

## **RX.PA.019.MPC Kanuma® (Sebelipase Alfa)**

The purpose of this policy is to define the prior authorization process for Kanuma (sebelipase alfa).

Kanuma (Sebelipase alfa) is indicated for Lysosomal Acid Lypase (LAL) deficiency (Wolman disease) and Cholesteryl Ester Storage Disease (CESD).

The drug, Kanuma (Sebelipase alfa), is subject to the prior authorization process.

### **PROCEDURE**

#### **A. Initial Authorization Criteria:**

*Must meet all of the criteria listed under the respective diagnosis:*

##### **1. For all diagnoses:**

- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a physician that specializes in the treatment of inherited metabolic disorders
- Must have confirmation of a genetic defect in the LIPA gene via genetic testing
- Must not have an allergy or sensitivity to eggs or egg products
- Must have documentation of baseline lipid panel and liver function tests
- Must be prescribed at a dose within the manufacturer's dosing guidelines (based on diagnosis, weight, etc) listed in the FDA approved labeling

##### **2. Rapidly progressive Lysosomal Acid Lypase (LAL) deficiency (Wolman disease) defined as:**

- Patients within the first 6 months of life
- Diagnosis of LAL deficiency confirmed by one of the following:
  - Enzyme assay demonstrating a deficiency of LAL activity;
  - Lipase A - lysosomal acid type (LIPA) gene mutation;
- Documentation the following:
  - Growth failure with other causes ruled out
  - Other evidence of rapidly progressive disease prior to 6 months of age confirmed via CT scan, MRI, or biopsy
    - Hepatosplenomegaly
    - Ascites
    - Calcification of adrenal gland tissue
    - Liver fibrosis confirmed through biopsy

- Patient has alanine aminotransferase level (ALT)  $\geq 1.5$  times the upper limit of normal (based on the age and gender-specific normal ranges) on two consecutive ALT measurements obtained at least one week apart.

**3. Cholesteryl Ester Storage Disease (CESD) defined as:**

- Documentation of the following:
  - LDL-c of  $\geq 130$  mg/dL in pediatric patients and  $\geq 160$  mg/dL in adult patients
  - Malabsorption with other causes ruled out
  - Growth failure with other causes ruled out
  - Calcification of adrenal gland tissue
    - Confirmed via CT scan or MRI
- Anemia, defined as
  - For members  $> 12$  years of age
    - Hemoglobin  $< 12$  g/dL in males
    - Hemoglobin  $< 11$  g/dL in females
  - For children between 2 and 12 years of age
    - Hemoglobin  $< 10.5$  g/dL
  - For children between 6 months and 2 years of age
    - Hemoglobin  $< 9.5$  g/dL
  - Hepatomegaly
    - Defined as liver size 1.25 or more times normal (Normal liver size is 2.5% of total body weight)
    - Confirmed via CT scan or MRI
  - Splenomegaly
    - Defined as splenic mass greater than normal (Normal spleen size is 0.2% of total body weight)
- Patient has alanine aminotransferase level (ALT)  $\geq 1.5$  times the upper limit of normal (based on the age and gender-specific normal ranges) on two consecutive ALT measurements obtained at least one week apart.

**B. Must be prescribed at a dose within the manufacturer's dosing guidelines (based on diagnosis, weight, etc) listed in the FDA approved labeling.**

**C. Kanuma will be considered investigational or experimental for any other use and will not be covered.**

**D. Reauthorization Criteria:**

All prior authorization renewals are reviewed on an annual basis to determine the

Medical Necessity for continuation of therapy. Authorization may be extended at 1-year intervals based upon:

MPC Renewal:

- Chart documentation from the prescriber that the member's condition has improved based upon the prescriber's assessment while on therapy (e.g., improvement, stabilization, or slowing of disease progression for weight-for-age z-score if exhibiting growth failure, low-density lipoprotein [LDL], high-density lipoprotein [HDL], triglycerides, or alanine aminotransferase [ALT])

Renewal from Previous Insurer:

- Members who have received prior approval (from insurer other than MPC), or have been receiving medication samples, should be considered under criterion A (Initial Authorization Criteria)
- Provider has documented clinical response of the member's condition which has stabilized or improved based upon the prescriber's assessment (e.g., improvement, stabilization, or slowing of disease progression for weight-for-age z-score if exhibiting growth failure, low-density lipoprotein [LDL], high-density lipoprotein [HDL], triglycerides, or alanine aminotransferase [ALT])

Limitations:

Length of Authorization (if above criteria met)	
Initial Authorization	Up to 1 year
Reauthorization	Same as initial

If the established criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director for review, if required for the plan and level of request.

HCPCS Code(s):

Code	Description
J2840	Injection, sebelipase alfa, 1 mg

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## REVIEW HISTORY

DESCRIPTION OF REVIEW / REVISION	DATE APPROVED
<i>Annual review</i>	<i>02/2026</i>
<i>Annual review</i>	<i>02/2025</i>
<i>Annual review</i> <i>Change in Non-MPC renewal to renewal from previous insurer</i>	<i>02/2024</i>
<i>Annual review</i>	<i>02/2023</i>
<i>Selected Revision</i> <i>Addition of MPC vs Non-MPC Renewal Criteria</i>	<i>10/2022</i>
<i>Annual review</i>	<i>02/2022</i>
<i>Addition of dosing requirements and off-label restrictions</i>	<i>12/2021</i>
<i>New Policy</i>	<i>11/2020</i>