

treprostinil (Remodulin)

Commercial Medical Benefit Drug Policy

Place of Service

Home Infusion Administration

Infusion Center Administration

Office Administration

Outpatient Facility Infusion Administration

Drug Details

USP Category: RESPIRATORY TRACT/PULMONARY AGENTS

Mechanism of Action: A synthetic analog of prostacyclin

HCPCS:

J3285:Injection, treprostinil, 1 mg

How Supplied:

Remodulin is supplied in 20-mL multi-dose vials containing 2 mg (0.1 mg/mL), 4 mg (0.2 mg/mL), 8 mg (0.4 mg/mL), 20 mg (1 mg/mL), 50 mg (2.5 mg/mL), 100 mg (5 mg/mL), 200 mg (10 mg/mL), or 400 mg (20 mg/mL) of treprostinil.

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

- Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension WHO Group I

Any condition not listed in this policy requires a review to confirm it is medically necessary. For conditions that have not been approved for intended use by the Food and Drug Administration (i.e., off-label use), the criteria outlined in the Health and Safety Code section 1367.21 must be met.

Special Instructions and Pertinent Information

Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) to ensure the member has met all medical necessity requirements.

The member's specific benefit may impact drug coverage. Other utilization management processes, and/or legal restrictions may take precedence over the application of this clinical criteria.

For billing purposes, drugs must be submitted with the drug's assigned HCPCS code (as listed in the drug policy) and the corresponding NDC (national drug code). An unlisted, unspecified, or miscellaneous code should not be used if there is a specific code assigned to the drug.

The following condition(s) DO NOT require Prior Authorization/Preservice if ALL its parameters are met, otherwise Prior Authorization/Preservice is required.

Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension WHO Group I

Covered Doses:

Continuous infusion titrated to effect

ICD-10:

I27.0, I27.21

Additional Information

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

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- No clinical changes following annual review.

Blue Shield of California Medication Policy to Determine Medical Necessity
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