

Clinical Policy: Tazemetostat (Tazverik)

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Description

Tazemetostat (Tazverik[™]) is a methyltransferase inhibitor.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Tazverik is indicated for the treatment of:

- Adults and pediatric patients aged 16 years and older with metastatic or locally advanced epithelioid sarcoma (ES) not eligible for complete resection.*
- Adult patients with relapsed or refractory follicular lymphoma (FL) whose tumors are positive for an enhancer of zeste homolog 2 (EZH2) mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test and who have received at least 2 prior systemic therapies.*
- Adult patients with relapsed or refractory FL who have no satisfactory alternative treatment options.*

*These indications are approved under accelerated approval based on overall response rate and duration of response. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in a confirmatory trial(s).

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

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Epithelioid Sarcoma (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of ES;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age \geq 16 years;
4. For brand Tazverik requests, member must use generic tazemetostat, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
5. Disease is metastatic or locally advanced, and not amenable to complete resection;
6. Tumor demonstrates loss of INI1 gene expression through inactivation, deletion, or mutation of the INI1 (SMARCB-1) gene;
7. Tazemetostat is prescribed as monotherapy;
8. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed 1,600 mg (8 tablets) per day;

- 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/HIM – 6 months

Commercial – 12 months or duration of request, whichever is less

B. Follicular Lymphoma (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of FL;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. For brand Tazverik requests, member must use generic tazemetostat, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
5. Relapsed/refractory disease after \geq 2 prior therapies (*see Appendix B for examples*);*
**Prior authorization may be required.*
6. If EZH2 mutation status is negative or unknown, failure of at least one of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated: Aliqopa[™], Copiktra[™], Zydelig[®];*
**Prior authorization may be required.*
7. Member does not have a history of or current CNS metastases;
8. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed 1,600 mg (8 tablets) per day;
 - 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/HIM – 6 months

Commercial – 12 months or duration of request, whichever is less

C. 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.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

II. Continued Therapy

A. All Indications in Section I (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Tazverik for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. For brand Tazverik requests, member must use generic tazemetostat, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
4. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. New dose does not exceed 1,600 mg (8 tablets) per day ;
 - b. 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/HIM – 12 months

Commercial – 12 months or duration of request, whichever is less

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

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene 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 for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and 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.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

ES: epithelioid sarcoma

EZH2: enhancer of zeste homolog 2

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

FL: follicular lymphoma

NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network

STS: soft tissue sarcoma

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
<p>Follicular Lymphoma <i>Examples of first-line, second-line and subsequent therapies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bendamustine + Gazyva[®] or rituximab • CHOP (cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, predenisonone) + Gazyva[®] or rituximab • CVP (cyclophosphamide, vincristine, prednisone) + Gazyva[®] or rituximab 	Varies	Varies

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revlimid[®] + rituximab • Revlimid[®] + Gazyva[®] • <u>Single-agent examples:</u> rituximab; Gazyva[®]; Revlimid[®] 		
Zydelig [®] (idelalisib)	FL (third-line and subsequent therapy): 150 mg PO BID	300 mg/day
Copiktra [®] (duvelisib)	FL (third-line and subsequent therapy): 25 mg PO BID	50 mg/day
Aliqopa [®] (copanlisib)	FL (third-line and subsequent therapy): 60 mg IV on days 1, 8, and 15 of a 28-day treatment cycle	60 mg/dose/week

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
Not reported

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
ES, FL	800 mg PO BID until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity	1,600 mg/day

VI. Product Availability

Tablet: 200 mg

VII. References

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy created pre-emptively.	12.10.19	02.20
Drug is now FDA approved - criteria updated per FDA labeling: age is reduced to 16 years; prior therapeutic trial removed; references reviewed and updated.	03.03.20	05.20
RT2: added criteria set for two new FDA approved FL indications; references reviewed and updated.	06.22.20	08.20
1Q 2021 annual review: oral oncology generic redirection language added; for FL, EZH2 wild type mutation status clarified as negative, and unknown mutation status added for completeness; references to HIM.PHAR.21 revised to HIM.PA.154; references reviewed and updated.	11.05.20	02.21
1Q 2022 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	11.16.21	02.22
Revised approval duration for Commercial line of business from length of benefit to 12 months or duration of request, whichever is less	01.20.22	05.22

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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Note:

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