Medical Benefit Drug Policy

Elevidys (delandistrogene moxeparvovec-rokl) suspension, for intravenous infusion

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Instructions for Use

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Coverage Rationale

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD)

For initial coverage of Elevidys for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), the following will be required:

- Submission of medical records (e.g., chart notes) confirming all of the following:
  - Genetic testing to confirm the diagnosis of DMD and mutation in the DMD gene **and**
  - No deletion in exon 8 or exon 9 in the DMD gene is present **and**
  - Patient is at least 4 years of age **and**
  - Patient is ambulatory without needing an assistive device (e.g., without side-by-side assist, cane, walker, wheelchair, etc.) **and**
  - Anti-AAVrh74 total binding antibody titers are less than 1:400 **and**
  - Patient will receive a corticosteroid regimen prior to and following the administration of Elevidys in line with the FDA-approved recommendations in the labeling **and**
- Provider attests that patient has not received a vaccination within 4 weeks prior to initiation of the corticosteroid regimen **and**
- Provider attests that patient does not have preexisting liver impairment (defined as gamma-glutamyl transferase [GGT] > 2 x upper limit of normal or total bilirubin > the upper limit of normal not due to Gilbert's syndrome), chronic hepatic condition or acute liver disease (e.g., acute hepatic viral infection) **and**
- Submission of medical records (e.g., chart notes) documenting results of all of the following baseline laboratory values and provider attests that these laboratory values will be monitored after administration according to the FDA-approved recommendations in the labeling:
  - Liver function [i.e., clinical exam, GGT (gamma-glutamyl transferase), total bilirubin]
  - Platelet counts
  - Troponin-I **and**
- Provider attests that liver function (clinical exam, GGT, and total bilirubin) will be monitored weekly for the first 3 months following Elevidys infusion and monitoring will be continued thereafter if clinically indicated as per FDA-approved recommendations in the labeling **and**

- Submission of medical records (e.g., chart notes) confirming patient has a left ventricular ejection fraction of greater than or equal to 40 percent (%) **and**
- Provider attests that patient does not have clinical signs or symptoms of infection, and has not had clinical signs or symptoms of infection within 4 weeks prior to treatment **and**
- Provider attests that patient will not receive exon-skipping therapies for DMD [e.g., Amondys (casimersen), Exondys 51 (eteplirsen), Viltepso (viltolarsen), Vyondys 53 (golodirsen)] concomitantly or following Elevidys treatment **and**
- Prescribed by a neurologist with expertise in the treatment of DMD at an authorized treatment center with expertise in gene therapy **and**
- Submission of medical records (e.g., chart notes) confirming that prescriber completed a shared decision-making conversation regarding the potential risks of treatment with Elevidys, including but not limited to acute serious liver injury **and**
- Provider attests that patient has never received Elevidys treatment in their lifetime

Applicable Codes

The following list(s) of procedure and/or diagnosis codes is provided for reference purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by the member specific benefit plan document and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

HCPCS Code	Description
J1413	Injection, delandistrogene moxeparvovec-rokl, per therapeutic dose

ICD-10 Code	Description
G71.01	Duchenne or Becker muscular dystrophy

Background

Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) is an X-linked neuromuscular disease caused by mutations in the DMD gene that result in the absence or near-absence of functional dystrophin protein in muscle cells. It is characterized by progressive loss of skeletal and cardiac muscle function, resulting in loss of ambulation and respiratory or cardiac failure (Institute for Clinical and Economic Review [ICER] 2019). DMD is the most common pediatric muscular dystrophy, with an incidence of around 400 to 600 cases per year and a prevalence of approximately 9000 to 12,000 males in the United States (U.S.) (ICER 2019, Klimchak 2023). The estimated incidence worldwide is 1 in 3500 to 5000 live male births (Mendell et al 2013).

Elevidys is a recombinant adeno-associated viral serotype rh74 (AAVrh74)-based gene therapy designed to deliver a copy of the gene encoding a micro-dystrophin protein expressed in normal muscle cells.

Clinical Evidence

The initial approval of Elevidys was based on a 2-part, Phase 2, double-blind (DB), multi-center (MC), placebo-controlled (PC), crossover (XO), randomized controlled trial (RCT) in 41 ambulatory DMD patients 4 through 7 years of age for up to 96 weeks. Part 1 was a 48-week DB, PC, RCT in which patients received Elevidys (n = 20) or placebo (n = 21). Part 2 was a 48-week DB, PC, RCT in which patients who received placebo during Part 1 were treated with Elevidys, and patients who were treated with Elevidys during Part 1 received placebo. Part 3 is an ongoing, open-label (OL), follow-up period.

The first co-primary endpoint was expression of Elevidys micro-dystrophin in skeletal muscle at Week 12. The absolute quantity of Elevidys micro-dystrophin was measured by western blot assay, adjusted by muscle content, and expressed as a percent of control (i.e., as percent levels of normal, wild-type dystrophin in patients without DMD or Becker muscular dystrophy (BMD)) in muscle biopsy samples. The quantification of micro-dystrophin showed a numerical change in Elevidys-treated patients vs placebo patients by western blot analysis of muscle biopsies.

- At Week 12 of Part 1, the mean change from baseline of Elevidys micro-dystrophin compared to control was 23.82% (range, -0.64 to 131.67).
- At Week 12 of Part 2, the mean change from baseline of Elevidys micro-dystrophin compared to control was 39.64% (range, -1.13 to 90.43).

The second co-primary endpoint was change in North Star Ambulatory Assessment (NSAA) total score, a functional scale designed for ambulatory DMD patients, at Week 48. In Part 1, Elevidys did not demonstrate a statistically significant effect of treatment vs placebo in the change in NSAA from baseline. Analysis of the 4- to 5-year-old subgroup demonstrated a statistically significant change in NSAA at Week 48. In Part 2, the least squares mean (LSM) change of NSAA score from baseline was 1.3 points in the Elevidys group, and the between-group difference was 2.0 ($p = 0.0009$). There was a subgroup analysis of the 4- to 5-year-old subgroup and the 6- to 7-year-old subgroup. The 4- to 5-year-old subgroup demonstrated a statistically significant change in NSAA scores of 2.5, but the analysis of the 6- to 7-year-old subgroup demonstrated a -0.7 difference between treatment groups that was not statistically significant.

Study 103, the ENDEAVOR study, is an ongoing Phase 1b, MC, OL, single-arm (SA), single-dose trial in ambulatory and non-ambulatory patients. It is a 48-patient multi-cohort, and the primary data from cohort 1 of 20 four- to 7-year-old ambulatory boys supported the initial approval of Elevidys. Additional data from cohort 2 through 5 was later provided to support the expanded indication in non-ambulatory patients and in expanded age groups beyond 4 and 5 years of age. The primary endpoint was change in micro-dystrophin expression as measured by western blot at Week 12.

- At Week 12, ambulatory patients in cohort 1, 2, 4, and 5a showed a numerical increase in micro-dystrophin by western blot of 51.0% (standard deviation [SD], 47).
- At Week 12, non-ambulatory patients in cohort 3 and cohort 5b showed a numerical increase in micro-dystrophin by western blot of 40.1% (SD, 35.9).

An exploratory endpoint was change in NSAA score at Week 52.

- The mean NSAA score in patients treated with Elevidys was 22.1 points at baseline and 26.1 points at Week 52, exhibiting a 4-point increase.

Study 301, the EMBARK study, is an ongoing 2-part, Phase 3, DB, MC, PC, RCT including 125 ambulatory patients 4 to 7 years of age. This confirmatory trial led to the expanded age indication for use of Elevidys in patients beyond 4 or 5 years of age. Cohort 1 patients received a single IV infusion of Elevidys on Day 1 of Year 1 followed by a subsequent placebo IV infusion 1 year later. Cohort 2 patients received a single placebo IV infusion during Day 1 of Year 1 followed by a single Elevidys IV infusion 1 year later.

- The primary endpoint was change in NSAA score at Week 52, and Elevidys did not demonstrate a statistically significant effect vs placebo at Week 52.
- Secondary endpoints of time to rise (TTR), 10-meter walk/run test (10MWR), and micro-dystrophin expression showed a statistically significant improvement.

Following reports of two fatalities due to acute liver failure in non-ambulatory patients, as well as an additional case of serious non-fatal acute liver injury, a Boxed Warning for Acute Serious Liver Injury and Acute Liver Failure was added to the FDA label in November 2025. In addition, the FDA required the manufacturer to conduct a postmarketing observational study to further assess the risk of serious liver injury (FDA News Release 2025).

Place in therapy

Clinical guidelines published by the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) (Gloss et al 2016 [reaffirmed 2022]) and the DMD Care Considerations Working Group (funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC]) (Birnkrant et al 2018) recognize corticosteroids as the mainstay of DMD treatment. The well-established benefits of long-term

glucocorticoid therapy include loss of ambulation at a later age, preserved upper limb and respiratory function, and avoidance of scoliosis surgery.

Although the DMD Care Considerations Working Group acknowledged the approval of Exondys 51, no recommendations were provided to inform its place in therapy (Birnkrant et al 2018). Clinical guidelines for DMD have not been comprehensively updated since the FDA approvals of Vyondys 53, Viltepso, Amondys 45, Agamree, Duvyzat, or Elevidys although focused newer guidance has been published. A report on Elevidys published by the AAN Guidelines Subcommittee noted that clinicians should be aware of the treatment's limitations and the need to monitor for immune-related adverse events, and that additional data would be necessary to establish short- and long-term effectiveness and to further define its benefit-risk profile (Oskoui et al 2025). This report was published before the addition of the Boxed Warning.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

This section is to be used for informational purposes only. FDA approval alone is not a basis for coverage.

Elevidys is an adeno-associated virus vector-based gene therapy indicated for the treatment of patients 4 years of age and older with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD), who are ambulatory and have a confirmed mutation in the DMD gene.

Limitations of Use:
Elevidys is not recommended in patients with:

- Preexisting liver impairment (defined as gamma-glutamyl transferase [GGT] > 2 x upper limit of normal or total bilirubin > the upper limit of normal not due to Gilbert's syndrome) or active hepatic viral infection due to the high risk of acute serious liver injury and acute liver failure.
- Recent vaccination (within 4 weeks of treatment) due to immunogenicity and potential safety concerns.
- Active or recent (within 4 weeks) infections due to safety concerns.

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Policy History/Revision Information

Date	Summary of Changes
5/15/2025	Approved by OptumRx P&T Committee
07/16/2025	Update to coverage rationale section. Added criteria "Patient is ambulatory".
8/21/2025	Update to coverage rationale section to require submission of medical records and requirements of baseline labs and testing and additional requirements for post-treatment monitoring. Provider attestations were included to highlight a shared decision-making process for treatment.
5/14/2026	Update to Coverage Rationale section to rule out recent vaccination and recent infection. Updated Place in Therapy section and FDA indication. Updated references.

Instructions for Use

This Medical Benefit Drug Policy provides assistance in interpreting standard benefit plans. When deciding coverage, the member specific benefit plan document must be referenced as the terms of the member specific benefit plan may differ from the standard plan. In the event of a conflict, the member specific benefit plan document governs. Before using this policy, please check the member specific benefit plan document and any applicable federal or state mandates. The insurance reserves the right to modify its Policies and Guidelines as necessary. This Medical Benefit Drug Policy is provided for informational purposes. It does not constitute medical advice.

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