

Zolgensma® (onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi) (Intravenous)

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I. Length of Authorization

Coverage will be provided for one dose and may not be renewed.

II. Dosing Limits

- A. Quantity Limit (max daily dose) [NDC Unit]:
 - 1 kit (based on weight chart below)
- B. Max Units (per dose and over time) [HCPCS Unit]:
 - 1 kit (based on weight chart below)

III. Initial Approval Criteria

Submission of medical records (chart notes) related to the medical necessity criteria is REQUIRED on all requests for authorizations. Records will be reviewed at the time of submission. Please provide documentation related to diagnosis, step therapy, and clinical markers (i.e. genetic and mutational testing) supporting initiation when applicable. Medical records may be submitted via direct upload through the PA web portal or by fax.

Coverage is provided in the following conditions:

Patient has one of the following:

 Diagnosis of symptomatic SMA by a neurologist with expertise in the diagnosis of SMA; OR

Patient has both of the following:

- o Diagnosis of SMA based on the results of SMA newborn screening; AND
- o Submission of medical records (e.g., chart notes, laboratory values) confirming that patient has 4 copies or less of SMN2 gene; **AND**



Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) † Φ ¹⁻¹¹

- Patient must be less than 2 years of age; AND
- Patient has a diagnosis of 5q spinal muscular atrophy confirmed by either bi-allelic deletion or dysfunctional point mutation of the *SMN1* gene; **AND**
- Patient must have a baseline anti-AAV9 antibody titer of ≤ 1:50 measured by ELISA; **AND**
- Baseline liver function will be assessed prior to initiating therapy and will continue to be monitored for at least 3 months after therapy; AND
- Used concomitantly with systemic corticosteroids (see dosage/administration below); AND
- Patient does not have advanced disease (complete limb paralysis, permanent ventilation support, etc.); **AND**
- Will not be used in combination with other agents for SMA (e.g., nusinersen, risdiplam, etc.)
- † FDA Approved Indication(s); ‡ Compendium Recommended Indication(s); **Φ** Orphan Drug

IV. Renewal Criteria ¹

Coverage cannot be renewed.

V. Dosage/Administration ¹

Indication	Dose		
SMA1	Preparing for Administration:		
	• One day prior to Zolgensma infusion, begin administration of systemic corticosteroids		
	equivalent to oral prednisolone at 1 mg/kg of body weight per day for a total of 30 days		
	Zolgensma Infusion:		
	Administer as a single-dose intravenous infusion through a venous catheter		
	Administer as a slow infusion over 60 minutes		
	• The recommended dose of Zolgensma is 1.1×10^{14} vector genomes per kilogram (vg/kg)		
	of body weight		

NOTE:

- Zolgensma is shipped frozen at ≤ -60 °C. Store in a refrigerator at in a refrigerator at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) and thaw prior to infusion. DO NOT RE-FREEZE. Must be used within 14 days of receipt.
- Zolgensma is an adeno-associated virus vector-based gene therapy. Follow precautions for viral vector shedding for one month after the infusion.
- For single-dose intravenous infusion only.

VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

HCPCS code:

• J3399 – Injection, onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi, per treatment, up to 5x10¹⁵ vector genomes; 1 billable unit = 1 treatment, up to 5x10¹⁵ vector genomes

NDC:

Zolgensma kit sizes:



Patient Weight (kg)	NDC	Patient Weight (kg)	NDC
2.6 - 3.0	71894-0120	12.1 - 12.5	71894-0139
3.1 - 3.5	71894-0121	12.6 - 13.0	71894-0140
3.6 - 4.0	71894-0122	13.1 - 13.5	71894-0141
4.1 - 4.5	71894-0123	13.6 - 14.0	71894-0142
4.6 - 5.0	71894-0124	14.1 - 14.5	71894-0143
5.1 - 5.5	71894-0125	14.6 - 15.0	71894-0144
5.6 - 6.0	71894-0126	15.1 - 15.5	71894-0145
6.1 - 6.5	71894-0127	15.6 - 16.0	71894-0146
6.6 - 7.0	71894-0128	16.1 - 16.5	71894-0147
7.1 - 7.5	71894-0129	16.6 - 17.0	71894-0148
7.6 - 8.0	71894-0130	17.1 - 17.5	71894-0149
8.1 - 8.5	71894-0131	17.6 - 18.0	71894-0150
8.6 - 9.0	71894-0132	18.1 - 18.5	71894-0151
9.1 - 9.5	71894-0133	18.6 - 19.0	71894-0152
9.6 - 10.0	71894-0134	19.1 - 19.5	71894-0153
10.1 - 10.5	71894-0135	19.6 - 20.0	71894-0154
10.6 - 11.0	71894-0136	20.1 - 20.5	71894-0155
11.1 – 11.5	71894-0137	20.6 - 21.0	71894-0156
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Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
G12.0	Infantile spinal muscular atrophy, type I [Werdnig-Hoffmann]

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

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 Determination (NCD), Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) and Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. They can be found at: http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search.aspx. Additional indications may be covered at the discretion of the health plan.

Medicare Part B Covered Diagnosis Codes (applicable to existing NCD/LCA/LCD): 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, LLC			
M (11)	NC, SC, WV, VA (excluding below)	Palmetto GBA, LLC			
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			

