

## **Clinical Policy: Atezolizumab (Tecentriq)**

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### **Description**

Atezolizumab (Tecentriq<sup>®</sup>) is a programmed death-ligand 1 (PD-L1) blocking antibody.

### **FDA Approved Indication(s)**

Tecentriq is indicated for the treatment of patients with:

- Locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma who:
  - Are not eligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy, or
  - Have disease progression during or following any platinum-containing therapy within 12 months of neoadjuvant or adjuvant chemotherapy.

Limitation(s) of use: This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on tumor response rate and duration of response. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in confirmatory trials.

- Metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) who have disease progression during or following platinum-containing chemotherapy. Patients with EGFR or ALK genomic tumor aberrations should have disease progression on FDA approved therapy for these aberrations prior to receiving Tecentriq.

### **Policy/Criteria**

Provider must submit documentation (which may include office chart notes and lab results) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation<sup>®</sup> that Tecentriq is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

#### **I. Initial Approval Criteria**

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

1. Diagnosis of urothelial carcinoma;
2. Age  $\geq$ 18 years;
3. Disease is locally advanced (stages II through IV), recurrent or metastatic;
4. Member is ineligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy OR disease has progressed during or following platinum-containing (e.g., cisplatin, carboplatin, oxaliplatin) chemotherapy;
5. Prescribed dose of Tecentriq does not exceed 1200 mg every 3 weeks.

**Approval duration: 6 months**

##### **B. Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer** (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of NSCLC;

2. Age  $\geq$ 18 years;
3. Disease has progressed during or following a first-line or subsequent systemic regimen for metastatic disease;
4. If a known epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) or anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) genomic tumor aberration is present, history of disease progression during or following an NCCN-recommended therapy for the aberration:
  - a. ALK tumor aberration: crizotinib, ceritinib, or alectinib;
  - b. EGFR tumor aberration: erlotinib, afatinib, or gefitinib;
5. Prescribed dose of Tecentriq does not exceed 1200 mg every 3 weeks.

**Approval duration: 6 months**

**C. Other diagnoses/indications**

1. Refer to CP.PMN.53 if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized).

**II. Continued Therapy**

**A. All Indications in Section I (must meet all):**

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Tecentriq and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy (e.g., no disease progression or unacceptable toxicity);
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 1200 mg every 3 weeks.

**Approval duration: 12 months**

**B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):**

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy.

**Approval duration: Duration of request or 6 months (whichever is less); or**

2. Refer to CP.PMN.53 if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized).

**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 policy – CP.PMN.53 or evidence of coverage documents.

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

ALK: anaplastic lymphoma kinase

EGFR: epidermal growth factor receptor

NSCLC: non-small cell lung cancer

PD-L1: programmed death-ligand 1

*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
Cisplatin, carboplatin, oxaliplatin	Urothelial Carcinoma: Varies	Varies
Cisplatin or carboplatin containing regimens	NSCLC: Varies	Varies
Crizotinib, ceritinib, or alectinib	NSCLC with ALK tumor aberration: Varies	Varies
Erlotinib, afatinib, or gefitinib	NCSCCLC with EGFR tumor aberration: Varies	Varies

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

#### V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Urothelial carcinoma, NSCLC	1200 mg IV every 3 weeks	1200 mg every 3 weeks

#### VI. Product Availability

Single-dose vial: 1200 mg/20 mL

#### VII. References

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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
C9483	Injection, atezolizumab, 10 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy developed.	06.16	06.16
New labeled indication added: Non-small cell lung cancer.	01.17	01.17
Under urothelial carcinoma: a new FDA approved indication is added for cisplatin ineligible patients; defined “locally advanced” as “stages II through IV; added oxaliplatin as an example of platinum-containing chemotherapy. Under lung cancer: the FDA and NCCN uses are combined; ceritinib is added as an indicated therapy for ALK tumor aberrations and osimertinib for EGFR aberrations. Removed reasons to discontinue from the renewal section; added a general efficacy statement. Extended approval durations from 3 and 6 months to 6 and 12 months.	05.17	06.17
1Q18 annual review: - Converted to new template - No significant changes - Added continuation of therapy for all covered indications - References reviewed and updated	11.10.17	02.18

**Important Reminder**

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