
Talvey® (talquetamab-tgvs)
(Subcutaneous)

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Last Review Date: 05/05/2025**Date of Origin: 09/05/2023****Dates Reviewed: 09/2023, 03/2024, 05/2025****I. Length of Authorization**

Following initial inpatient administration of all step-up doses, coverage will be provided for 6 months and may be renewed.

II. Dosing Limits**Max Units (per dose and over time) [HCPCS Unit]:**

- 1280 billable units every 28 days

III. Initial Approval Criteria ¹

Coverage is provided in the following conditions:

- Patient is at least 18 years of age; **AND**
- Used as continuation therapy following inpatient administration of all step-up doses; **AND**
- Patient had an absence of unacceptable toxicity while on inpatient administration of step-up doses; **AND**

Universal Criteria ¹

- Patient does not have an active infection, including clinically important localized infections; **AND**
- Patient will be administered prophylaxis for infection according to local guidelines; **AND**
- Patient does not have active CNS involvement or clinical signs of meningeal involvement of multiple myeloma; **AND**
- Patient has not had an allogenic stem cell transplant within the previous six (6) months or an autologous stem cell transplant within the previous twelve (12) weeks; **AND**
- Patient weight and signs of oral and skin toxicity will be monitored at baseline and periodically during therapy; **AND**

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- Patient has relapsed or refractory disease; **AND**
 - Used as a single agent; **AND**

- Patient has received at least four (4) prior therapies, including a proteasome inhibitor (e.g., bortezomib, carfilzomib, ixazomib, etc.), an immunomodulatory agent (e.g., lenalidomide, thalidomide, pomalidomide, etc.), and an anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody (e.g., daratumumab, isatuximab, etc.) †; **OR**
- Used in combination with teclistamab; **AND**
 - Patient has received at least three (3) prior lines of therapy

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

IV. Renewal Criteria ¹

Coverage may be renewed based upon the following criteria:

- Patient continues to meet the universal and other indication-specific relevant criteria such as concomitant therapy requirements (not including prerequisite therapy), performance status, etc. identified in section III; **AND**
- Disease response with treatment as defined by stabilization of disease or decrease in size of tumor or tumor spread; **AND**
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include cytokine release syndrome (CRS), neurologic toxicity (e.g., Immune Effector Cell-Associated Neurotoxicity Syndrome [ICANS]), severe oral toxicity and weight loss, severe infections, severe cytopenias (e.g., neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, etc.), severe skin toxicity, hepatotoxicity, etc.

V. Dosage/Administration ^{1,6}

Indication	Dose			
Multiple Myeloma	The recommended dosage is administered subcutaneously by a healthcare provider on a weekly or biweekly (every 2 weeks) dosing schedule, until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.			
	Weekly Dosing schedule	Day	Dose ^a	
	Step-up dosing schedule	Day 1	Step-up dose 1	0.01 mg/kg
		Day 4 ^b	Step-up dose 2	0.06 mg/kg
		Day 7 ^b	First treatment dose	0.4 mg/kg
	Weekly dosing schedule	One week after first treatment dose and weekly thereafter ^c	Subsequent treatment doses	0.4 mg/kg once weekly
	^a Based on actual body weight. ^b Dose may be administered between 2 to 4 days after the previous dose and may be given up to 7 days after the previous dose to allow for resolution of adverse reactions. ^c Maintain a minimum of 6 days between weekly doses.			

	Biweekly (every 2 weeks) Dosing schedule	Day	Dose ^a	
	Step-up dosing schedule	Day 1	Step-up dose 1	0.01 mg/kg
		Day 4 ^b	Step-up dose 2	0.06 mg/kg
		Day 7 ^b	Step-up dose 3	0.4 mg/kg
		Day 10 ^c	First treatment dose	0.8 mg/kg
	Biweekly (every 2 weeks) dosing schedule	Two weeks after first treatment dose and every 2 weeks thereafter ^d	Subsequent treatment doses	0.8 mg/kg every 2 weeks
^a Based on actual body weight. ^b Dose may be administered between 2 to 4 days after the previous dose and may be given up to 7 days after the previous dose to allow for resolution of adverse reactions. ^c Dose may be administered between 2 to 7 days after step-up dose 3. ^d Maintain a minimum of 12 days between biweekly (every 2 weeks) doses.				
<i>Note: Administer Talvey subcutaneously according to the step-up dosing schedule noted above to reduce the incidence and severity of cytokine release syndrome (CRS). Due to the risk of CRS and neurologic toxicity, including ICANS, patients should be hospitalized for 48 hours after administration of all doses within the Talvey step-up dosing schedule.</i>				

VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

HCPCS Code(s):

- J3055 – Injection, talquetamab-tgvs, 0.25 mg; 1 billable unit = 0.25 mg

NDC(s):

- Talvey 3 mg/1.5 mL solution for injection in a single-dose vial: 57894-0469-xx
- Talvey 40 mg/mL solution for injection in a single-dose vial: 57894-0470-xx

VII. References

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Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C90.00	Multiple myeloma not having achieved remission
C90.02	Multiple myeloma in relapse
C90.10	Plasma cell leukemia not having achieved remission
C90.12	Plasma cell leukemia in relapse
C90.20	Extramedullary plasmacytoma not having achieved remission
C90.22	Extramedullary plasmacytoma in relapse
C90.30	Solitary plasmacytoma not having achieved remission
C90.32	Solitary plasmacytoma in relapse
Z85.79	Personal history of other malignant neoplasms of lymphoid, hematopoietic, and related tissues

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.

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