

Clinical Policy: Pozelimab-bbfg (Veopoz)

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

Description

Pozelimab-bbfg (Veopoz®) is a complement C5 inhibitor.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Veopoz is indicated for the treatment of adults and pediatric patients 1 year of age and older with CD55-deficient protein-losing enteropathy (PLE), also known as CHAPLE disease.

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 that Veopoz is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. CHAPLE Disease (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of CHAPLE disease confirmed by biallelic CD55 loss-of-function mutation detected by genotype analysis;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist or physician specializing in rare genetic disorders;
3. Age $\geq$ 1 year;
4. Veopoz is not prescribed concurrently with other complement inhibitors (e.g., eculizumab [Soliris®, Bkembv™, Epysqli®], Ultomiris®, Piasky®);
5. Dose does not exceed both of the following (a and b):
 - a. A single loading dose of 30 mg/kg intravenously on day 1;
 - b. Maintenance dose, all the following (i, ii, and iii), administered subcutaneously once weekly starting on day 8 and thereafter:
 - i. 800 mg;
 - ii. 10 mg/kg;
 - iii. If there is inadequate clinical response after at least 3 weekly doses (i.e., starting from Week 4), 12 mg/kg.

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 LA.PMN.53.

II. Continued Therapy

A. CHAPLE Disease (must meet all):

- a. Member is currently receiving medication via Louisiana Healthcare Connections benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. Veopoz is not prescribed concurrently with other complement inhibitors (e.g., eculizumab [Soliris, Bkembv, Epysqli], Ultomiris, Piasky);
4. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed all the following (a, b, and c), administered subcutaneously once weekly:
 - a. 800 mg;
 - b. 10 mg/kg;
 - c. If there is inadequate clinical response after at least 3 weekly doses (i.e., starting from Week 4), 12 mg/kg.

Approval duration: 12 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 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 policies – LA.PMN.53.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

CHAPLE: CD55-deficient protein-losing enteropathy

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

PLE: protein-losing enteropathy

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s): patients with unresolved *Neisseria meningitidis* infection

- Boxed warning(s): serious meningococcal infections

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
CHAPLE disease	Single loading dose of 30 mg/kg IV on day 1, followed by 10 mg/kg SC weekly on day 8 and thereafter. The maintenance dosage may be increased to 12 mg/kg once weekly if there is inadequate clinical response after at least 3 weekly doses (i.e., starting from Week 4).	IV loading dose: 30 mg/kg SC maintenance dose: 800 mg/week

VI. Product Availability

Single-dose vial: 400 mg/2 mL

VII. References

1. Veopoz Prescribing Information. Tarrytown, NY: Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; March 2024. Available at <https://veopoz.com>. Accessed January 22, 2025.
2. Ozen A, Chongsrisawat V, Sefer AP; Pozelimab CHAPLE Working Group. Evaluating the efficacy and safety of pozelimab in patients with CD55 deficiency with hyperactivation of complement, angioathic thrombosis, and protein-losing enteropathy disease: an open-label phase 2 and 3 study. *Lancet*. 2024 Feb 17;403(10427):645-656. doi: 10.1016/S0140-6736(23)02358-9.

Coding Implications

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HCPCS Codes	Description
J9376	Injection, pozelimab-bbfg, 1 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	LDH Approval Date
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Annual review: added criterion to prevent duplicative therapy with other complement inhibitors; references reviewed and updated.	05.12.25	

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