

Abaloparatide (Tymlos®)

Place of Service

Self-Administration - May be covered under the pharmacy benefit

HCPCS: J3490

NDCs:

- 70539-001-02: 3120 mcg/1.56ml (2000 mcg/ml) single-use prefilled pen: [Each pen provides a 30-day supply for once-daily injection of 80 mcg/40 mcl]

Condition(s) listed in policy (see criteria for details)

- [Osteoporosis](#)

AHFS therapeutic class: Parathyroid Agents

Mechanism of action: Human parathyroid hormone (parathormone, PTH)-related peptide analog

(1) Special Instructions and Pertinent Information

This drug is managed under the outpatient Pharmacy Benefit for self-administration. Please contact the member's Pharmacy Benefit for information on how to obtain this drug.

To submit a request to the Medical Benefit, please submit clinical information for prior authorization review and include medical rationale why the patient cannot self-administer this drug in the home.

For plans with self-injectables only covered under the Medical Benefit, please submit clinical information for prior authorization review via fax.

(2) Prior Authorization/Medical Review is required for the following condition(s)

All requests for Tymlos® (abaloparatide) must be sent for clinical review and receive authorization prior to drug administration or claim payment.

Osteoporosis

1. One of the following:

- a. Provider attestation of one or more non-traumatic fractures, OR
- b. T-score less than or equal to -2.5 SD, OR
- c. T-score is between -1.0 and -2.5 and patient is at high risk for fracture
[e.g. multiple risk factors or 10-year hip fracture probability $\geq 3\%$ or a 10-year major osteoporosis-related fracture probability $\geq 20\%$ based on USA-adapted absolute fracture risk model (FRAX® risk assessment)]

AND

2. One of the following:

- a. Intolerable side effect to bisphosphonate (oral and IV) therapy or Prolia, OR contraindication to bisphosphonate (oral and IV) therapy and Prolia, OR
- b. Inadequate response, as evidenced by documented worsening BMD, following at least two years therapy with a bisphosphonate or Prolia, OR
- c. Patient is at very high risk of fracture by meeting at least one of the following:
 - i. Fracture while on bisphosphonate therapy or Prolia, or

- ii. Provider attestation that patient has experienced a recent fracture (within the past 12 months) or history of multiple fractures, or
- iii. Provider attestation that patient experienced a fracture while on long-term glucocorticoid therapy, or
- iv. T-score less than -3.0, or
- v. Provider attestation that patient is at high risk for falls, or
- vi. 10-year hip fracture probability of > 4.5% based on FRAX® score, or
- vii. 10-year major osteoporosis-related fracture probability > 30% based on FRAX® score

AND

- 3. Not used in combination with another osteoporosis drug therapy (i.e., Forteo, Prolia)

Covered Doses

Up to 80 mcg SC once daily

Coverage Period

Maximum of 2 years

ICD-10: M81.0-M81.9

(3) The following condition(s) DO NOT require Prior Authorization/Preservice

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(4) This Medication is NOT medically necessary for the following condition(s)

Coverage for a Non-FDA approved indication, requires that criteria outlined in Health and Safety Code § 1367.21, including objective evidence of efficacy and safety are met for the proposed indication.

Please refer to the Provider Manual and User Guide for more information.

(5) Additional Information

How supplied:

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Table 1. Clinical Risk Factors for Osteoporosis-Related Fractures in POSTMENOPAUSAL WOMEN

Risk Factor
Prior low-trauma fracture as an adult
Advanced age (≥ 65 yrs)
Low body weight [<57.6 kg (127 lb)]
Family history of osteoporosis or fractures
Use of corticosteroids
Cigarette smoking
Excessive alcohol consumption (≥ 3 drinks per day)
Secondary osteoporosis (e.g., rheumatoid arthritis)
Early menopause

<https://www.aace.com/files/postmenopausal-guidelines.pdf>

FRAX tool: FRAX is a tool developed by the World Health Organization (WHO) to predict a patient's risk of having an osteoporosis-related fracture in the next 10 years. Generally it is used for people not already being treated for osteoporosis. The calculation tool can be found at this link: <http://www.shef.ac.uk/FRAX/>

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(7) Policy Update

Date of last review: 4Q2022

Date of next review: 4Q2023

Changes from previous policy version:

- No clinical change to policy following routine annual review.

BSC Drug Coverage Criteria to Determine Medical Necessity
Reviewed by P&T Committee