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Clinical Policy: Enfortumab Vedotin-ejfv (Padcev)

Reference Number: LA.PHAR.455
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Last Review Date: 05.01.24 ~~07.20.23~~
Line of Business: Medicaid

Coding Implications
Revision Log

See Important Reminder at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.

****Please note: This policy is for medical benefit****

Description

Enfortumab vedotin-ejfv (Padcev~~™)~~®) is a Nectin-4-directed antibody and microtubule inhibitor conjugate.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Padcev is indicated:

- ~~For~~In combination with pembrolizumab for the treatment of adult patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial cancer
- As a single agent for the treatment of adult patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial cancer who:
  - have previously received a programmed death receptor-1 (PD-1) or programmed death-ligand 1 (PD-L1) inhibitor, and a platinum-containing chemotherapy, or
  - are ineligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy and have previously received one or more prior lines of therapy~~.~~
  - ~~In combination with pembrolizumab for the treatment of adult patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial cancer who are not eligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy.*~~

~~* Accelerated approval was granted for this indication based on complete response rate. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in a confirmatory trial.~~

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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 Louisiana Healthcare Connections® that Padcev is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Urothelial Carcinoma (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of recurrent, locally advanced, or metastatic (stage IV) urothelial carcinoma;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or urologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;

4. ~~Member meets~~ One of the following (a or b):
   ~~4.~~a. Prescribed as a single agent, and one of the following (~~a~~i or ~~b~~ii):
      ~~a.~~i. Failure of both of the following (~~i~~1 and ~~ii~~2):
         ~~i.~~1) Platinum-containing chemotherapy (*see Appendix B*);
         ~~ii.~~2) PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitor (*see Appendix B*);
      ~~b.~~ii. Member is ineligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy and has previously received one or more prior lines of therapy (*see Appendix B*);
   ~~c.~~b. ~~Member is ineligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy and will use Padcev~~Prescribed in combination with ~~pembrolizumab;~~Keytruda®;
5. Request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):*
   a. If prescribed as a single agent: Dose does not exceed 1.25 mg/kg (up to 125 mg) on days 1, 8, and 15 of a 28-day cycle;
   b. If ~~administered~~prescribed in combination with ~~pembrolizumab, dose~~Keytruda: Dose does not exceed 1.25 mg/kg (up to 125 mg) on days 1 and 8 of a 21-day cycle;
   c. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

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 LA.PMN.255
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: LA.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

II. Continued Therapy

A. Urothelial Carcinoma (must meet all)**:**
1. Currently receiving medication via Louisiana Healthcare Connections benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Padcev for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 28 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):*
   a. If prescribed as a single agent: New dose does not exceed 1.25 mg/kg (up to 125 mg) on days 1, 8 and 15 of a 28-day cycle;
   b. If ~~administered~~prescribed in combination with ~~pembrolizumab,~~Keytruda: New dose does not exceed 1.25 mg/kg (up to 125 mg) on days 1 and 8 of a 21-day cycle;
   c. New dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

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**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

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 LA.PMN.255
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: LA.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

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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 – LA.PMN.53 for Medicaid, or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

FDA: Food and Drug Administration
PD-1: programmed death receptor-1
PD-L1: programmed death-ligand
NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent and may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
Examples of platinum-containing regimens		
DDMVAC (dose-dense methotrexate, vinblastine, doxorubicin, and cisplatin)	Varies	Varies
gemcitabine with either cisplatin or carboplatin	Varies	Varies
Examples of PD-1 inhibitors		
Keytruda® (pembrolizumab)	Varies	Varies
Opdivo® (nivolumab)	Varies	Varies
Examples of PD-L1 inhibitors		
Tecentriq® (atezolizumab)	Varies	Varies
Imfinzi® (durvalumab)	10 mg/kg IV infusion every 2 weeks	Varies
Bavencio® (avelumab)	800 mg IV infusion once every 2 weeks	Varies
Other recommended regimens		

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
gemcitabine	Varies	Varies
gemcitabine and paclitaxel	Varies	Varies
ifosfamide, doxorubicin, gemcitabine	Varies	Varies

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name® (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name®) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s): none reported
- Boxed warning(s): serious skin reactions

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Urothelial cancer	*As a single agent:* 1.25 mg/kg (up to a maximum dose of 125 mg) given as an IV infusion over 30 minutes on Days 1, 8 and 15 of a 28-day cycle until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity~~.~~ ~~OR~~ *In combination with* ~~pembrolizumab,~~*Keytruda:* 1.25 mg/kg (up to a maximum dose of 125 mg) given as an ~~intravenous~~IV infusion over 30 minutes on Days 1 and 8 of a 21-day cycle until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity~~.~~	See dosing regimen

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VI. Product Availability

Single-dose vial for injection: 20 mg, 30 mg

VII. References

1. Padcev Prescribing Information. Northbrook, IL: Astellas Pharma US, Inc; ~~April~~December 2023. Available at: https://www.padcev.com. Accessed ~~July 20~~December 27, 2023.
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Coding Implications

Codes referenced in this clinical policy are for informational purposes only. Inclusion or exclusion of any codes does not guarantee coverage. Providers should reference the most up-to-date sources of professional coding guidance prior to the submission of claims for reimbursement of covered services.

HCPCS Codes	Description
J9177	Injection, enfortumab vedotin-ejfv, 0.25 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	LDH Approval Date
Policy created.	05.01.23	09.25.23
Annual review: for urothelial cancer in combination with Keytruda, updated FDA-approved indication to full approval and removed requirement for cisplatin ineligibility per updated PI.	05.01.24	

Important Reminder

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