

Clinical Policy: Dacomitinib (Vizimpro)

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See **Important Reminder** at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.

Description

Dacomitinib (Vizimpro®) is a second-generation, irreversible epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) tyrosine kinase inhibitor.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Vizimpro is indicated for the first-line treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with EGFR exon 19 deletion or exon 21 L858R substitution mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test.

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.

Health plan approved formularies should be reviewed for all coverage determinations. Requirements to use preferred alternative agents apply only when such requirements align with the health plan approved formulary.

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Envolve Pharmacy Solutions™ that Vizimpro is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of recurrent, advanced, or metastatic NSCLC;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Disease is positive for a sensitizing EGFR mutation (e.g., exon 19 deletion or insertion; exon 21 point mutation - L858R, L861Q; exon 18 point mutation - G719X; exon 20 point mutation - S768I);
5. For brand Vizimpro requests, member must use generic dacomitinib, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
6. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. Dose does not exceed 45 mg (1 tablet) 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:

Commercial – Length of Benefit

Medicaid – 6 months

B. Other diagnoses/indications

1. Refer to ERX.PA.01 if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized).

II. Continued Therapy

A. Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via a health plan affiliated with Envolve Pharmacy Solutions, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Vizimpro for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. For brand Vizimpro requests, member must use generic dacomitinib, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
4. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a or b):*
 - a. New dose does not exceed 45 mg (1 tablet) per day;
 - b. 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:

Commercial – Length of Benefit

Medicaid – 12 months

B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):

1. Currently receiving medication via a health plan affiliated with Envolve Pharmacy Solutions and documentation supports positive response to therapy.

Approval duration: Duration of request or 6 months (whichever is less); or

2. Refer to ERX.PA.01 if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized).

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 – ERX.PA.01 or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

EGFR: epidermal growth factor receptor

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

NSCLC: non-small cell lung cancer

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

None reported

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
NSCLC	45 mg PO QD	45 mg/day

VI. Product Availability

Tablets: 15 mg, 30 mg, 45 mg

VII. References

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
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4Q 2019 annual review: no significant changes; NCCN designation of advanced added; additional examples of sensitizing EGFR mutations added consistent with NCCN; added Medicaid line of business with 6/12 month approval durations; references reviewed and updated.	07.29.19	11.19
4Q 2020 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	08.14.20	11.20
4Q 2021 annual review: no significant changes; added redirection to generic dacomitinib once it becomes available; references reviewed and updated.	06.21.21	11.21
4Q 2022 annual review: no significant changes; for Continued Therapy, added the redirection from brand name product to generic equivalent, if available, consistent with the approach in the Initial Approval section; references reviewed and updated.	07.11.22	11.22

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.

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