

Clinical Policy: Mitapivat (Pyrukynd)

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Description

Mitapivat (Pyrukynd[®]) is an pyruvate kinase (PK) activator.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Pyrukynd is indicated for the treatment of hemolytic anemia in adults with PK deficiency.

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

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of PK deficiency confirmed by one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Presence of at least 2 mutant alleles in the PKLR gene, of which at least 1 is a missense mutation;
 - b. Hemolytic anemia with laboratory evidence of reduced red blood cell PK enzymatic activity;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist;
3. Age \geq 18 years;
4. Member is not homozygous for the R479H mutation or have 2 non-missense mutations (without the presence of another missense mutation);
5. If member received no more than 4 blood transfusions in the last 12 months, recent (within the last 30 days) hemoglobin concentration \leq 10 g/dL;
6. Prescribed concurrently with oral folic acid;
7. Dose does not exceed 100 mg per day.

Approval duration: 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. Pyruvate Kinase Deficiency (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via a health plan affiliated with Envolve Pharmacy Solutions or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy as evidenced by, including but not limited to, improvement in any of the following parameters:
 - a. Reduced transfusion burden;
 - b. Increase in hemoglobin of at least 1.5 g/dL from baseline prior to Pyrukynd initiation;
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 100 mg per day.

Approval duration: 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

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

PK: pyruvate kinase

PKLR: pyruvate kinase liver and red blood cell

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

None reported

Appendix D: General Information

- Patients who were homozygous for the c.1436G>A (p.R479H) variant or had 2 non-missense variants (without the presence of another missense variant) in the PKLR gene were excluded in the clinical trial because these patients did not achieve hemoglobin response (change from baseline in Hb \geq 1.5 g/dL at > 50% assessments) in the dose-ranging study.

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
PK deficiency	Initial: 5 mg PO BID Dose may be increased every 4 weeks based on response and tolerance to 20 mg BID up to a maximum of 50 mg BID	100 mg/day

VI. Product Availability

Oral tablets: 5 mg, 20 mg, 50 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.

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