

**Clinical Policy: Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir (Mavyret)**

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**Description**

Glecaprevir and pibrentasvir (Mavyret™) are a fixed-dose combination of glecaprevir, a hepatitis C virus (HCV) NS3/4A protease inhibitor, and pibrentasvir, an HCV NS5A inhibitor.

**FDA approved indication**

Mavyret is indicated for the treatment of:

- Patients with chronic HCV genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 infection without cirrhosis and with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A).
- Adult patients with genotype 1 infection, who previously have been treated with a regimen containing an HCV NS5A inhibitor or an NS3/4A protease inhibitor, but not both.

**Policy/Criteria**

Provider must submit documentation (which may include office chart notes and lab results) supporting that member has met all approval criteria

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation® that Mavyret is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

**I. Initial Approval Criteria****A. Chronic Hepatitis C Infection** (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of chronic HCV infection as evidenced by detectable HCV RNA (ribonucleic acid) levels in the last 6 months;
2. Confirmed HCV genotype is one of the following (a, b, or c);
  - a. For treatment-naïve patients: genotypes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6;
  - b. For patients treatment-experienced with interferon (IFN)/pegylated-interferon (pegIFN), ribavirin (RBV), and/or sofosbuvir only: genotypes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6;
  - c. For patients treatment-experienced with either an NS5A inhibitor or an NS3/4A protease inhibitor: genotype 1 (see Appendix D);
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Life expectancy ≥ 12 months with HCV treatment;
5. Prescriber and patient must attest that the patient is not actively participating in illicit IV drug use and/or alcohol use;;
6. Advanced liver disease defined as a or b:
  - a. Advanced fibrosis indicated by i, ii, or iii:
    - i. Liver biopsy showing a METAVIR score of F3 or equivalent (Knodell, Scheuer, Batts-Ludwig – F3; Ishak – F4/5);
    - ii. One serologic test showing an equivalent score to METAVIR F3

- iii. One radiologic test showing an equivalent score to METAVIR F3 per Appendix C;
  - b. Cirrhosis indicated by i, ii, iii, iv or v;
    - i. Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) - and the HCC is amenable to resection, ablation or transplant;
    - ii. Liver biopsy showing a METAVIR score of F4 or equivalent (Knodell, Scheuer, Batts-Ludwig – F4; Ishak - F5/6);
    - iii. One serologic test showing an equivalent score to METAVIR F4 per Appendix C;
    - iv. One radiologic test showing an equivalent score to METAVIR F4 per Appendix C;
    - v. Other radiologic test showing evidence of cirrhosis (e.g., portal hypertension);
  - c. If member is HIV/HCV co-infected, there shall be no METAVIR score requirements.
- 7. Prescribed regimen is consistent with an FDA or AASLD-IDSA recommended regimen (*see Section V Dosage and Administration for reference*);
  - 8. If cirrhosis is present, confirmation of Child-Pugh A status;
  - 9. Member is hepatitis B virus (HBV) negative, or if positive, documentation that concurrent HBV infection is being treated (e.g., tenofovir alafenamide, adefovir, entecavir), unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced (*see Appendix B*);
  - 10. Member agrees to participate in a medication adherence program meeting both of the following components:
    - a. Medication adherence monitored by pharmacy claims data or member report;
    - b. Member's risk for non-adherence identified by adherence program or member/prescribing physician follow-up at least every 4 weeks;
  - 11. Dose does not exceed glecaprevir 300 mg and pibrentasvir 120 mg (3 tablets) per day.
- Approval duration: up to a total of 16 weeks\***  
(\*Approved duration should be consistent with a regimen in Section V Dosage and Administration)

**B. Other diagnoses/indications**

- 1. Refer to CP.PHAR.57 if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized).

**II. Continued Therapy**

**A. Chronic Hepatitis C Infection (must meet all):**

- 1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Mavyret for treatment of chronic HCV infection and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
- 2. Member is responding positively to therapy (e.g., decreased HCV RNA level, no unacceptable toxicity);

3. Dose does not exceed glecaprevir 300 mg and pibrentasvir 120 mg (3 tablets) per day.  
**Approval duration: up to a total of 16 weeks\***  
(\*Approved duration should be consistent with a regimen in Section V Dosage and Administration)

**B. Other diagnoses/indications**

1. Refer to CP.PHAR.57 if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized).

**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 policy – CP.PHAR.57 or evidence of coverage documents;  
B. Treatment-experienced patients with both NS3/4A protease inhibitor AND NS5A inhibitor, such as combination therapies including: Technivie, Viekira, and Zepatier.

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

AASLD: American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases

DNA: deoxyribonucleic acid

HBeAg: hepatitis B virus envelope antigen

HBV: hepatitis B virus

HCC: hepatocellular carcinoma

HCV: hepatitis C virus

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

FIB-4: Fibrosis-4 index

IDSA: Infectious Diseases Society of America

IFN: interferon

NS3/4A, NS5A/B: nonstructural protein

pegIFN: pegylated interferon

PO: by mouth

QD: once per day

RBV: ribavirin

RNA: ribonucleic acid

*Appendix B: General Information*

- Hepatitis B Reactivation is a Black Box Warning for all direct-acting antiviral drugs for the treatment of HCV. The provider must provide either:
  - Documentation of absence of concurrent HBV infection as evidenced by laboratory values showing absence of hepatitis B virus envelope antigen (HBeAg) and HBV DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid);
  - Documentation that HBV co-infected patient may not be candidates for therapy as evidenced by one of the following:
    - Absence of HBeAg, HBV DNA less than 2,000 international units/mL, and alanine aminotransferase (ALT) level within 1 to 2 times the upper limit of normal;
    - HBeAg-positive and HBV DNA greater than 1,000,000 international units/mL and ALT level within 1 to 2 times the upper limit of normal;
  - Documentation that concurrent HBV infection is being treated (e.g., tenofovir alafenamide, adefovir, entecavir), unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced.

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- Due to higher rates of virologic failure and treatment-emergent drug resistance, the data do not support labeling for treatment of HCV genotype 1 infected patients who are both NS3/4A PI and NS5A inhibitor-experienced.

*Appendix C: Approximate Scoring Equivalencies using METAVIR F3/F4 as Reference*

Fibrosis/ Cirrhosis	Serologic Tests*				Radiologic Tests†		Liver Biopsy‡	
	Fibro Test	FIBRO Spect II	APRI	FI B- 4	FibroScan (kPa)	MRE (kPa)	METAVIR	Ishak
Advanced fibrosis	≥0.59	≥42	>1.5	>3 .25	≥9.5	≥4.11	F3	F4-5
Cirrhosis	≥0.75	≥42	>1.5	>3 .25	≥12.0	≥4.71	F4	F5-6

\*Serologic tests:

FibroTest (available through Quest as FibroTest or LabCorp as FibroSure)

FIBROSpect II (available through Prometheus Laboratory)

APRI (AST to platelet ratio index)

FIB-4 (Fibrosis-4 index: includes age, AST level, platelet count)

†Radiologic tests:

FibroScan (transient elastography)

MRE (magnetic resonance elastography)

‡Liver biopsy (histologic scoring systems):

METAVIR F3/F4 is equivalent to Knodell, Scheuer, and Batts-Ludwig F3/F4 and Ishak F4-5/F5-6

METAVIR fibrosis stages: F0 = no fibrosis; F1 = portal fibrosis without septa; F2 = few septa; F3 = numerous septa without cirrhosis; F4 = cirrhosis

*Appendix D: Direct-Acting Antivirals for Treatment of HCV Infection*

Brand Name	Drug Class				
	NS5A Inhibitor	Nucleotide Analog NS5B Polymerase Inhibitor	Non- Nucleoside NS5B Palm Polymerase Inhibitor	NS3/4A Protease Inhibitor (PI)	CYP3A Inhibitor
Daklinza	Daclatasvir				
Epclusa*	Velpatasvir	Sofosbuvir			
Harvoni*	Ledipasvir	Sofosbuvir			
Olysio				Simeprevir	
Sovaldi		Sofosbuvir			
Technivie*	Ombitasvir			Paritaprevir	Ritonavir
Viekira XR/Pak*	Ombitasvir		Dasabuvir	Paritaprevir	Ritonavir



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Brand Name	NS5A Inhibitor		Nucleotide Analog NS5B Polymerase Inhibitor		Drug Class		NS3/4A Protease Inhibitor (PI)		CYP3A Inhibitor	
					Non-Nucleoside NS5B Palm Polymerase Inhibitor					
Zepatier*	Elbasvir						Grazoprevir			

\*Combination drugs

**V. Dosage and Administration**

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose	Reference
Treatment-naïve Chronic hepatitis C (CHC) infection: Genotypes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6	Without cirrhosis: 3 tablets by mouth (PO) daily (QD) for 8 weeks With compensated cirrhosis: 3 tablets PO QD for 12 weeks	Glecaprevir 300 mg/pibrentasvir 120 mg (3 tablets) per day	FDA-approved labeling
Treatment-experienced with IFN/pegIFN + RBV +/- sofosbuvir CHC infection: Genotypes 1, 2, 4, 5, or 6	Without cirrhosis: 3 tablets PO QD for 8 weeks With compensated cirrhosis: 3 tablets PO QD for 12 weeks	Glecaprevir 300 mg/pibrentasvir 120 mg (3 tablets) per day	FDA-approved labeling
Treatment-experienced with IFN/pegIFN + RBV +/- sofosbuvir CHC infection: Genotype 3	Without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis: 3 tablets PO QD for 16 weeks	Glecaprevir 300 mg/pibrentasvir 120 mg (3 tablets) per day	FDA-approved labeling
Treatment-experienced with NS5A inhibitor without prior NS3/4A protease inhibitor CHC infection: Genotype 1	Without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis: 3 tablets PO QD for 16 weeks	Glecaprevir 300 mg/pibrentasvir 120 mg (3 tablets) per day	FDA-approved labeling
Treatment-experienced with NS3/4A protease inhibitor without prior NS5A inhibitor CHC infection: Genotype 1	Without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis: 3 tablets PO QD for 12 weeks	Glecaprevir 300 mg/pibrentasvir 120 mg (3 tablets) per day	FDA-approved labeling

**VI. Product Availability**

Tablets: glecaprevir 100 mg and pibrentasvir 40 mg

**VII. References**

1. Mavyret Prescribing Information. North Chicago, IL: AbbVie Inc.; August 2017. Available at: [www.mavyret.com](http://www.mavyret.com). Accessed August 7, 2017.

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	Approval Date
Policy created.	08/17	09/17
Due to State requirements, removed prescriber restrictions regarding who can prescribe Hepatitis C DAA agents; Removed the abstinence period of 6 months and added documentation required that member is not actively participating in alcohol and/or illicit IV drugs use; Added statement that NO Fibrosis score is required for HIV/HCV co-infected members	03/18	05/18
Changed language to one serologic test OR one radiologic test from one serologic test and one radiologic test	5/18	5/18

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