	11.18
4Q 2019 annual review: no significant changes; added coding implications; references reviewed and updated.	10.01.19	11.19
4Q 2020 annual review: genetic testing methodology examples removed from criteria with deference to appendix; references reviewed and updated.	08.11.20	11.20
Aligning WCG medical drug policies (aka, Clinical Coverage Guidelines – CCGs) with CNC.	12.18.20	

**Important Reminder**

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**Note:**

**For Medicaid members**, when state Medicaid coverage provisions conflict with the coverage provisions in this clinical policy, state Medicaid coverage provisions take precedence. Please refer to the state Medicaid manual for any coverage provisions pertaining to this clinical policy.

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