

## Clinical Policy: Olipudase Alfa-rpcp (Xenpozyme)

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

### Description

Olipudase alfa-rpcp (Xenpozyme<sup>®</sup>) is a hydrolytic lysosomal sphingomyelin-specific enzyme.

### FDA Approved Indication(s)

Xenpozyme is indicated for treatment of non-central nervous system manifestations of acid sphingomyelinase deficiency (ASMD) in adult and pediatric patients.

### 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 Louisiana Healthcare Connections<sup>®</sup> that Xenpozyme is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

#### I. Initial Approval Criteria

##### A. Acid Sphingomyelinase Deficiency (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of ASMD confirmed by one of the following (a or b):
  - a. Enzyme assay demonstrating a deficiency of acid sphingomyelinase activity;
  - b. DNA testing;
2. A diagnosis of Gaucher disease has been ruled out by determination of glucocerebrosidase activity;
3. Member has ASMD Type B or Type A/B;
4. For members aged  $\geq 18$  years, member has all of the following (a, b, and c):
  - a. Diffuse capacity of the lung for carbon monoxide (DLco)  $\leq 70\%$ ;
  - b. Spleen volume  $\geq 6$  multiples of normal (MN) as measured by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI);
  - c. Splenomegaly related score (SRS)  $\geq 5$ ;
5. For members aged  $< 18$  years, member has both of the following (a and b):
  - a. Spleen volume  $\geq 5$  MN as measured by MRI;
  - b. Height Z-score  $\leq -1$ ;
6. Documentation of member's weight (in kg);
7. Dose does not exceed 3 mg/kg every two weeks.

**Approval duration: 6 months**

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#### **B. 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. Acid Sphingomyelinase Deficiency (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 as evidenced by improvement in, but not limited to, any of the following parameters: lung function, reduced or stabilized spleen volume, or (in pediatrics only) improved height Z-scores (*see Appendix D for examples of individual patients' ASMD disease manifestation profiles*);
3. Documentation of member's weight (in kg);
4. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 3 mg/kg every two weeks.

**Approval duration: 6 months**

#### **B. 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.

## 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
- B. ASMD Type A.

## IV. Appendices/General Information

#### *Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

ASMD: acid sphingomyelinase deficiency  
DLco: diffuse capacity of the lung for carbon monoxide

FDA: Food and Drug Administration  
MN: multiples of normal  
MRI: magnetic resonance imaging  
SRS: splenomegaly related score

#### *Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*

Not applicable

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#### *Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings*

- Contraindication(s): none reported
- Boxed warning(s): life-threatening hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylaxis

#### *Appendix D: General Information*

- Individual patient manifestations of ASMD may include hepatomegaly, splenomegaly, bleeding/bruising, thrombocytopenia, dyslipidemia, interstitial lung disease (with decreased DLco), delayed growth and puberty, osteoporosis/osteopenia, liver dysfunction with progressive fibrosis, and cardiac disease.
- ASMD Type A (infantile neurovisceral disease) includes severe neurologic symptoms and is uniformly fatal in early childhood. Olipudase alfa does not cross the blood-brain barrier and thus is not appropriate for the treatment of patients with ASMD Type A.
- ASMD and Gaucher disease have several clinical manifestations in common. Simultaneous determination of acid sphingomyelinase activity and glucocerebrosidase activity to distinguish ASMD from Gaucher disease is recommended.

## V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
ASMD Type B and Type A/B	<p><u>Pediatrics:</u> IV dosing every 2 weeks starting with 0.03 mg/kg/dose titrated to a final target maintenance dose by Week 16 of 3 mg/kg every 2 weeks</p> <p><u>Adults:</u> IV dosing every 2 weeks starting with 0.1 mg/kg/dose titrated to a final target maintenance dose by Week 14 of 3 mg/kg every 2 weeks</p>	3 mg/kg every 2 weeks

## VI. Product Availability

Vials with lyophilized powder for reconstitution: 4 mg, 20 mg

## VII. References

1. Xenpozyme Prescribing Information. Cambridge, MA: Genzyme Corporation; December 2024. Available at: <https://products.sanofi.us/xenpozyme/xenpozyme.pdf>. Accessed June 5, 2025.
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3. Diaz GA, Jones SA, Scarpa M, et al. One-year results of a clinical trial of olipudase alfa enzyme replacement therapy in pediatric patients with acid sphingomyelinase deficiency. *Genetics in Medicine*. 2021;23:1543-50. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41436-021-01156-3>.

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### 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
J0218	Injection, olipudase alfa-rpcp, 1 mg

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