

Clinical Policy Title: Tafamidis (Vyndaqel, Vyndamax)

Policy Number: RxA.618

Drug(s) Applied: Tafamidis meglumine (Vyndaqel®) and tafamidis (Vyndamax™)

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Line of Business: Commercial, TBD HIM*, Medicaid

Background

Tafamidis meglumine (Vyndaqel®) and tafamidis (Vyndamax™) are transthyretin stabilizers.

Vyndaqel and Vyndamax are indicated for the treatment of the cardiomyopathy of wild type or hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis (ATTR-CM) in adults to reduce cardiovascular mortality and cardiovascular-related hospitalization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Tafamidis (Vyndaqel)	20 mg (4 capsules) PO QD	80 mg/day
Tafamidis (Vyndamax)	61 mg (1 capsule) PO QD	61 mg/day

Drug Name	Availability
Tafamidis (Vyndaqel)	Capsules: 20 mg
Tafamidis (Vyndamax)	Capsules: 61 mg

Clinical Policy

Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Transthyretin Amyloid Cardiomyopathy (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of cardiomyopathy caused by ATTR;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a cardiologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Biopsy is positive for amyloid deposits; 5. One of the following (a or b):
 - a. Confirmation of TTR precursor protein (e.g., by immunohistochemistry, scintigraphy, mass spectrometry);
 - b. Confirmation of a TTR mutation by genetic testing;
6. Member has not had a liver transplant;
7. Dose does not exceed either of the following (a or b):
 - a. Vyndaqel: 80 mg (4 capsules) per day;
 - b. Vyndamax: 61 mg (1 capsule) per day.

Approval duration: 6 months .

II. Continued Therapy

A. Transthyretin Amyloid Cardiomyopathy (must meet all):

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1. Currently receiving medication via RxAdvance benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy, including but not limited to improvement or stabilization in any of the following parameters:
 - a. Walking ability;
 - b. Nutrition (e.g., body mass index);
 - c. Cardiac related hospitalization;
 - d. Cardiac procedures or laboratory tests (e.g., Holter monitoring, echocardiography, electrocardiogram, plasma BNP or NT-proBNP, serum troponin);
3. Dose does not exceed either of the following (a or b):
 - a. Vyndaqel: 80 mg (4 capsules) per day;
 - b. Vyndamax: 61 mg (1 capsule) per day.

Approval duration: 12 months

III. Appendices

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

ATTR-CM: cardiomyopathy of transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

None reported

References

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