

Clinical Policy: Ombitasvir/Paritaprevir/Ritonavir (Technivie)

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Description

Ombitasvir/paritaprevir/ritonavir (Technivie™) is a combination fixed-dose oral tablet formulation consisting of an NS5A inhibitor (ombitasvir), NS3/4A protease inhibitor (paritaprevir), and CYP3A inhibitor (ritonavir).

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Technivie is indicated in combination with ribavirin for the treatment of patients with genotype 4 chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis.

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 Technivie is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Chronic Hepatitis C Infection (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of chronic HCV infection as evidenced by detectable serum HCV RNA levels by quantitative assay in the last 6 months;
2. Confirmed HCV genotype is 4;
**Chart note documentation and copies of lab results are required*
3. If cirrhosis is present, confirmation of Child-Pugh A status;
4. Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist, hepatologist, or infectious disease specialist;
5. Age ≥ 18 years;
6. Member is contraindicated to treatment with Mavyret due to current treatment with efavirenz or atazanavir;
**See Appendix F for additional details on acceptable contraindications*
7. Prescribed in combination with RBV;
8. Life expectancy ≥ 12 months with HCV treatment;
9. Documented sobriety from alcohol and illicit IV drugs for ≥ 6 months prior to starting therapy, if applicable;
10. Advanced liver disease defined as one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Advanced fibrosis indicated by one of the following (i or ii):
 - i. Liver biopsy showing a METAVIR score of F3 or equivalent (Knodell, Scheuer, Batts-Ludwig – F3; Ishak – F4/5);

- ii. One serologic test and one radiologic test showing an equivalent score to METAVIR F3 per Appendix D;
- b. Cirrhosis indicated by one of the following (i, ii or iii):
 - i. Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) - and the HCC is amenable to resection, ablation or transplant;
 - ii. Liver biopsy showing a METAVIR score of F4 or equivalent (Knodell, Scheuer, Batts-Ludwig – F4; Ishak - F5/6);
 - iii. Both of the following (1 and 2):
 - 1) One serologic test showing an equivalent score to METAVIR F4 per Appendix D;
 - 2) One radiologic test showing an equivalent score to METAVIR F4 per Appendix D or other radiologic test showing evidence of cirrhosis (e.g., portal hypertension);
- 11. Member agrees to participate in a medication adherence program including both of the following components (a and b):
 - a. Medication adherence monitored by pharmacy claims data or member report;
 - b. Member's risk for non-adherence identified by adherence program or member/prescribing physician follow-up at least every 4 weeks;
- 12. Prescribed regimen is consistent with an FDA or AASLD-IDSa recommended regimen (*see Section V Dosage and Administration for reference*);
- 13. Dose does not exceed ombitasvir/paritaprevir/ritonavir 25 mg/150 mg/100 mg (2 tablets) per day.

Approval duration: 12 weeks*

(*Approved duration should be consistent with a regimen in Section V Dosage and Administration)

B. Other diagnoses/indications

- 1. 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.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

II. Continued Therapy

A. Chronic Hepatitis C Infection (must meet all):

- 1. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
 - b. Must meet both of the following (i and ii):
 - i. Documentation supports that member is currently receiving Technivie for chronic HCV infection and has recently completed at least three quarters of the full regimen with Technivie;
 - ii. Confirmed HCV genotype is 4;
- 2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
- 3. Dose does not exceed ombitasvir/paritaprevir/ritonavir 25 mg/150 mg/100 mg (2 tablets) per day.

Approval duration: up to a total of 12 weeks*

(*Approved duration should be consistent with a regimen in Section V Dosage and Administration)

B. Other diagnoses/indications:

1. 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.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 policies – CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.
- B. Patients who have failed to respond to previous protease inhibitor (Olysiso, Victrelis, Viekira Pak) based therapy;
- C. Patients with decompensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh Class B or C).

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

AASLD: American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases	IDSA: Infectious Diseases Society of America
APRI: AST to platelet ratio	IQR: interquartile range
FDA: Food and Drug Administration	MRE: magnetic resonance elastography
FIB-4: Fibrosis-4 index	NS3/4A, NS5A/B: nonstructural protein
HBV: hepatitis B virus	PegIFN: pegylated interferon
HCC: hepatocellular carcinoma	RBV: ribavirin
HCV: hepatitis C virus	RNA: ribonucleic acid
HIV: human immunodeficiency virus	

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent for all relevant lines of business and may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
Mavyret™ (glecaprevir/ pibrentasvir)	Treatment-naïve chronic HCV infection: Genotype 4 Without cirrhosis: Three tablets PO QD for 8 weeks With compensated cirrhosis: Three tablets PO QD for 12 weeks	Mavyret: glecaprevir 300 mg/pibrentasvir 120 mg (3 tablets) per day
Mavyret™ (glecaprevir/ pibrentasvir)	Treatment-experienced with IFN/pegIFN + RBV +/- sofosbuvir chronic HCV infection: Genotype 4 Without cirrhosis: Three tablets PO QD for 8 weeks With compensated cirrhosis: Three tablets PO QD for 12 weeks	Mavyret: glecaprevir 300 mg/pibrentasvir 120 mg (3 tablets) per day

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

- The contraindications to RBV also apply to this combination regimen. Refer to the RBV prescribing information for a list of contraindications for RBV.
- Technivie is contraindicated:
 - In patients with moderate to severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh B and C) due to risk of potential toxicity
 - With drugs that are highly dependent on CYP3A for clearance and for which elevated plasma concentrations are associated with serious and/or life-threatening events.
 - With drugs that are moderate or strong inducers of CYP3A and may lead to reduced efficacy of Technivie.

Appendix D: Approximate Scoring Equivalencies using METAVIR F3/F4 as Reference

Fibrosis/ Cirrhosis	Serologic Tests*				Radiologic Tests†		Liver Biopsy‡	
	Fibro Test	FIBRO Spect II	APRI	FIB-4	FibroScan (kPa)	MRE (kPa)	METAVIR	Ishak
Advanced fibrosis	≥0.59	≥42	>1.5	>3.25	≥9.5	≥4.11	F3	F4-5
Cirrhosis	≥0.75	≥42	>1.5	>3.25	≥12.0	≥4.71	F4	F5-6

*Serologic tests:

- FibroTest (available through Quest as FibroTest or LabCorp as FibroSure)
- FIBROSpect II (available through Prometheus Laboratory)
- APRI (AST to platelet ratio index)
- FIB-4 (Fibrosis-4 index: includes age, AST level, platelet count)

†Radiologic tests:

- FibroScan (transient elastography)
- MRE (magnetic resonance elastography)

‡Liver biopsy (histologic scoring systems):

- METAVIR F3/F4 is equivalent to Knodell, Scheuer, and Batts-Ludwig F3/F4 and Ishak F4-5/F5-6
- METAVIR fibrosis stages: F0 = no fibrosis; F1 = portal fibrosis without septa; F2 = few septa; F3 = numerous septa without cirrhosis; F4 = cirrhosis

Appendix E: Direct-Acting Antivirals for Treatment of HCV Infection

Brand Name	Drug Class				
	NS5A Inhibitor	Nucleotide Analog NS5B Polymerase Inhibitor	Non-Nucleoside NS5B Palm Polymerase Inhibitor	NS3/4A Protease Inhibitor (PI)	CYP3A Inhibitor
Daklinza	Daclatasvir				
Epclusa*	Velpatasvir	Sofosbuvir			
Harvoni*	Ledipasvir	Sofosbuvir			
Mavyret*	Pibrentasvir			Glecaprevir	
Olysio				Simeprevir	
Sovaldi		Sofosbuvir			
Technivie*	Ombitasvir			Paritaprevir	Ritonavir

Brand Name	Drug Class				
	NS5A Inhibitor	Nucleotide Analog NS5B Polymerase Inhibitor	Non-Nucleoside NS5B Palm Polymerase Inhibitor	NS3/4A Protease Inhibitor (PI)	CYP3A Inhibitor
Viekira XR/PAK*	Ombitasvir		Dasabuvir	Paritaprevir	Ritonavir
Vosevi*	Velpatasvir	Sofosbuvir		Voxilaprevir	
Zepatier*	Elbasvir			Grazoprevir	

*Combination drugs

Appendix F: General Information

- Hepatitis B Virus Reactivation (HBV) is a Black Box Warning for all direct-acting antiviral drugs for the treatment of HCV. HBV reactivation has been reported when treating HCV for patients co-infected with HBV, leading to fulminant hepatitis, hepatic failure, and death, in some cases. Patients should be monitored for HBV reactivation and hepatitis flare during HCV treatment and post-treatment follow-up, with treatment of HBV infection as clinically indicated.
- For patients with HCV/HIV-1 (human immunodeficiency virus type-1) co-infection, the patient should be on a suppressive antiretroviral drug regimen to reduce the risk of HIV-1 protease inhibitor drug resistance.
- Acceptable medical justification for inability to use Mavyret (preferred product):
 - Severe hepatic disease (Child-Pugh C): use of Mavyret is not recommended due to higher exposures of glecaprevir and pibrentasvir.
 - Moderate hepatic disease (Child-Pugh B): although not an absolute contraindication, use of Mavyret is not recommended in patients with moderate hepatic disease (Child-Pugh B) due to lack of safety and efficacy data.
 - Following administration of Mavyret in HCV infected subjects with *compensated* cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A), exposure of glecaprevir was approximately 2-fold and pibrentasvir exposure was similar to non-cirrhotic HCV infected subjects.
 - At the clinical dose, compared to *non-HCV infected* subjects with *normal hepatic function*, glecaprevir AUC was 100% higher in Child-Pugh B subjects, and increased to 11-fold in Child-Pugh C subjects. Pibrentasvir AUC was 26% higher in Child-Pugh B subjects, and 114% higher in Child-Pugh C subjects.
 - Drug-drug interactions with one or more the following agents:
 - Atazanavir
 - Efavirenz
- Unacceptable medical justification for inability to use Mavyret (preferred product):
 - Black Box Warning (BBW): currently or previously infected with hepatitis B virus. This BBW is not unique to Mavyret, and it applies across the entire therapeutic class of direct-acting antivirals for treatment of HCV infection. Therefore it is not a valid clinical reason not to use Mavyret.
 - Concurrent anticoagulant therapy: Fluctuations in International Normalized Ratio (INR) have been observed in warfarin recipients who were also receiving treatment for HCV infections. This BBW is not unique to Mavyret, and it applies across the

entire therapeutic class of direct-acting antivirals for treatment of HCV infection. Although caution is advised when using Mavyret while receiving concurrent anticoagulant therapy, specifically warfarin, this is not an absolute contraindication as long as patient is adequately monitored and educated during therapy.

- Drug-drug interactions with one or more of the following agents:
 - Rifampin, carbamazepine, or St. John’s wort:
 - These drug-drug interactions are not unique to Mavyret, and they apply across the entire therapeutic class of direct-acting antivirals for treatment of HCV infection.

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose	Reference
Genotype 4: Treatment-naïve or treatment-experienced with pegIFN/RBV with or without compensated cirrhosis	Technivie 2 tablets PO qAM plus weight-based RBV for 12 weeks	Two tablets (paritaprevir 150 mg, ritonavir 100 mg, ombitasvir 25 mg) per day	1) FDA-approved labeling 2) AASLD-IDSA (updated September 2017)

AASLD/IDSA treatment guidelines for chronic hepatitis C infection are updated at irregular intervals; refer to the most updated AASLD/IDSA guideline for most accurate treatment regimen.

VI. Product Availability

Tablet: paritaprevir 75 mg, ritonavir 50 mg, ombitasvir 12.5 mg

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
<p>New policy created, split from CP.PHAR.17 Hep C Therapies. HCV RNA levels over six-month period added to confirm infection is chronic. Life expectancy “≥12 months if HCC and awaiting transplant” is modified to indicate “≥12 months with HCV therapy.” Testing criteria reorganized by “no cirrhosis”/“cirrhosis” consistent with the regimen tables; HCC population is included under “cirrhosis” and broadened to incorporate HCC amenable to curative measures (resection, ablation, transplant). Methods to diagnose fibrosis/cirrhosis are modified to require presence of HCC, liver biopsy or a combination of one serologic and one radiologic test. Serologic and radiologic tests are updated and correlated with METAVIR per Appendix B. Removed creatinine clearance restriction. Criteria added excluding post-liver transplantation unless regimens specifically designate.</p> <p>Dosing regimens are presented in Appendix D and E per AASLD guidelines and FDA-approved indications. The initial approval is shortened to 8 weeks.</p>	08.16	09.16
<p>Partial revision to add new FDA labeled indication: HCV genotype 4 infection with compensated cirrhosis (Appendix D). Policy converted to new template. Max dose added to criteria.</p> <p>Approval duration lengthened to 12 weeks; renewal criteria deleted. Added “+RBV” to the treatment-naïve regimen per AASLD-IDSA guidelines (Appendix E). PI updated. Added renewal criteria.</p>	04.17	
<p>Added requirement for prevention of HBV reactivation. Deleted total in initial approval duration for consistency; consolidated appendix D and E into dosing and administration in section V; deleted adherence requirement in continued therapy, added documentation of positive response to therapy and continuity of care, and removed CIs in section II, added reference column in section V. Added preferencing information requiring Mavyret for FDA-approved indications.</p> <p>Safety criteria was applied according to the safety guidance discussed at CPAC and endorsed by Centene Medical Affairs. Exception made</p>	08.17	09.17

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to require Hep B screening for all patients prior to treatment to ensure that proper risk reduction measures are taken.		
3Q 2018 annual review: removed requirement for HBV verification; removed requirement to check for ART for HCV/HIV co-infection; added prescribed in combination with RBV; expanded duration of tx required for COC from 30 days to three quarters of the full regimen; required verification of genotype for COC; removed conditional requirement for RBV CI; references reviewed and updated.	05.22.18	08.18

Important Reminder

This clinical policy has been developed by appropriately experienced and licensed health care professionals based on a review and consideration of currently available generally accepted standards of medical practice; peer-reviewed medical literature; government agency/program approval status; evidence-based guidelines and positions of leading national health professional organizations; views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas affected by this clinical policy; and other available clinical information. The Health Plan makes no representations and accepts no liability with respect to the content of any external information used or relied upon in developing this clinical policy. This clinical policy is consistent with standards of medical practice current at the time that this clinical policy was approved. “Health Plan” means a health plan that has adopted this clinical policy and that is operated or administered, in whole or in part, by Centene Management Company, LLC, or any of such health plan’s affiliates, as applicable.

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