

## **Clinical Policy: Agalsidase Beta (Fabrazyme)**

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Line of Business: Commercial, HIM, Medicaid

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### **Description**

Agalsidase beta (Fabrazyme<sup>®</sup>) is a recombinant human alpha-galactosidase A enzyme.

### **FDA Approved Indication**

Fabrazyme is indicated for the treatment of Fabry disease.

### **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 health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation<sup>®</sup> that Fabrazyme is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

## **I. Initial Approval Criteria**

### **A. Fabry Disease** (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of Fabry disease confirmed by one of the following (a or b):
  - a. Enzyme assay demonstrating a deficiency of alpha-galactosidase activity;
  - b. DNA testing;
2. Age  $\geq$  8 years;
3. Dose does not exceed 1 mg/kg every 2 weeks.

**Approval duration: 6 months**

### **B. Other diagnoses/indications**

1. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

## **II. Continued Therapy**

### **A. Fabry Disease** (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy as evidenced by improvement in the individual member's Fabry disease manifestation profile (*see Appendix C for examples*);
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 1 mg/kg every 2 weeks.

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**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 the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

**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.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

*Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*

Not applicable

*Appendix C: General Information*

The presenting symptoms and clinical course of Fabry disease can vary from one individual to another. As such, there is not one generally applicable set of clinical criteria that can be used to determine appropriateness of continuation of therapy. Some examples, however, of improvement in Fabry disease as a result of Fabrazyme therapy may include improvement in:

- Fabry disease signs such as pain in the extremities, hypohidrosis or anhidrosis, or angiokeratomas
- Diarrhea, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, and flank pain
- Renal function
- Neuropathic pain, heat and cold intolerance, vertigo and diplopia
- Fatigue

**V. Dosage and Administration**

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Fabry disease	1 mg/kg IV every 2 weeks	1 mg/kg/2 weeks

**VI. Product Availability**

Single-use vial: 5 mg, 35 mg

**VII. References**

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2. Desnick RJ, Brady R, Barranger J, et al. Fabry disease, an under-recognized multisystemic disorder: expert recommendations for diagnosis, management, and enzyme replacement therapy. *Ann Intern Med.* 2003; 138(4): 338-346.
3. Desnick RJ, Brady RO. Fabry disease in childhood. *J Pediatr.* 2004; 144(5 Suppl): S20-S26.

#### 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
J0180	Injection, agalsidase beta, 1 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy split from CP.PHAR.48. Policy converted to new template.	01.16	02.16
Age restriction removed. Allergy history is removed as the drug can be continued in some cases. Initial approval extended to 6 months for consistency across similar policies. Positive response to therapy added. Background section converted to new template.	12.16	02.17
Policy converted to newer template. Age restriction added. Added general information appendix.	09.05.17	11.17
2Q 2018 annual review: no significant changes from previously approved corporate policy; policies combined for Commercial and Medicaid lines of business; HIM added; Commercial: added diagnosis confirmation testing requirement; added age limit; added requirement for documentation of positive response to therapy for reauthorization; changed approval durations from length of benefit to 6/12 months; references reviewed and updated.	02.26.18	05.18

#### **Important Reminder**

This clinical policy has been developed by appropriately experienced and licensed health care professionals based on a review and consideration of currently available generally accepted standards of medical practice; peer-reviewed medical literature; government agency/program approval status; evidence-based guidelines and positions of leading national health professional organizations; views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas affected by this clinical policy; and other available clinical information. The Health Plan makes no representations and accepts no liability with respect to the content of any external information used or relied upon in

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developing this clinical policy. This clinical policy is consistent with standards of medical practice current at the time that this clinical policy was approved. “Health Plan” means a health plan that has adopted this clinical policy and that is operated or administered, in whole or in part, by Centene Management Company, LLC, or any of such health plan’s affiliates, as applicable.

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**Note: For Medicaid members**, when state Medicaid coverage provisions conflict with the coverage provisions in this clinical policy, state Medicaid coverage provisions take precedence. Please refer to the state Medicaid manual for any coverage provisions pertaining to this clinical policy.

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**For Health Insurance Marketplace members**, when applicable, this policy applies only when the prescribed agent is on your health plan approved formulary. Request for non-formulary drugs must be reviewed using the formulary exception policy.

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