

Clinical Policy: Octreotide Acetate (Sandostatin, Sandostatin LAR Depot, Bynfezia, Mycapssa)

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****Please note: This policy is for medical benefit****

Description

Octreotide acetate (Sandostatin® Injection, Sandostatin® LAR Depot, Bynfezia Pen™, Mycapssa®) is a somatostatin analog.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Sandostatin Injection and Bynfezia Pen are indicated for:

- Acromegaly
 - To reduce blood levels of growth hormone (GH) and insulin-like growth factor (IGF-I) (somatomedin C) in acromegaly patients who have had inadequate response or cannot be treated with surgical resection, pituitary irradiation, and bromocriptine mesylate at maximally tolerated doses;
- Carcinoid tumors
 - For the symptomatic treatment of patients with metastatic carcinoid tumors where it suppresses or inhibits the severe diarrhea and flushing episodes associated with the disease
- Vasoactive intestinal peptide tumors (VIPomas)
 - For the treatment of the profuse watery diarrhea associated with vasoactive intestinal peptide (VIP)-secreting tumors

Sandostatin LAR Depot is indicated for treatment in patients who have responded to and tolerated Sandostatin Injection subcutaneous injection for:

- Acromegaly
- Carcinoid tumors
 - Severe diarrhea/flushing episodes associated with metastatic carcinoid tumors
- Vasoactive intestinal peptide tumors (VIPomas)
 - Profuse watery diarrhea associated with VIP-secreting tumors

Mycapssa is indicated for long-term maintenance treatment in acromegaly patients who have responded to and tolerated treatment with octreotide or lanreotide.

Limitation(s) of use: In patients with carcinoid syndrome and VIPomas, the effect of Sandostatin Injection, Bynfezia Pen, and Sandostatin LAR Depot on tumor size, rate of growth and development of metastases, has not been determined.

In patients with acromegaly, the effect of Bynfezia Pen on improvement in clinical signs and symptoms, reduction in tumor size and rate of growth, has not been determined.

Policy/Criteria

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

It is the policy of Louisiana Healthcare Connections that Sandostatin Injection, Bynfezia Pen, Mycapssa, and Sandostatin LAR Depot are **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Acromegaly (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of acromegaly as evidenced by one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Pre-treatment IGF-I level above the upper limit of normal based on age and gender for the reporting laboratory;
 - b. Serum GH level ≥ 1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ after a 2-hour oral glucose tolerance test;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years or, if younger, epiphyseal growth plates have closed;
4. Inadequate response to surgical resection or pituitary irradiation (i.e., unable to achieve normalization of GH and/or IGF-I levels or unable to adequately control tumor mass), or member is not a candidate for such treatment;
5. For Sandostatin injection and Bynfezia Pen, member must use generic octreotide acetate, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
6. For Sandostatin LAR requests, member has received Sandostatin Injection for at least two weeks with improvement in GH or IGF-I levels, or tumor mass control;
7. For Mycapssa requests, member has responded to and tolerated treatment with octreotide or lanreotide;
8. Dose does not exceed any of the following (*Sandostatin Injection can be used with Sandostatin LAR Depot*) (a, b, or c):
 - a. Sandostatin Injection and Bynfezia Pen: 1,500 mcg per day in divided doses;
 - b. Sandostatin LAR Depot: 40 mg every 4 weeks;
 - c. Mycapssa : 80 mg (4 capsules) per day;

Approval duration: 6 months

B. Carcinoid Tumor (Neuroendocrine Tumor of the Gastrointestinal Tract, Lung and Thymus) (must meet all):

1. Request is for Sandostatin Injection, Bynfezia Pen, or Sandostatin LAR Depot;
2. Diagnosis of a carcinoid tumor (*most commonly arising in the lungs and bronchi, small intestine, appendix, rectum, or thymus*) and one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Request is for carcinoid syndrome (i.e., presence of diarrhea or flushing symptoms indicative of hormonal hypersecretion);
 - b. Request is for advanced disease, with or without carcinoid syndrome;
3. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
4. Age ≥ 18 years;

5. For Sandostatin injection and Bynfezia Pen, member must use generic octreotide acetate, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
6. For Sandostatin LAR Depot requests, if request is for symptom management only, member has received Sandostatin Injection for at least two weeks with improvement in diarrhea or flushing episodes;
7. Request meets one of the following (*Sandostatin Injection can be used with Sandostatin LAR Depot*) (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed any of the following (i or ii):
 - i. Sandostatin Injection and Bynfezia Pen: 1,500 mcg per day in divided doses;
 - ii. Sandostatin LAR Depot: 30 mg every 4 weeks;
 - b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

*Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN

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C. Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumor (including VIPoma) and Adrenal Tumor (must meet all):

1. Request is for Sandostatin Injection, Bynfezia Pen, or Sandostatin LAR Depot;
2. Diagnosis of one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumor including but not limited to VIPoma, gastrinoma, insulinoma or glucagonoma, and one of the following (i, ii, iii, or iv):
 - i. Request is for management of symptoms indicative of hormonal hypersecretion (e.g., diarrhea);
 - ii. Request is for treatment of a gastrinoma with or without symptoms;
 - iii. For other pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors, request is for advanced disease, with or without symptoms;
 - iv. If request is for an insulinoma, tumor is somatostatin receptor positive on imaging;
 - b. Advanced adrenal pheochromocytoma/paraganglioma;
3. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
4. Age \geq 18 years;
5. For Sandostatin injection and Bynfezia Pen, member must use generic octreotide acetate, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
6. For Sandostatin LAR Depot requests, if request is for symptom management only, member has received Sandostatin Injection for at least two weeks with improvement in symptoms;
7. Request meets one of the following (*Sandostatin Injection can be used with Sandostatin LAR Depot*) (a, b, or c):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed any of the following (i or ii):
 - i. Sandostatin Injection and Bynfezia Pen: 750 mcg per day in divided doses;
 - ii. Sandostatin LAR Depot: 30 mg every 4 weeks;
 - b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

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Approval duration: 6 months

D. Meningioma (off-label) (must meet all):

1. Request is for Sandostatin Injection, Bynfezia Pen, or Sandostatin LAR Depot;
2. Diagnosis of meningioma (*cancer of the central nervous system*);
3. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
4. Age \geq 18 years;
5. For Sandostatin injection and Bynfezia Pen, member must use generic octreotide acetate, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
6. Disease is not amenable to surgery or radiation;
7. Octreotide scan is positive;
8. Dose is within FDA maximum limit for any FDA-approved indication or is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

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Approval duration: 6 months

E. Thymoma and Thymic Carcinoma (off-label) (must meet all):

1. Request is for Sandostatin Injection, Bynfezia Pen, or Sandostatin LAR Depot;
2. Diagnosis of thymoma or thymic carcinoma;
3. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
4. Age \geq 18 years;
5. For Sandostatin injection and Bynfezia Pen, member must use generic octreotide acetate, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
6. Prescribed as second-line therapy (first-line therapies include CAP [cisplatin, doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide], ADOC [cisplatin, doxorubicin, vincristine, cyclophosphamide], PE [cisplatin, etoposide], VIP [etoposide, ifosfamide, cisplatin], carboplatin/paclitaxel);
7. Dose is within FDA maximum limit for any FDA-approved indication or is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

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

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to LA.PMN.255
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy LA.PMN.53

II. Continued Therapy

A. Acromegaly (must meet all):

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

2. Member is responding positively to therapy (e.g., improvement in GH or IGF-1 serum concentrations, or in tumor mass control, since initiation of therapy);
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed any of the following (*Sandostatin injection can be used with Sandostatin LAR Depot*) (a, b, or c):
 - a. Sandostatin Injection and Bynfezia Pen: 1,500 mcg per day in divided doses;
 - b. Sandostatin LAR Depot: 40 mg every 4 weeks;
 - c. Mycapssa: 80 mg (4 capsules) per day.

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B. Carcinoid Tumor and Pancreatic/Adrenal Neuroendocrine Tumor (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Louisiana Healthcare Connections benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Sandostatin Injection, Bynfezia, or Sandostatin LAR Depot for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Request is for Sandostatin Injection, Bynfezia Pen, or Sandostatin LAR Depot;
3. Member is responding positively to therapy;
4. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (*Sandostatin Injection can be used with Sandostatin LAR Depot*) (a or b):*
 - a. New dose does not exceed one of the following (i or ii):
 - i. Sandostatin Injection and Bynfezia Pen (1 or 2):
 - 1) Carcinoid tumors: 1,500 mcg per day in divided doses;
 - 2) VIPomas: 750 mcg per day in divided doses;
 - ii. Sandostatin LAR Depot: 30 mg every 4 weeks;
 - b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

*Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN

Approval duration: 6 months

C. Meningioma, Thymoma and Thymic Carcinoma (off-label) (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Louisiana Healthcare Connections benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Sandostatin Injection, Bynfezia, or Sandostatin LAR Depot for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Request is for Sandostatin Injection, Bynfezia Pen, or Sandostatin LAR Depot;
3. Member is responding positively to therapy;
4. If request is for a dose increase, new dose is within FDA maximum limit for any FDA-approved indication or is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).*

*Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN

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1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to LA.PMN.255

2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy LA.PMN.53

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 policy LA.PMN.53

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

GH: growth hormone

IGF-I: insulin growth factor I
(somatomedin C)

NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer
Network

VIPoma: vasoactive intestinal peptide
tumor

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s):
 - Sandostatin Injection, Bynfezia Pen, Mycapssa: sensitivity to this drug or any of its components
 - Sandostatin LAR Depot: none reported
- Boxed warning(s): none reported

Appendix D: General Information

Acromegaly: GH excess occurring in growing children/adolescents before epiphyseal growth plate closure (known as pituitary gigantism) is not included in the present policy given unique etiologic and management considerations.

V. Dosage and Administration

Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
octreotide acetate (Sandostatin Injection) (SC or IV)	Acromegaly	Up to 1,500 mcg in 2 or more divided doses	1,500 mcg/day
	Carcinoid tumors	Up to 1,500 mcg in 2 or more divided doses	1,500 mcg/day
	VIPomas	Up to 750 mcg in 2 or more divided doses	750 mcg/day
Bynfezia Pen (octreotide acetate) (SC)	Acromegaly	Up to 1,500 mcg in 3 divided doses	1,500 mcg/day
	Carcinoid tumors	Up to 1,500 mcg in 2 to 4 divided doses	1,500 mcg/day
	VIPomas	Up to 750 mcg in 2 to 4 divided doses	750 mcg/day
	Acromegaly	20-40 mg every 4 weeks	40 mg/4 weeks

Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
octreotide acetate (Sandostatin LAR Depot) (IM)	Carcinoid tumors	20-30 mg every 4 weeks	30 mg/4 weeks
	VIPomas	20-30 mg every 4 weeks	30 mg/4 weeks
Mycapssa (octreotide acetate)	Acromegaly	Initial: 20 mg PO BID. Titrate based on IGF-1 levels and patient's signs and symptoms. Increase dose in 20 mg increments to a maximum of 40 mg PO QD	80 mg/day

VI. Product Availability

Drug Name	Availability
octreotide acetate (Sandostatin Injection)	Single-use ampules: 50 mcg/mL, 100 mcg/mL, 500 mcg/mL Multi-dose vials: 200 mcg/mL, 1,000 mcg/mL
Bynfezia Pen (octreotide acetate)	Single-patient-use pen: 2,500 mcg/mL octreotide as a 2.8 mL
octreotide acetate (Sandostatin LAR Depot)	Single-use kit (vials): 10 mg, 20 mg, 30 mg
Mycapssa (octreotide acetate)	Delayed-release capsule: 20 mg

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Coding Implications

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HCPCS Codes	Description
J2353	Injection, octreotide, depot form for intramuscular injection, 1 mg
J2354	Injection, octreotide, nondepot form for subcutaneous or intravenous injection, 25 mcg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	LDH Approval Date
Converted corporate to local policy.	08.20	01.08.21
1Q 2021 annual review: advanced adrenal pheochromocytoma /paraganglioma added per NCCN; references reviewed and updated.	01.21	04.30.21
1Q 2022 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	04.22	05.03.22
For acromegaly, added confirmatory diagnostic requirements (IGF-I or GH) per PS/ES practice guidelines. Template changes applied to other diagnoses/indications and continued therapy section.	06.02.23	
Review: for Bynfezia and Sandostatin added must use generic octreotide language; for all oncologic indications clarified that request is for Sandostatin Injection, Bynfezia Pen, or Sandostatin		

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	LDH Approval Date
<p>LAR Depot; reorganized dose limits for all indications; moved the following onto separate criteria line: for Sandostatin LAR depot requests, if request is for symptom management and Mycapssa requests, member has responded to and tolerated treatment with octreotide or lanreotide; references reviewed and updated. Added verbiage this policy is for medical benefit only.</p>		

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