

Elzonris® (tagraxofusp-erzs) (Intravenous)

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I. Length of Authorization

- Initial: Prior authorization validity will be provided initially for 6 months (180 days).
- Renewal: Prior authorization validity may be renewed every 6 months (180 days) thereafter.

II. Dosing Limits

Max Units (per dose and over time) [HCPCS Unit]:

- 1000 billable units every 21 days

III. Initial Approval Criteria ¹

Prior authorization validity is provided in the following conditions:

- Member is at least 2 years of age; **AND**

Universal Criteria ^{1,2}

- Member has CD123-positive/expressing disease; **AND**
- Used as single agent therapy; **AND**
- Member has a serum albumin level of at least 3.2 g/dL prior to initiating therapy and will be monitored subsequently throughout therapy; **AND**
- Member does not have significant cardiovascular disease (e.g., uncontrolled or any NYHA Class 3 or 4 congestive heart failure, uncontrolled angina, history of myocardial infarction or stroke within 6 months of initiating therapy, uncontrolled hypertension or clinically significant arrhythmias not controlled by medication, baseline left ventricular ejection fraction below the institutional lower limit of normal); **AND**
- Member does not have active or suspected central nervous system (CNS) leukemia; **AND**

Blastic Plasmacytoid Dendritic Cell Neoplasm (BPDCN) † ‡ Φ ^{1,2,7}

- Member must have a definitive diagnosis of BPDCN in the peripheral blood, bone marrow, spleen, lymph nodes, skin, and/or other sites; **AND**
 - Used as induction therapy in members who are candidates for intensive therapy; **OR**

- Used as treatment until progression if a complete response (CR) was achieved after induction; **OR**
- Used as treatment for relapsed/refractory disease if not already used

Preferred therapies and recommendations are determined by review of clinical evidence. NCCN category of recommendation is taken into account as a component of this review. Regimens deemed equally efficacious (i.e., those having the same NCCN categorization) are considered to be therapeutically equivalent.

† FDA Approved Indication(s); ‡ Compendia Recommended Indication(s); Ⓢ Orphan Drug

IV. Renewal Criteria ¹⁻⁷

Prior authorization validity may be renewed based on the following criteria:

- Member continues to meet universal and other indication-specific relevant criteria such as concomitant therapy requirements (not including prerequisite therapy), performance status, etc. identified in section III; **AND**
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include: capillary leak syndrome, severe hypersensitivity reactions, severe hepatotoxicity, etc.; **AND**
- Disease stabilization or improvement as evidenced by a complete response [CR] (*i.e., morphologic, cytogenetic or molecular complete response*) or clinical complete response [CRc] (*i.e., complete response with residual skin abnormality not indicative of active disease*)

V. Dosage/Administration ¹

Indication	Dose
BPDCN	Administer at 12 mcg/kg intravenously over 15 minutes once daily on days 1 to 5 of a 21-day cycle. The dosing period may be extended for dose delays up to day 10 of the cycle. Continue treatment until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. • Administer Cycle 1 in the inpatient setting with member observation through at least 24 hours after the last infusion. • Subsequent cycles may be administered in a suitable outpatient ambulatory care setting that is equipped with appropriate monitoring. Observe member for a minimum of 4 hours following each infusion.

VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

HCPCS Code:

- J9269 – Injection, tagraxofusp-erzs, 10 micrograms; 1 billable unit = 10 mcg

NDC:

- Elzonris 1000 mcg/1 mL single-dose vial: 72187-0401-xx

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Appendix A – Non-Quantitative Treatment Limitations (NQTL) Factor Checklist

Non-quantitative treatment limitations (NQTLs) refer to the methods, guidelines, standards of evidence, or other conditions that can restrict how long or to what extent benefits are provided under a health plan. These may include things like utilization review or prior authorization. The utilization management NQTL applies comparably, and not more stringently, to mental health/substance use disorder (MH/SUD) Medical Benefit Prescription Drugs and medical/surgical (M/S) Medical Benefit Prescription Drugs. The table below lists the factors that were considered in designing and applying prior authorization to this drug/drug group, and a summary of the conclusions that Prime’s assessment led to for each.

Factor	Conclusion
Indication	Yes: Consider for PA
Safety and efficacy	Yes: Consider for PA
Potential for misuse/abuse	No: PA not a priority
Cost of drug	Yes: Consider for PA

Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C86.40	Blastic NK-cell lymphoma not having achieved remission

Appendix 2 – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

The preceding information is intended for non-Medicare coverage determinations. Medicare coverage for outpatient (Part B) drugs is outlined in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-2), Chapter 15, §50 Drugs and Biologicals. In addition, National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) and/or Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) may also exist for claims payment purposes or to clarify benefit eligibility under Part B for drugs which may be self-administered. The following link may be used to search for NCD, LCD, or LCA documents: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search.aspx>. Additional indications, including any preceding information, may be applied at the discretion of the health plan.

Medicare Part B Covered Diagnosis Codes (applicable to existing NCD/LCD/LCA): N/A

Medicare Part B Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdictions		
Jurisdiction	Applicable State/US Territory	Contractor
E (1)	CA, HI, NV, AS, GU, CNMI	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
F (2 & 3)	AK, WA, OR, ID, ND, SD, MT, WY, UT, AZ	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
5	KS, NE, IA, MO	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)
6	MN, WI, IL	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)
H (4 & 7)	LA, AR, MS, TX, OK, CO, NM	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
8	MI, IN	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)
N (9)	FL, PR, VI	First Coast Service Options, Inc.
J (10)	TN, GA, AL	Palmetto GBA
M (11)	NC, SC, WV, VA (excluding below)	Palmetto GBA
L (12)	DE, MD, PA, NJ, DC (includes Arlington & Fairfax counties and the city of Alexandria in VA)	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
K (13 & 14)	NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, ME, NH	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)
15	KY, OH	CGS Administrators, LLC