

RX.PA.034.MPC Specialty Enzymes

Lumizyme, Fabrazyme, Elfabrio, Pombiliti & Opfolda, Nexviazyme, Galafold

The purpose of this policy is to define the prior authorization process for the following specialty enzymes: Lumizyme (alglucosidase alfa), Fabrazyme (agalsidase beta), Elfabrio (pegunigalsidase alfa-iwxj), Pombiliti (cipaglucosidase alfa-atga) and Opfolda (miglustat), Nexviazyme (avalglucosidase alfa); Galafold (migalastat)

- Lumizyme (alglucosidase alfa) is indicated for patients with Pompe disease. Lumizyme consists of the human enzyme acid alpha-glucosidase (GAA) and is intended for intravenous infusion.
- Fabrazyme (agalsidase beta) is a recombinant human enzyme indicated for use in patients with Fabry disease. Agalsidase beta (Fabrazyme) reduces globotriasylceramide (GL-3) deposition in capillary endothelium of the kidney and certain other cell types.
- Elfabrio (pegunigalsidase alfa-iwxj) is indicated for the treatment of adults with confirmed Fabry disease.
- Galafold (migalastat) is an alpha-galactosidase A (alpha-Gal A) pharmacological chaperone indicated for the treatment of adults with a confirmed diagnosis of Fabry disease.
- Pombiliti (cipaglucosidase alfa-atga) and Opfolda (miglustat) are indicated as a two-component therapy for patients with late onset Pompe disease weighing ≥ 40 kg and are not improving on their current enzyme replacement therapy.
- **Nexviazyme (avalglucosidase alfa)** is indicated for the treatment of Pompe disease, late onset.

DEFINITIONS

Mucopolysaccharidosis I – a rare, autosomal recessive genetic disease caused by a defect in the gene coding for the lysosomal enzyme alpha-L-iduronidase resulting in inability to produce sufficient amounts of the enzyme

Hunter Syndrome – a serious progressive genetic disorder caused by a deficiency or absence of the lysosomal enzyme (iduronate-2-sulfatase) required for the degradation of glycosaminoglycans (GAG) resulting in accumulation of GAG in cells throughout the body. Hunter Syndrome affects males almost exclusively.

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Mucopolysaccharidosis VI – a progressive lysosomal storage disorder caused by a deficiency in the arylsulfatase B enzyme causing retention of glycosaminoglycans leading to multisystemic organ damage.

Pompe Disease – A genetic absence or deficiency of acid alpha-glucosidase (GAA) resulting in build-up of glycogen in the cardiac and skeletal muscles, and in hepatic tissue. This results in the development of cardiomyopathy, progressive muscle weakness, and impairment of respiratory function.

Fabry Disease – a rare genetic disorder caused by a defect in the gene for the lysosomal enzyme alpha-galactosidase resulting in inability or diminished ability to catabolize certain lipids. These lipids then accumulate in many cell-types throughout the body.

Globotriasylceramide – a type of glycolipid compound that accumulates in blood vessel walls of people with Fabry disease

PROCEDURE

A. Initial Authorization Criteria:

Must meet all of the criteria listed below under each respective drug.

Lumizyme (alglucosidase alfa)

- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a physician who specializes in the treatment of inherited metabolic disorders or a neurologist
- Must have a documented confirmed diagnosis of alpha glucosidase deficiency (Pompe disease)
 - Diagnosis must be confirmed through GAA enzyme assay (from blood, skin fibroblasts, lymphocytes, or muscle) and/or identification of GAA gene mutation
- Member must have clinical signs and symptoms of Pompe disease such as cardiac hypertrophy, respiratory distress, skeletal muscle weakness, etc.
- Must have documentation of baseline factors for the following:
 - Percent predicted forced vital capacity (FVC)
 - 6-minute walk test
 - Note: 6 minute walk test is excluded for members at an age not able to walk
- Dosage must not exceed 20mg per kg body weight administered every 2 weeks
- Must not be used in combination with other enzyme replacement therapies (Pombiliti, Nexviazyme, etc.)

Pombiliti (cipaglucosidase alfa-atga) and Opfolda (miglustat)

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- Must be ≥ 18 years of age with a body weight of ≥ 40 kg
- Must have a documented confirmed diagnosis of alpha glucosidase deficiency (Pompe disease)
 - Diagnosis must be confirmed through GAA enzyme assay (from blood, skin fibroblasts, lymphocytes, or muscle) and/or identification of GAA gene mutation
- Member must have clinical signs and symptoms of Pompe disease such as cardiac hypertrophy, respiratory distress, skeletal muscle weakness, etc.
- Must have a documented trial and failure, intolerance to, or contraindication to Nexviazyme
- Must have documentation of baseline factors for the following:
 - Percent predicted forced vital capacity (FVC)
 - 6-minute walk test
 - Note: 6 minute walk test is excluded for members at an age not able to walk
- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist or a physician who specializes in the treatment of inherited metabolic disorders
- Provider attests that Pombiliti will be used in combination with Opfolda
- Must not be used in combination with other enzyme replacement therapies (Lumizyme, Nexviazyme, etc.)

Nexviazyme (avalglucosidase alfa)

- Must be age 1 year or older
- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist or a physician who specializes in the treatment of inherited metabolic disorders
- Must have a documented confirmed diagnosis of alpha glucosidase deficiency (Pompe disease)
 - Diagnosis must be confirmed through GAA enzyme assay (from blood, skin fibroblasts, lymphocytes, or muscle) and/or identification of GAA gene mutation
- Member must have clinical signs and symptoms of Pompe disease such as cardiac hypertrophy, respiratory distress, skeletal muscle weakness, etc.
- Nexviazyme must not be used in combination with other enzyme replacement therapies (i.e. alglucosidase-alfa, etc.)
- Member must not be susceptible to fluid volume overload, have acute underlying respiratory illness, or have compromised cardiac or respiratory function
- Must have documentation of baseline factors for the following:
 - Percent predicted forced vital capacity (FVC)
 - 6-minute walk test
 - Note: 6 minute walk test is excluded for members at an age not able to walk

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Fabrazyme (agalsidase beta) and Galafold (migalastat)

- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a provider who specializes in the treatment of inherited metabolic disorders or a neurologist
- Member is at least 2 years of age or older
- Must have a documented diagnosis of Fabry disease confirmed by one of the following:
 - Genetic test confirming mutation of galactosidase alpha (GLA) gene
 - Biopsy of tissue or organ (such as kidney) showing intracellular globotriaosylceramide (Gb3) inclusion
 - Male members only may also have their diagnosis confirmed by an Alpha-galactosidase A (alpha-Gal A) enzyme activity <3%
- Fabrazyme (agalsidase beta) and Galafold (migalastat) must not be used together or in combination with other enzyme replacement therapies for Fabry's disease
- Dosage must not exceed 1mg per kg body weight administered every 2 weeks

Elfabrio (pegunigalsidase alfa-iwxj)

- Member is at least 18 years of age or older
- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a provider who specializes in the treatment of inherited metabolic disorders or a neurologist
- Must have a documented diagnosis of Fabry disease confirmed by one of the following:
 - Genetic test confirming mutation of galactosidase alpha (GLA) gene
 - Biopsy of tissue or organ (such as kidney) showing intracellular globotriaosylceramide (Gb3) inclusion
 - Male members only may also have their diagnosis confirmed by an Alpha-galactosidase A (alpha-Gal A) enzyme activity <3%
- Member must have documentation of at least one or more symptoms:
 - Pain in the extremities (acroparesthesias); OR
 - Cutaneous vascular lesions (angiokeratomas)
 - Corneal verticillata (whorls)
 - Decreased sweating (anhidrosis or hypohidrosis)
 - Personal or family history of exercise, heat, or cold intolerance
- Must not be used in combination with Galafold (migalastat), Fabrazyme (agalsidase beta), or other enzyme replacement therapies for Fabry's disease
- Dosage must not exceed 1mg per kg (actual body weight) administered every 2 weeks
- Must have documented baseline values of at least one of the following:
 - Globotriaosylceramide (Gb3) concentration in urine > 1.5 times upper normal limit
 - Plasma globotriaosylceramide (GL3) level
 - Plasma globotriaosphingosine (lyso-Gb3) level

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

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C. Lumizyme, Fabrazyme, Galafold, Elfabrio, Opfolda and Pombiliti, Nexviazyme 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.

• MPC Renewal:

- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a provider who specializes in the treatment of inherited metabolic disorders or a neurologist
- Documentation of a clinical response of the member's condition which has stabilized or improved based upon the prescriber's assessment
- For alpha glucosidase deficiency (Pompe disease), must provide documentation of an improvement in percent predicted FVC and/or 6 minute walk test compared to baseline
 - Note: 6 minute walk test is excluded for members at an age not able to walk

• 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).
- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a provider who specializes in the treatment of inherited metabolic disorders or a neurologist
- Provider has a documented clinical response of the member's condition which has stabilized or improved based upon the prescriber's assessment
- For alpha glucosidase deficiency (Pompe disease), must provide documentation of an improvement in percent predicted FVC and/or 6 minute walk test compared to baseline
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Limitations:

Length of Authorization (if above criteria met)	
Initial Authorization	Up to 6 months
Reauthorization	Up to 12 months

If the established criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director for review.



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Codes: J Code(s)

Code	Description
J0180	Injection, agalsidase beta, 1 mg
J0221	Injection, alglucosidase alfa, (lumizyme), 10 mg
J3590	Unclassified biologic
J0219	Injection, avalglucosidase alfa-ngpt, 4 mg
J2508	Injection, pegunigalsidase alfa-iwxj, 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>Selected Review</i> <i>Addition of criteria requirements for Opfolda & Pombiliti</i> <i>Addition of criteria requirements for Nexviazyme</i>	<i>02/2024</i>
<i>Annual Review</i> <i>Change in Non-MPC renewal to renewal from previous insurer</i>	<i>02/2024</i>
<i>Selected Review</i> <i>Addition of criteria requirements for Elfabrio (pegunigalsidase alfa-iwxj)</i>	<i>09/2023</i>

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<i>Annual review</i>	<i>02/2023</i>
<i>Selected Revision Addition of MPC vs Non-MPC Renewal Criteria and expanded initial review criteria</i>	<i>08/2022</i>
<i>Annual review</i>	<i>02/2022</i>
<i>Addition of dosing requirements and off-label restrictions</i>	<i>12/2021</i>
<i>P&T Review</i>	<i>11/2020</i>