

Clinical Policy: Mitapivat (Pyrukynd)

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Description

Mitapivat (Pyrukynd[®]) is an pyruvate kinase (PK) activator.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Pyrukynd is indicated for the treatment of hemolytic anemia in adults with PK deficiency.

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

I. Initial Approval Criteria**A. Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (must meet all):**

1. Diagnosis of PK deficiency confirmed by *PLKR* gene molecular analysis and one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Both of the following (i and ii):
 - i. Presence of at least 2 mutant alleles in the *PKLR* gene;
 - ii. At least 1 mutant allele is a missense mutation;
 - b. Hemolytic anemia with laboratory evidence of reduced red blood cell PK enzymatic activity;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist;
3. Age $\geq$ 18 years;
4. Member is not homozygous for the R479H mutation or have 2 non-missense mutations (without the presence of another missense mutation) in the *PKLR* gene;
5. If member received $\leq$ 4 blood transfusions in the last 12 months, recent (within the last 30 days) hemoglobin concentration $\leq$ 10 g/dL;
6. Prescribed concurrently with oral folic acid;
7. Dose does not exceed both of the following (a and b):
 - a. 100 mg per day;
 - b. 2 tablets per day.

Approval duration: 6 months

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

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):
 - a. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.33 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
 - b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.103 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

II. Continued Therapy

A. Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (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. Member is currently receiving medication and is enrolled in a state and product with continuity of care regulations (*refer to state specific addendums for CC.PHARM.03A and CC.PHARM.03B*);
2. Member is responding positively to therapy as evidenced by, including but not limited to, improvement in any of the following parameters from baseline prior to Pyrukynd initiation:
 - a. Reduced transfusion burden;
 - b. Increase in hemoglobin of at least 1.5 g/dL;
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed both of the following (a and b):
 - a. 100 mg per day;
 - b. 2 tablets per day.

Approval duration: 12 months

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

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):
 - a. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.33 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or

- b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.103 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: 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

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

PK: pyruvate kinase

PKLR: pyruvate kinase liver and red blood cell

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

None reported

Appendix D: General Information

- Patients who were homozygous for the c.1436G>A (p.R479H) variant or had 2 non-missense variants (without the presence of another missense variant) in the *PKLR* gene were excluded in the clinical trial because these patients did not achieve hemoglobin response (change from baseline in Hb $\geq$ 1.5 g/dL at > 50% assessments) in the dose-ranging study.
- The 2024 International expert guidelines for PK deficiency recommend diagnostic confirmation with gene molecular analysis of the *PLKR* gene. If there aren't two known pathogenic mutations in *PLKR* identified, then the panel recommends confirmation of a diagnosis of PK deficiency with PK enzyme activity measurement. This is because confirmatory reduced PK enzyme activity should be obtained where possible to confirm pathogenicity of novel *PKLR* variants or variants of unknown significance detected by molecular testing.

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
PK deficiency	Initial: 5 mg PO BID	100 mg/day

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
	Dose may be increased every 4 weeks based on response and tolerance to 20 mg BID up to a maximum of 50 mg BID	

VI. Product Availability

Oral tablets: 5 mg, 20 mg, 50 mg

VII. References

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
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4Q 2022 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated. Template changes applied to other diagnoses/indications and continued therapy section.	08.01.22	11.22
4Q 2023 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	07.10.23	11.23
4Q 2024 annual review: clarified requirement for <i>PLKR</i> gene molecular analysis for diagnosis of PK deficiency to align with 2024 international expert guidelines; clarified that homozygosity for the R479H mutation and presence of 2 non-missense mutations is specific to the <i>PKLR</i> gene; references reviewed and updated.	07.19.24	11.24
4Q 2025 annual review: no significant changes; for continued therapy, clarified that reduced transfusion burden also applies to difference from baseline prior to Pyrukynd initiation; references reviewed and updated.	07.15.25	11.25

Important Reminder

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Note:

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