



Decitabine:

Dacogen®; Decitabine Ψ (Intravenous)

Document Number: IC-0030

Last Review Date: 08/01/2024

Date of Origin: 01/01/2012

Dates Reviewed: 12/2011, 02/2013, 11/2013, 06/2014, 06/2015, 08/2018, 08/2019, 08/2020, 08/2021, 08/2022, 08/2023, 08/2024

I. Length of Authorization

Coverage will be provided for 6 months and may be renewed.

II. Dosing Limits

A. Quantity Limit (max daily dose) [NDC Unit]:

- 50mg single-dose vial: 10 vials per 28 days

B. Max Units (per dose and over time) [HCPCS Unit]:

- MDS: 900 billable units (900 mg) per 84 days
- AML: 500 billable units (500 mg) per 28 days
- MDS/MPN, BPDCN, & MPN-AP/BP: 250 billable units (250 mg) per 28 days

III. Initial Approval Criteria ¹

Coverage is provided in the following conditions:

- Patient is at least 18 years of age; **AND**

Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS) † ‡ Φ ^{1,2,8}

Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) ‡ ^{2,6}

Blastic Plasmacytoid Dendritic Cell Neoplasm (BPDCN) ‡ ^{2,6}

Accelerated/Blast Phase Myeloproliferative Neoplasms (MPN-AP/BP) ‡ ^{2,11}

Myelodysplastic/Myeloproliferative (MDS/MPN) Overlap Neoplasms ‡ ^{2,8}

- Includes use for any of the following:
 - Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia type 1 or 2 (CMML-1 or 2)
 - MDS/MPN with neutrophilia

- MDS/MPN Not Otherwise Specified (NOS) (“overlap syndrome”)
- MDS/MPN with SF3B1 mutation and thrombocytosis
- MDS/MPN with ring sideroblasts and thrombocytosis (MDS/MPN-RS-T) with wild-type SF3B1 mutation

† FDA Approved Indication(s); ‡ Compendia Recommended Indication(s); Ⓢ Orphan Drug

IV. Renewal Criteria ^{1,2,9}

Coverage can be renewed based upon the following criteria:

- Patient continues to meet indication-specific relevant criteria such as concomitant therapy requirements (not including prerequisite therapy), performance status, etc. identified in section III; **AND**
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include: serious myelosuppression (e.g., anemia, neutropenia, and thrombocytopenia), etc.; **AND**
- Adequate documentation of disease stability and/or improvement as indicated by at least one of the following: decrease in bone marrow blasts percentage, increase in platelets, increase in hemoglobin, or increase in WBC/ANC over pretreatment values

V. Dosage/Administration ^{1,6,12-17}

Indication	Dose
MDS	Treat for a minimum of 4 cycles using one of the below regimens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administer 15 mg/m² IV over 3 hours, repeated every 8 hours (45 mg/m²/day) for 3 days. Repeat cycle every 6 weeks. ▪ Administer 20 mg/m² IV over 1 hour, repeated daily for 5 days. Repeat cycle every 4 weeks.
MDS/MPN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administer 20 mg/m² IV over 1 hour on days 1 through 5 of every 28-day cycle until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity; OR ▪ Administer 20 mg/m² IV over 1 hour on days 8 through 12 of a 35-day cycle for 1 cycle, followed by 20 mg/m² IV on days 1 through 5 of every 28-day cycle (starting with cycle 2) until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity
AML	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administer 20 mg/m² IV over 1 hour on days 1 through 5 of every 28-day cycle until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity; OR ▪ Administer 20 mg/m² IV over 1 hour on days 1 through 10 of every 28-day cycle until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity
BPDCN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administer 20 mg/m² IV over 1 hour on days 1 through 5 of every 28-day cycle until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity
MPN-AP/BP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administer 20 mg/m² IV over 1 hour on days 1 through 5 OR days 8 through 12 of every 28-day cycle until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity

VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

HCPSC Code(s):

DECITABINE

(Dacogen®; Decitabine Ⓢ) Prior Auth Criteria

Proprietary Information. Restricted Access – Do not disseminate or copy without approval.

©2024 Magellan Rx Management

MagellanRx
MANAGEMENT™

- J0894 – Injection, decitabine, 1 mg; 1 billable unit = 1 mg
- J0893 – Injection, decitabine (sun pharma), not therapeutically equivalent to J0894, 1 mg; 1 billable unit = 1 mg
- J9999 – Not otherwise classified, antineoplastic Ψ

NDC:

- Dacogen* 50 mg powder in a single-dose vial for injection: 59148-0046-xx

***Multiple manufacturers produce ANDA generics**

Ψ Designated products approved by the FDA as a 505(b)(2) NDA of the innovator product. These products are not rated as therapeutically equivalent to their reference listed drug in the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Orange Book and are therefore considered single source products based on the statutory definition of "single source drug" in section 1847A(c)(6) of the Act. For a complete list of all approved 505(b)(2) NDA products please reference the latest edition of the Orange Book: [Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations / Orange Book / FDA](#)

VII. References

1. Dacogen [package insert]. Rockville, MD; Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc.; November 2021. Accessed June 2024.
2. Referenced with permission from the NCCN Drugs and Biologics Compendium (NCCN Compendium®) for decitabine. National Comprehensive Cancer Network, 2024. The NCCN Compendium® is a derivative work of the NCCN Guidelines®. NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER NETWORK®, NCCN®, and NCCN GUIDELINES® are trademarks owned by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. To view the most recent and complete version of the Compendium, go online to NCCN.org. Accessed June 2024.
3. Swerdlow SH, Campo E, Harris NL, et al., editors. WHO Classification of Tumours of Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Tissues. Lyon, France: IARC; 2008.
4. Badar T, Kantarjian HM, Ravandi F, et al. Therapeutic benefit of decitabine, a hypomethylating agent, in patients with high-risk primary myelofibrosis and myeloproliferative neoplasm in accelerated or blastic/acute myeloid leukemia phase. *Leuk Res*. 2015 Sep;39(9):950-6. doi: 10.1016/j.leukres.2015.06.001.
5. Kantarjian HM, Thomas XG, Dmoszynska A, et al. Multicenter, randomized, open-label, phase III trial of decitabine versus patient choice, with physician advice, of either supportive care or low-dose cytarabine for the treatment of older patients with newly diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia. *J Clin Oncol*. 2012 Jul 20;30(21):2670-7. doi: 10.1200/JCO.2011.38.9429.
6. Referenced with permission from the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®) for Acute Myeloid Leukemia Version 3.2024. National Comprehensive Cancer Network, 2024. NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER NETWORK®, NCCN®, and NCCN GUIDELINES® are trademarks owned by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. To view the most recent and complete version of the Guidelines, go online to NCCN.org. Accessed June 2024.

DECITABINE

(Dacogen®; Decitabine Ψ) Prior Auth Criteria

Proprietary Information. Restricted Access – Do not disseminate or copy without approval.

©2024 Magellan Rx Management

7. Kantarjian H, Issa JP, Rosenfeld CS, et al. Decitabine improves patient outcomes in myelodysplastic syndromes: results of a phase III randomized study. *Cancer*. 2006 Apr 15;106(8):1794-803. doi: 10.1002/cncr.21792. PMID: 16532500.
8. Referenced with permission from the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®) for Myelodysplastic Syndromes Version 2.2024. National Comprehensive Cancer Network, 2024. NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER NETWORK®, NCCN®, and NCCN GUIDELINES® are trademarks owned by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. To view the most recent and complete version of the Guidelines, go online to NCCN.org. Accessed June 2024.
9. Cheson BD, Greeberg PL, Bennet JM, et al. Clinical Application and Proposal for Modification of the International Working Group (IWG) Response Criteria in Myelodysplasia. *Blood*. 2006 Jul 15;108(2):419-25. doi: 10.1182/blood-2005-10-4149.
10. DiNardo CD, Rausch CR, Benton C, et al. Clinical experience with the BCL2-inhibitor venetoclax in combination therapy for relapsed and refractory acute myeloid leukemia and related myeloid malignancies. *Am J Hematol*. 2018 Mar;93(3):401-407. doi: 10.1002/ajh.25000.
11. Referenced with permission from the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®) for Myeloproliferative Neoplasms Version 1.2024. National Comprehensive Cancer Network, 2024. NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER NETWORK®, NCCN®, and NCCN GUIDELINES® are trademarks owned by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. To view the most recent and complete version of the Guidelines, go online to NCCN.org. Accessed June 2024.
12. Referenced with permission from the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®) for Decitabine: Blastic Plasmacytoid Dendritic Cell Neoplasm (BPDCN) Chemotherapy Order Template, BPDCN7. National Comprehensive Cancer Network, 2024. NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER NETWORK®, NCCN®, and NCCN GUIDELINES® are trademarks owned by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. To view the most recent and complete version of the Guidelines, go online to NCCN.org. Accessed July 2024.
13. Referenced with permission from the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®) for Decitabine: MDS/MPN Overlap Neoplasms Chemotherapy Order Template, MDS9. National Comprehensive Cancer Network, 2024. NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER NETWORK®, NCCN®, and NCCN GUIDELINES® are trademarks owned by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. To view the most recent and complete version of the Guidelines, go online to NCCN.org. Accessed July 2024.
14. Referenced with permission from the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®) for Decitabine: MDS/MPN Overlap Neoplasms Chemotherapy Order Template, MDS15. National Comprehensive Cancer Network, 2024. NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER NETWORK®, NCCN®, and NCCN GUIDELINES® are trademarks owned by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. To view the most recent and complete version of the Guidelines, go online to NCCN.org. Accessed July 2024.

15. Referenced with permission from the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®) for Decitabine: MDS/MPN Overlap Neoplasms Chemotherapy Order Template, MDS22. National Comprehensive Cancer Network, 2024. NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER NETWORK®, NCCN®, and NCCN GUIDELINES® are trademarks owned by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. To view the most recent and complete version of the Guidelines, go online to NCCN.org. Accessed July 2024.
16. Referenced with permission from the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®) for Decitabine: Myeloproliferative Neoplasms Chemotherapy Order Template, MPN2. National Comprehensive Cancer Network, 2024. NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER NETWORK®, NCCN®, and NCCN GUIDELINES® are trademarks owned by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. To view the most recent and complete version of the Guidelines, go online to NCCN.org. Accessed July 2024.
17. Referenced with permission from the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®) for Decitabine: Myeloproliferative Neoplasms Chemotherapy Order Template, MPN17. National Comprehensive Cancer Network, 2024. NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER NETWORK®, NCCN®, and NCCN GUIDELINES® are trademarks owned by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. To view the most recent and complete version of the Guidelines, go online to NCCN.org. Accessed July 2024.

Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C86.4	Blastic NK-cell lymphoma
C92.00	Acute myeloblastic leukemia, not having achieved remission
C92.01	Acute myeloblastic leukemia, in remission
C92.02	Acute myeloblastic leukemia, in relapse
C92.20	Atypical chronic myeloid leukemia, BCR/ABL-negative, not having achieved remission
C92.22	Atypical chronic myeloid leukemia, BCR/ABL-negative, in relapse
C92.50	Acute myelomonocytic leukemia, not having achieved remission
C92.51	Acute myelomonocytic leukemia, in remission
C92.52	Acute myelomonocytic leukemia, in relapse
C92.60	Acute myeloid leukemia with 11q23-abnormality, not having achieved remission
C92.61	Acute myeloid leukemia with 11q23-abnormality, in remission
C92.62	Acute myeloid leukemia with 11q23-abnormality, in relapse
C92.A0	Acute myeloid leukemia with multilineage dysplasia, not having achieved remission
C92.A1	Acute myeloid leukemia with multilineage dysplasia, in remission
C92.A2	Acute myeloid leukemia with multilineage dysplasia, in relapse
C93.00	Acute monoblastic/monocytic leukemia, not having achieved remission
C93.01	Acute monoblastic/monocytic leukemia, in remission

DECITABINE

(Dacogen®; Decitabine Ψ) Prior Auth Criteria

Proprietary Information. Restricted Access – Do not disseminate or copy without approval.

©2024 Magellan Rx Management

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C93.02	Acute monoblastic/monocytic leukemia in relapse
C93.10	Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia, not having achieved remission
C93.11	Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia, in remission
C93.12	Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia, in relapse
C94.40	Acute panmyelosis with myelofibrosis, not having achieved remission
C94.41	Acute panmyelosis with myelofibrosis, in remission
C94.42	Acute panmyelosis with myelofibrosis, in relapse
C94.6	Myelodysplastic disease, not elsewhere classified
D46.0	Refractory anemia without ring sideroblasts, so stated
D46.1	Refractory anemia with ring sideroblasts
D46.20	Refractory anemia with excess of blasts, unspecified
D46.21	Refractory anemia with excess of blasts 1
D46.22	Refractory anemia with excess of blasts 2
D46.4	Refractory anemia, unspecified
D46.9	Myelodysplastic syndrome, unspecified
D46.A	Refractory cytopenia with multilineage dysplasia
D46.B	Refractory cytopenia with multilineage dysplasia and ring sideroblasts
D46.C	Myelodysplastic syndrome with isolated del(5q) chromosomal abnormality
D46.Z	Other myelodysplastic syndromes
D47.1	Chronic myeloproliferative disease
D47.3	Essential (hemorrhagic) thrombocythemia
D47.4	Osteomyelofibrosis
D75.81	Myelofibrosis

Appendix 2 – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

The preceding information is intended for non-Medicare coverage determinations. Medicare coverage for outpatient (Part B) drugs is outlined in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-2), Chapter 15, §50 Drugs and Biologicals. In addition, National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) and/or Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) may also exist for claims payment purposes or to clarify benefit eligibility under Part B for drugs which may be self-administered. The following link may be used to search for NCD, LCD, or LCA documents: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search.aspx>. Additional indications, including any preceding information, may be applied at the discretion of the health plan.

DECITABINE

(Dacogen®; Decitabine Ψ) Prior Auth Criteria

Proprietary Information. Restricted Access – Do not disseminate or copy without approval.

©2024 Magellan Rx Management

Medicare Part B Covered Diagnosis Codes (applicable to existing NCD/LCD/LCA): N/A

Medicare Part B Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdictions		
Jurisdiction	Applicable State/US Territory	Contractor
E (1)	CA, HI, NV, AS, GU, CNMI	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
F (2 & 3)	AK, WA, OR, ID, ND, SD, MT, WY, UT, AZ	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
5	KS, NE, IA, MO	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)
6	MN, WI, IL	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)
H (4 & 7)	LA, AR, MS, TX, OK, CO, NM	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
8	MI, IN	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)
N (9)	FL, PR, VI	First Coast Service Options, Inc.
J (10)	TN, GA, AL	Palmetto GBA
M (11)	NC, SC, WV, VA (excluding below)	Palmetto GBA
L (12)	DE, MD, PA, NJ, DC (includes Arlington & Fairfax counties and the city of Alexandria in VA)	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
K (13 & 14)	NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, ME, NH	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)
15	KY, OH	CGS Administrators, LLC