

Clinical Policy: Lenvatinib (Lenvima)

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Description

Lenvatinib (Lenvima[®]) is a kinase inhibitor.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Lenvima is indicated:

- For the treatment of patients with locally recurrent or metastatic, progressive, radioactive iodine-refractory differentiated thyroid cancer (DTC).
- In combination with everolimus for the treatment of patients with advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC) following one prior anti-angiogenic therapy.
- For the first-line treatment of patients with unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC).
- In combination with pembrolizumab, for the treatment of patients with advanced endometrial carcinoma (EC) that is not microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or mismatch repair deficient (dMMR), who have disease progression following prior systemic therapy and are not candidates for curative surgery or radiation. This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on tumor response rate and durability of response. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in the confirmatory trial.

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[®] that Lenvima is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria**A. Differentiated Thyroid Cancer (must meet all):**

1. Diagnosis of DTC (i.e., papillary, follicular, or Hürthle cell carcinoma);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Disease is radioactive iodine-refractory and recurrent, metastatic, or progressive;
5. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed 24 mg (3 capsules) per day.
 - b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

Approval duration:

Medicaid/HIM – 6 months
Commercial – Length of Benefit

B. Medullary or Anaplastic Thyroid Carcinoma (off-label) (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of one of the following thyroid carcinomas (a or b):
 - a. Medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC), and both i and ii:
 - i. Disease is recurrent, progressive, or metastatic;
 - ii. Failure of Cometriq[®] or Caprelsa[®], unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or both are contraindicated;
**Prior authorization may be required for Cometriq and Caprelsa.*
 - b. Anaplastic thyroid carcinoma (ATC), and both i and ii:
 - i. Disease is metastatic;
 - ii. Prescribed as single agent therapy for members who have not tolerated or responded to NCCN recommended agents (*see Appendix B*);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed 24 mg (3 capsules) per day.
 - b. Dose is within FDA maximum limit for any FDA-approved indication or is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).
**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

Approval duration:

Medicaid/HIM – 6 months
Commercial – Length of Benefit

C. Renal Cell Carcinoma (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of advanced RCC (i.e., relapsed, metastatic, or stage IV disease);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Prescribed in combination with Afinitor[®];
**Prior authorization may be required for Afinitor*
5. If RCC histology is clear cell or unknown, failure of a prior RCC therapy (*see Appendix B*), unless clinically adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated;
**Prior authorization may be required for prior RCC therapies*
6. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed 18 mg per day;
 - b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).
**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

Approval duration:

Medicaid/HIM – 6 months
Commercial – Length of Benefit

D. Hepatocellular Carcinoma (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of HCC;

2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed 12 mg per day (if actual body weight \geq 60 kg) or 8 mg per day (if actual body weight $<$ 60 kg);
 - b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

Approval duration:

Medicaid/HIM – 6 months

Commercial – Length of Benefit

E. Endometrial Carcinoma (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of EC;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Prescribed in combination with Keytruda[®];
**Prior authorization may be required for Keytruda*
5. Disease is not MSI-H or dMMR (i.e., disease is not indicative of MMR gene mutation or loss of expression);
6. Disease has progressed following prior systemic therapy (e.g., carboplatin/paclitaxel);
7. Member is not a candidate for curative surgery or radiation;
8. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed 20 mg (2 capsules) per day;
 - b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

Approval duration:

Medicaid/HIM – 6 months

Commercial – Length of Benefit

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

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Lenvima for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a, b, c, d, or e):*
 - a. DTC, MTC, ATC: New dose does not exceed 24 mg (3 capsules) per day;
 - b. RCC: New dose does not exceed 18 mg per day;

- c. HCC: New dose does not exceed 12 mg per day (if actual body weight \geq 60 kg) or 8 mg (if actual body weight < 60 kg);
- d. EC: New dose does not exceed 20 mg (2 capsules) per day;
- e. New dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN*

Approval duration:

Medicaid/HIM – 12 months

Commercial – Length of Benefit

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 policies – 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

ATC: anaplastic thyroid cancer

DTC: differentiated thyroid cancer

dMMR: mismatch repair deficient

EC: endometrial carcinoma

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

HCC: hepatocellular carcinoma

MSI-H: microsatellite instability-high

MTC: medullary thyroid cancer

NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network

RCC: renal cell carcinoma

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 for all relevant lines of business and may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
Afinitor (everolimus)	RCC: 10 mg PO QD	10 mg/day
RCC therapeutic agents: Avastin [®] (bevacizumab) Cabometyx [®] (cabozantinib) Inlyta [®] (axitinib) Nexavar [®] (sorafenib)	RCC: varies	Varies

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
Opdivo [®] (nivolumab) Proleukin [®] (aldesleukin, rIL-2) Sutent [®] (sunitinib) Tarceva [®] (erlotinib) Torisel [®] (temsirolimus) Votrient [®] (pazopanib) Yervoy [®] (ipilimumab)		
Caprelsa [®] (vandetanib)	MTC: 300 mg PO QD	300 mg/day
Cometriq [®] (cabozantinib)	MTC: 140 to 180 mg PO QD	180 mg/day
EC systemic therapies:* carboplatin/paclitaxel, cisplatin/docetaxel, cisplatin/doxorubicin, carboplatin/paclitaxel/bevacizumab, carboplatin/paclitaxel/trastuzumab, ifosfamide/paclitaxel, cisplatin/ifosfamide, everolimus/letrozole, temsirolimus, Keytruda (pembrolizumab)	EC: varies	Varies
<i>*Monotherapy treatment of combination regimens may also be used (refer to NCCN Uterine Neoplasms Guidelines)</i>		
ATC systemic therapies for metastatic disease: dabrafenib/trametinib, larotrectinib, entrectinib, selpercatinib, paclitaxel/carboplatin, doxetaxel/doxorubicin, paclitaxel, doxorubicin	ATC: varies	Varies

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name[®] (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name[®]) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

None reported

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
DTC	24 mg PO QD	24 mg/day
EC	20 mg PO QD	20 mg/day
RCC	18 mg PO QD	18 mg/day

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
HCC	12 mg PO QD (if actual body weight ≥ 60 kg) or 8 mg PO QD (if actual body weight < 60 kg)	12 mg/day

VI. Product Availability

Capsules: 4 mg, 10 mg

VII. References

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
New policy created: adapted from Commercial (CP.CPA.251) and HIM (HIM.PA.SP50) lines of business; new for Medicaid; age, specialist involvement in care and continuation of care added; two RCC prior therapy trials consolidated into one and only if clear cell or unknown histology - additional trial drugs added (Tarceva, Yervoy) for a total of 11; references reviewed and updated. Criteria added for new indication: unresectable HCC; references reviewed and updated.	09.04.18	11.18
4Q 2019 annual review: NCCN designation of recurrent added to MTC criteria; criteria added for new FDA indication in EC; references reviewed and updated.	10.15.19	11.19
4Q 2020 annual review: added off-label criteria for ATC per NCCN category 2A recommendation; references reviewed and updated.	07.13.20	11.20

Important Reminder

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