

Sildenafil (Revatio®)

Place of Service

Hospital Administration
Office Administration
Home Infusion Administration
Outpatient Facility Administration

HCPCS: J3490

NDC: 00069-0338-01
55150-0166-13

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

- [Pulmonary arterial hypertension \(PAH\) WHO Group 1](#)

AHFS therapeutic class: Phosphodiesterase Type 5 Inhibitor (PDE 5 Inhibitor)

Mechanism of action: Inhibition of the PDE 5 can lead to vasodilation of the pulmonary vascular bed, and to a lesser degree, vasodilation in the systemic circulation

(1) Special Instructions and pertinent Information

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 Revatio® (sildenafil) must be sent for clinical review and receive authorization prior to drug administration or claim payment.

Pulmonary arterial hypertension

1. WHO Group I classification, **AND**
2. Member is receiving oral sildenafil, **AND**
3. Member is temporarily unable to take oral medication due to a documented medical reason

Covered Doses

Up to 10 mg (corresponding to 12.5 ml) IV 3 times a day

Coverage Period

Indefinite

ICD-10:

I27.0 [Primary]; I27.2, I27.89 [Secondary]

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

All requests for Revatio® (sildenafil) must be sent for clinical review and receive authorization prior

to drug administration or claim payment.

(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:

Injection: 10 mg (single-use vial)

Dosing considerations (per package insert):

Sildenafil injection is for the continued treatment of patients with pulmonary arterial hypertension who are currently prescribed oral sildenafil and who are temporarily unable to take oral medication.

A dose of sildenafil 10 mg injection is predicted to provide pharmacological effect of sildenafil and its N-desmethyl metabolite equivalent to that of a 20 mg oral dose.

Clinical classification of pulmonary hypertension (6th World Symposium on Pulmonary Hypertension)

1 PAH
1.1 Idiopathic PAH
1.2 Heritable PAH
1.3 Drug- and toxin-induced PAH (table 3)
1.4 PAH associated with:
1.4.1 Connective tissue disease
1.4.2 HIV infection
1.4.3 Portal hypertension
1.4.4 Congenital heart disease
1.4.5 Schistosomiasis
1.5 PAH long-term responders to calcium channel blockers
1.6 PAH with overt features of venous/capillaries (PVOD/PCH) involvement
1.7 Persistent PH of the newborn syndrome
2 PH due to left heart disease
2.1 PH due to heart failure with preserved LVEF
2.2 PH due to heart failure with reduced LVEF
2.3 Valvular heart disease
2.4 Congenital/acquired cardiovascular conditions leading to post-capillary PH
3 PH due to lung diseases and/or hypoxia
3.1 Obstructive lung disease
3.2 Restrictive lung disease
3.3 Other lung disease with mixed restrictive/obstructive pattern
3.4 Hypoxia without lung disease
3.5 Developmental lung disorders
4 PH due to pulmonary artery obstructions (table 6)

4.1 Chronic thromboembolic PH
4.2 Other pulmonary artery obstructions
5 PH with unclear and/or multifactorial mechanisms (table 7)
5.1 Haematological disorders
5.2 Systemic and metabolic disorders
5.3 Others
5.4 Complex congenital heart disease

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(7) Policy Update

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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*