Clinical Policy: Alpelisib (Piqray)

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Description
Alpelisib (Piqray®) is a phosphoinositide 3-kinase (PI3K) inhibitor.

FDA Approved Indication(s)
Piqray is indicated in combination with fulvestrant for the treatment of postmenopausal women, and men, with hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative, PIK3CA-mutated, advanced or metastatic breast cancer as detected by an FDA-approved test following progression on or after an endocrine-based regimen.

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 Piqray is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Breast Cancer (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of breast cancer;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Disease has all of the following characteristics (a, b, c, and d):
   a. HR-positive (i.e., estrogen or progesterone receptor [ER/PR]-positive);
   b. HER2-negative;
   c. Advanced (locally recurrent) or metastatic;
   d. Positive for PIK3CA mutation;
5. Piqray is prescribed in combination with fulvestrant;
6. Disease has progressed on or after an endocrine therapy (*see Appendix B for examples*);
7. Request meets one of the following (a or b):*
   a. Dose does not exceed 300 mg (two tablets) 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 – 6 months
Commercial – Length of Benefit

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. Breast 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 Piqray for breast cancer 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 or b):
   a. New dose does not exceed 300 mg (two 150 mg tablets) 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:
Medicaid – 12 months
Commercial – Length of Benefit

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

ER: estrogen receptor
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
HER2: human epidermal growth factor receptor 2
HR: hormone receptor
NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network
PR: progesterone receptor

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 and may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
Endocrine Therapy		
anastrozole (Arimidex®)	1 mg PO QD	1 mg/day
exemestane (Aromasin®)	25 mg PO QD	25 mg/day
Fareston® (toremifene)	60 mg PO QD	60 mg/day
Faslodex® (fulvestrant)	500 mg IM into the buttocks slowly (1 - 2 minutes per injection) as two 5 mL injections, one in each buttock, on days 1, 15, 29 and once monthly thereafter	500 mg/day
letrozole (Femara®)	2.5 mg PO QD	2.5 mg/day
tamoxifen (Nolvadex®, Soltamox®)	20 to 40 mg PO QD	40 mg/day
megestrol acetate	40 mg PO QID	160 mg/day

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

- Contraindication(s): severe hypersensitivity to Piqray or to any of its components.

- Boxed warning(s): none reported

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Breast cancer	In combination with fulvestrant: 300 mg PO QD with food	300 mg/day

VI. Product Availability
Tablets: 50 mg, 150 mg, 200 mg

VII. References

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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.

This Clinical Policy is not intended to dictate to providers how to practice medicine, nor does it constitute a contract or guarantee regarding payment or results. Providers are expected to exercise professional medical judgment in providing the most appropriate care, and are solely responsible for the medical advice and treatment of members.