

Kanuma® (sebelipase alfa) (Intravenous)

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I. Length of Authorization

- Initial: Prior authorization validity will be provided initially for 6 months (180 days).
- Renewal: Prior authorization validity may be renewed every 12 months (365 days) thereafter.

II. Dosing Limits

Max Units (per dose and over time) [HCPCS Unit]:

- 340 billable units every 14 days

III. Initial Approval Criteria ¹

Prior authorization validity is provided in the following conditions:

- Member is at least 1 month of age; **AND**
- Documented baseline values for one or more of the following have been obtained:
 - Weight-for-age z-scores for members exhibiting growth failure
 - Low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-c)
 - High-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-c)
 - Non-HDL-c
 - Triglycerides
 - Aspartate aminotransferase (AST) and/or alanine aminotransferase (ALT)

Lysosomal Acid Lipase (LAL) Deficiency † Φ ^{1,6-8}

- Diagnosis has been confirmed by either biallelic pathogenic (or likely pathogenic) variants in the *LIPA* gene OR deficient LAL enzyme activity in peripheral blood leukocytes, fibroblasts, or dried blood spots

† FDA Approved Indication(s); ‡ Compendia Recommended Indication(s); Φ Orphan Drug

IV. Renewal Criteria ^{1,6,7}

Prior authorization validity may be renewed based upon the following criteria:

- Member continues to meet indication-specific relevant criteria such as concomitant therapy requirements (not including prerequisite therapy), performance status, etc. identified in section III; **AND**
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include: hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylaxis, etc.; **AND**
 - Treatment has resulted in clinical benefit as evidenced in one or more of the following:
 - Improvement in weight-for-age z-scores for members exhibiting growth failure
 - Improvement in LDL-c
 - Improvement in HDL-c
 - Improvement in non-HDL-c
 - Improvement in triglycerides
 - Improvement of AST and/or ALT; **OR**
 - Dose escalation** in pediatric and adult members with a suboptimal clinical response to the 1 mg/kg dose defined by at least one of the following:
 - Poor growth
 - Deteriorating biochemical markers (e.g., ALT, AST), and/or parameters of lipid metabolism (e.g., LDL-c, triglycerides); **OR**
 - Dose escalation** for infants with rapidly progressive disease presenting within the first 6 months of life who have a suboptimal clinical response to the 1 mg/kg dose or 3 mg/kg dose defined by at least one of the following:
 - Poor growth
 - Deteriorating biochemical markers (e.g., ALT, AST)
 - Persistent or worsening organomegaly

V. Dosage/Administration ¹

Indication	Dose
LAL Deficiency	<p><u>Pediatric & Adult members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 mg/kg administered once every other week as an intravenous infusion • May increase dose to 3 mg/kg once every other week for members who do not achieve an optimal clinical response to the 1 mg/kg dose** <p><u>Infants with rapidly progressive disease presenting within the first 6 months of life:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 mg/kg administered once weekly as an intravenous infusion • May increase dose to 3 mg/kg once weekly for members who do not achieve an optimal clinical response** • May further increase dose to 5 mg/kg once weekly for members who do not achieve an optimal clinical response to the 3 mg/kg dose** <p>**Refer to dose escalation criteria in section IV</p>

VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

HCPCS Code:

- J2840 – Injection, sebelipase alfa, 1 mg; 1 billable unit = 1 mg

NDC:

- Kanuma 20 mg/10 mL single-dose vial: 25682-0007-xx

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Appendix A – Non-Quantitative Treatment Limitations (NQL) Factor Checklist

Non-quantitative treatment limitations (NQLs) refer to the methods, guidelines, standards of evidence, or other conditions that can restrict how long or to what extent benefits are provided under a health plan. These may include things like utilization review or prior authorization. The utilization management NQL applies comparably, and not more stringently, to mental health/substance use disorder (MH/SUD) Medical Benefit Prescription Drugs and medical/surgical (M/S) Medical Benefit Prescription Drugs. The table below lists the factors that were considered in designing and applying prior authorization to this drug/drug group, and a summary of the conclusions that Prime’s assessment led to for each.

Factor	Conclusion
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Indication	Yes: Consider for PA
Safety and efficacy	Yes: Consider for PA
Potential for misuse/abuse	No: PA not a priority
Cost of drug	Yes: Consider for PA

Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
E75.5	Other lipid storage disorders

Appendix 2 – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

The preceding information is intended for non-Medicare coverage determinations. Medicare coverage for outpatient (Part B) drugs is outlined in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-2), Chapter 15, §50 Drugs and Biologicals. In addition, National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) and/or Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) may also exist for claims payment purposes or to clarify benefit eligibility under Part B for drugs which may be self-administered. The following link may be used to search for NCD, LCD, or LCA documents:

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search.aspx>. Additional indications, including any preceding information, may be applied at the discretion of the health plan.

Medicare Part B Covered Diagnosis Codes (applicable to existing NCD/LCD/LCA): N/A

Medicare Part B Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdictions		
Jurisdiction	Applicable State/US Territory	Contractor
E (1)	CA, HI, NV, AS, GU, CNMI	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
F (2 & 3)	AK, WA, OR, ID, ND, SD, MT, WY, UT, AZ	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
5	KS, NE, IA, MO	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)
6	MN, WI, IL	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)
H (4 & 7)	LA, AR, MS, TX, OK, CO, NM	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
8	MI, IN	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)
N (9)	FL, PR, VI	First Coast Service Options, Inc.
J (10)	TN, GA, AL	Palmetto GBA
M (11)	NC, SC, WV, VA (excluding below)	Palmetto GBA
L (12)	DE, MD, PA, NJ, DC (includes Arlington & Fairfax counties and the city of Alexandria in VA)	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
K (13 & 14)	NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, ME, NH	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)
15	KY, OH	CGS Administrators, LLC

