

Ryplazim® (Plasminogen, Human-Tvmh)

Policy Number: 2022D0070D

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

[Instructions for Use](#)

Table of Contents	Page
Coverage Rationale	1
Applicable Codes	1
Background	2
Benefit Considerations	2
Clinical Evidence	2
U.S. Food and Drug Administration	2
References	3
Policy History/Revision Information	3
Instructions for Use	3

Coverage Rationale

Ryplazim (plasminogen, human-tvmh) is proven and medically necessary for the treatment of plasminogen deficiency type 1 (hypoplasminogenemia) when the following criteria are met:^{1,2}

- For initial therapy, all of the following:
 - Diagnosis of hypoplasminogenemia as measured by plasminogen activity level $\leq$ 45% of laboratory standard; and
 - Presence of clinical signs and symptoms of the disease (e.g., ligneous conjunctivitis, gingivitis, tonsillitis, abnormal wound healing, etc.); and
 - Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist; and
 - Dosing is in accordance with the United States Food and Drug Administration approved labeling; and
 - Initial authorization will be for no more than 6 months.
- For continuation of therapy, all of the following:
 - Patient has previously received treatment with Ryplazim therapy; and
 - Patient has experienced a positive clinical response to Ryplazim therapy (e.g., improved (reduction) in lesion number/size, improvement in wound-healing, plasminogen activity trough level has increased by at least 10 percentage points from baseline; etc.); and
 - Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist; and
 - Dosing is in accordance with the United States Food and Drug Administration approved labeling; and
 - Reauthorization will be for no more than 12 months.

Ryplazim is unproven and not medically necessary for the treatment of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

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
J2998	Injection, plasminogen, human-tvmh, 1 mg

Diagnosis Code	Description
E88.02	Plasminogen deficiency

Background

Plasminogen is a naturally occurring protein synthesized by the liver. Plasminogen is converted to plasmin, which then leads to lysis of fibrin clots in the blood and/or on cell surfaces (wound healing, angiogenesis, tissue remodeling, etc.).

Plasminogen deficiency type 1, or hypoplasminogenemia, is a rare autosomal-recessive disorder of the fibrinolytic system. Deficiency of plasminogen levels cause abnormal extravascular accumulation or growth of fibrin-rich ligneous pseudomembranous lesions on mucous membranes throughout the body. Consequently, the most common clinical manifestation of plasminogen deficiency type 1 is ligneous conjunctivitis (LC), characterized by inflamed, woody growth on the conjunctival membranes – which, if left untreated, may result in visual impairment or blindness. Replacement therapy may increase the plasma level of plasminogen, thereby allowing a temporary correction of the deficiency and reduction of extravascular fibrinous lesions.²⁻⁴

Benefit Considerations

Some Certificates of Coverage allow for coverage of experimental/investigational/unproven treatments for life-threatening illnesses when certain conditions are met. The member specific benefit plan document must be consulted to make coverage decisions for this service. Some states mandate benefit coverage for off-label use of medications for some diagnoses or under some circumstances when certain conditions are met. Where such mandates apply, they supersede language in the benefit document or in the medical or drug policy. Benefit coverage for an otherwise unproven service for the treatment of serious rare diseases may occur when certain conditions are met. Refer to the Policy and Procedure addressing the treatment of serious rare diseases.

Clinical Evidence

The efficacy of plasminogen, human-tvmh in pediatric and adult patients with plasminogen deficiency type 1 was evaluated in RYPLAZIM trial 2, a single-arm, open-label clinical trial (n = 15). Enrolled patients, aged 4 to 42 years, had a baseline plasminogen activity level between < 5% and 45% of normal, and biallelic mutations in the *plasminogen (PLG)* gene. All patients received plasminogen, human-tvmh at a dose of 6.6 mg/kg administered every 2 to 4 days for 28 weeks, with a primary endpoint of achieving at least an increase of individual trough plasminogen activity by an absolute 10% above baseline. Secondary endpoint was establishment of overall rate of clinical success at 48 weeks, defined by patients with visible [sites mainly located in the eyes, nose, gums, hands and feet] or measurable non-visible lesions [cervix, bronchus, colon, vagina and uterus] achieving ≥ 50% improvement in lesion number/size, or functionality impact from baseline. Authors found that 78% of external lesions and 75% of internal lesions were resolved by week 48, with no recurrent or new external or internal lesions in any patient through week 48 ([NCT02690714](#)).¹⁻²

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.

Ryplazim® (plasminogen, human-tvmh) is plasma-derived human plasminogen indicated for the treatment of patients with plasminogen deficiency type 1 (hypoplasminogenemia).¹

References

1. Ryplazim [prescribing information]. Rockville, MD: ProMetic BioTherapeutics, Inc.; June 2021.
2. Shapiro AD, Nakar C, Parker JM, et al. Plasminogen replacement therapy for the treatment of children and adults with congenital plasminogen deficiency. Blood. 2018 Jan 10.
3. Tefs K, Gueorguieva M, Klammt J, et al. Molecular and clinical spectrum of type I plasminogen deficiency: A series of 50 patients. Blood. 2006 Nov 1;108(9):3021-6.
4. Schuster V, Hügler B, Tefs K. Plasminogen deficiency. J Thromb Haemost. 2007 Dec;5(12):2315-22.

Policy History/Revision Information

Date	Summary of Changes
07/01/2022	Applicable Codes • Updated list of applicable HCPCS codes to reflect quarterly edits: ○ Replaced J3490 and J3590 with J2998 ○ Removed C9090 Supporting Information • Archived previous policy version 2022D0070C

Instructions for Use

This Medical Benefit Drug Policy provides assistance in interpreting UnitedHealthcare 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. UnitedHealthcare 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.

This Medical Benefit Drug Policy may also be applied to Medicare Advantage plans in certain instances. In the absence of a Medicare National Coverage Determination (NCD), Local Coverage Determination (LCD), or other Medicare coverage guidance, CMS allows a Medicare Advantage Organization (MAO) to create its own coverage determinations, using objective evidence-based rationale relying on authoritative evidence ([Medicare IOM Pub. No. 100-16, Ch. 4, §90.5](#)).

UnitedHealthcare may also use tools developed by third parties, such as the InterQual® criteria, to assist us in administering health benefits. UnitedHealthcare Medical Benefit Drug Policies are intended to be used in connection with the independent professional medical judgment of a qualified health care provider and do not constitute the practice of medicine or medical advice.

Nondiscrimination & Language Access Policy

Aspirus Health Plan, Inc. complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity. We do not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

We will:

Provide free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:

- Qualified sign language interpreters
- Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)

Provide free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:

- Qualified interpreters
- Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact us at the phone number shown on the inside cover of this contract, your id card, or aspirushealthplan.com.

If you believe that we have failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity, you can file a grievance with:

Nondiscrimination Grievance Coordinator
Aspirus Health Plan, Inc.
PO Box 1062
Minneapolis, MN 55440
Phone: 1.866.631.5404 (TTY: 711)
Fax: 763.847.4010
Email: customerservice@aspirushealthplan.com

You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, the Nondiscrimination Grievance Coordinator is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201
1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

Language Assistance Services

Albanian: KUJDES: Nëse flitni shqip, për ju ka në dispozicion shërbime të asistencës gjuhësore, pa pagesë. Telefononi në 1.866.631.5404 (TTY: 711).

Arabic: تنبيه: إذا كنت تتحدث اللغة العربية، فإن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية متاحة لك مجاناً. اتصل بن اعلی رقم الهاتف 1.866.631.5404 (رقم هاتف الصم والبك : 711)

French: ATTENTION : Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelezle 1.866.631.5404 (ATS : 711).

German: ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistungen zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: 1.866.631.5404 (TTY: 711).

Hindi: _यान द_ : य_द आप िहंदी बोलते ह_ तो आपके िलए मु_त म_ भाषा सहायता सेवाएं उपल_ध ह_। 1.866.631.5404 (TTY: 711) पर कॉल कर_।

Hmong: LUS CEEV: Yog tias koj hais lus Hmoob, cov kev pab txog lus, muaj kev pab dawb rau koj. Hu rau 1.866.631.5404 (TTY: 711).

Korean: 주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1.866.631.5404 (TTY: 711)번으로 전화해 주십시오.

Polish: UWAGA: Jeżeli mówisz po polsku, możesz skorzystać z bezpłatnej pomocy językowej. Zadzwoń pod numer 1.866.631.5404 (TTY: 711).

Russian: ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1.866.631.5404 (телетайп: 711).

Spanish: ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1.866.631.5404 (TTY: 711).

Tagalog: PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nangwalang bayad. Tumawag sa 1.866.631.5404 (TTY: 711)

Traditional Chinese: 注意: 如果您使用繁體中文, 您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1.866.631.5404 (TTY: 711)。

Vietnamese: CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 1.866.631.5404 (TTY: 711).

Pennsylvania Dutch: Wann du Deitsch (Pennsylvania German / Dutch) schwetzscht, kannscht du mitaus Koschte ebbergricke, ass dihr helft mit die englisch Schprooch. Ruf selli Nummer uff: Call 1.866.631.5404 (TTY: 711).

Lao: ໄປດຊາຍ: ຖ້າວ່າ ທ່ານເວົ້າພາສາ ລາວ, ການບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາ, ໂດຍບໍ່ເສັຽຄ່າ, ແມ່ນມີພ້ອມໃຫ້ທ່ານ. ໂທ 1.866.631.5404 (TTY: 711).