

**Louisiana Medicaid**  
**Exagamglogene autotemcel (Casgevy™)**

The *Louisiana Uniform Prescription Drug Prior Authorization Form* should be utilized to request clinical authorization for exagamglogene autotemcel (Casgevy™).

Additional Point-of-Sale edits may apply.

By submitting the authorization request, the prescriber attests to the conditions available [HERE](#).

**Approval Criteria**

- The recipient is  $\geq 12$  and  $\leq 35$  years of age on the date of the request; **AND**
- The recipient has a diagnosis of sickle cell disease (SCD); **AND**
- The provider **states on the request** that the recipient has experienced at least two severe vaso-occlusive crisis events per year for the previous two years; **AND**
- The recipient has had treatment failure or intolerance to hydroxyurea (HU); **AND**
- This medication is prescribed by a hematologist; **AND**
- If the request is for a non-preferred agent - **ONE** of the following is required:
  - The recipient has had a *treatment failure* with at least one preferred product; **OR**
  - The recipient has had an *intolerable side effect* to at least one preferred product; **OR**
  - The recipient has a *documented contraindication(s)* to all of the preferred products that are appropriate to use for the condition being treated; **OR**
  - There is *no preferred product that is appropriate* to use for the condition being treated; **AND**
- The following are true and **stated on the request**:
  - The recipient does not have advanced liver disease; **AND**
  - The recipient has not tested positive for human immunodeficiency virus [HIV] infection, hepatitis B virus [HBV] or hepatitis C virus [HCV]; **AND**
  - Recipients  $\geq 12$  to  $\leq 16$  years of age have a normal transcranial doppler (TCD); **AND**
  - Recipients  $\geq 12$  and  $\leq 18$  years of age do not have a history of an abnormal transcranial doppler (TCD) in the middle cerebral artery and the internal carotid artery; **AND**
  - The recipient is not pregnant or breastfeeding; **AND**
  - The recipient is eligible to receive hematopoietic stem cell (HSC) transplantation; **AND**
  - The recipient has no known and available HLA matched family donor; **AND**
  - The recipient has not received prior HSC transplantation; **AND**
  - The recipient **has never received a dose** of any gene therapy; **AND**
  - The recipient does not have a clinically significant and active bacterial, viral, fungal, or parasitic infection;

**OR**

- The recipient is  $\geq 12$  and  $\leq 35$  years of age on the date of the request; **AND**
- The recipient has a diagnosis of homozygous  $\beta$ -thalassemia or compound heterozygous  $\beta$ -thalassemia including  $\beta$ -thalassemia/hemoglobin E (HbE); **AND**

- The provider **states on the request** that the recipient is transfusion-dependent defined by a history of **ONE** of the following in the 2-year period prior to the request:
  - At least 10 units/year of packed red blood cells (pRBCs); **OR**
  - At least 100 mL/kg/year of pRBCs; **AND**
- This medication is prescribed by a hematologist; **AND**
- If the request is for a non-preferred agent - **ONE** of the following is required:
  - The recipient has had a *treatment failure* with at least one preferred product; **OR**
  - The recipient has had an *intolerable side effect* to at least one preferred product; **OR**
  - The recipient has a *documented contraindication(s)* to all of the preferred products that are appropriate to use for the condition being treated; **OR**
  - There is *no preferred product that is appropriate* to use for the condition being treated; **AND**
- The following are true and **stated on the request**:
  - The recipient does not have severely elevated iron in the heart (i.e., patients with cardiac T2\* less than 10 msec by magnetic resonance imaging [MRI] or left ventricular ejection fraction [LVEF] < 45% by echocardiogram); **AND**
  - The recipient does not have  $\alpha$ -thalassemia and >1 alpha deletion or alpha multiplications; **AND**
  - The recipient does not have sickle cell beta thalassemia variant; **AND**
  - The recipient does not have advanced liver disease; **AND**
  - The recipient has not tested positive for human immunodeficiency virus [HIV] infection, hepatitis B virus [HBV] or hepatitis C virus [HCV]; **AND**
  - The recipient does not have white blood cell (WBC) counts <  $3 \times 10^9$ /liter (L) and/or platelet counts <  $50 \times 10^9$ /L (not due to hypersplenism); **AND**
  - The recipient is not pregnant or breastfeeding; **AND**
  - The recipient is eligible to receive hematopoietic stem cell (HSC) transplantation; **AND**
  - The recipient has no known and available HLA matched family donor; **AND**
  - The recipient has not received prior HSC transplantation; **AND**
  - The recipient **has never received a dose** of any gene therapy; **AND**
  - The recipient does not have a clinically significant and active bacterial, viral, fungal, or parasitic infection.

**Duration of approval: 6 months – allow 1 dose per lifetime**

## References

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