

Clinical Policy: Fam-Trastuzumab Deruxtecan-nxki (Enhertu)

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Coding Implications

Revision Log

See [Important Reminder](#) at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.

Description

Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki (Enhertu®) is a human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-directed antibody and topoisomerase inhibitor conjugate.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Enhertu is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with:

- Unresectable or metastatic HER2-positive breast cancer who have received two or more prior anti-HER2-based regimens in the metastatic setting
- Locally advanced or metastatic HER2-positive gastric or gastroesophageal junction (esophagogastric junction; EGJ) adenocarcinoma who have received a prior trastuzumab-based regimen

Policy/Criteria

Prior authorization is required. 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 Enhertu is medically necessary when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Breast Cancer (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of recurrent, unresectable or metastatic HER2-positive breast cancer;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Failure of two anti-HER2-based regimens (*see Appendix B*), unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
**Prior authorization may be required for anti-HER2-based regimens*
5. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed 5.4 mg/kg every 3 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:

Medicaid– 6 months

B. Gastric and Esophagogastric Junction Cancer (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of HER2-positive gastric or EGJ adenocarcinoma;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;

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3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Disease is locally advanced or metastatic;
5. Failure of trastuzumab-based regimen (*see Appendix B*);
6. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed 6.4 mg/kg every 3 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: Medicaid– 6 months

C. Other diagnoses/indications

1. Refer to the off-label use policy if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): LA.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

II. Continued Therapy

A. Cancer (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Louisiana Healthcare Connections benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Enhertu for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):*
 - a. For breast cancer: New dose does not exceed 5.4 mg/kg every 3 weeks;
 - b. For gastric or EGJ adenocarcinoma: New dose does not exceed 6.4 mg/kg every 3 weeks;
 - c. New 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:

Medicaid – 12 months

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

1. Currently receiving medication via Louisiana Healthcare Connections 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 if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): LA.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

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 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.

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IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

EGJ: esophagogastric junction

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

HER2: human epidermal growth factor receptor 2

NCCN: National Comprehensive Center Network

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
Breast Cancer NCCN examples of systemic therapies for HER2-positive recurrent or metastatic disease <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aromatase inhibitor ± trastuzumab • Aromatase inhibitor ± lapatinib • Pertuzumab + trastuzumab + docetaxel 	Varies	Varies
Gastric and Esophagogastric Junction Cancer trastuzumab-based regimen	8 mg/kg IV q 3 weeks	8 mg/kg

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name® (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name®) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s): none reported
- Boxed warning(s): interstitial lung disease and pneumonitis; embryo-fetal toxicity

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Breast cancer	5.4 mg/kg IV every 3 weeks	6.4 mg/kg
Gastric cancer	6.4 mg/kg IV every 3 weeks	6.4 mg/kg

VI. Product Availability

Single-dose vial: 100 mg lyophilized powder

VII. References

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Coding Implications

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HCPSC Codes	Description
J9358	Injection, fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki, 1 mg

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