

## Clinical Policy: Enfortumab Vedotin-ejfv (Padcev)

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### Description

Enfortumab vedotin-ejfv (Padcev<sup>®</sup>) is a Nectin-4-directed antibody and microtubule inhibitor conjugate.

### FDA Approved Indication(s)

Padcev is indicated:

- As a single agent for the treatment of adult patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial cancer who:
  - have previously received a programmed death receptor-1 (PD-1) or programmed death-ligand 1 (PD-L1) inhibitor, and a platinum-containing chemotherapy, or
  - are ineligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy and have previously received one or more prior lines of therapy
- In combination with pembrolizumab for the treatment of adult patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial cancer who are not eligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy\*

\* This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on tumor response rate and durability of response. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in the confirmatory trials.

### 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.*

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation<sup>®</sup> that Padcev is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

#### I. Initial Approval Criteria

##### A. Urothelial Carcinoma (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of recurrent, locally advanced, or metastatic (stage IV) urothelial carcinoma;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or urologist;
3. Age  $\geq$  18 years;
4. One of the following (a, b, or c):
  - a. Prescribed as a single agent, and one of the following (i or ii):
    - i. Failure of both of the following (1 and 2):
      - 1) Platinum-containing chemotherapy (*see Appendix B*);
      - 2) PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitor (*see Appendix B*);

- ii. Member is ineligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy and has previously received one or more prior lines of therapy (*see Appendix B*);
- b. Prescribed in combination with Keytruda<sup>®</sup>, and member is ineligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy;
- 5. Request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):\*
  - a. If prescribed as a single agent: Dose does not exceed 1.25 mg/kg (up to 125 mg) on days 1, 8, and 15 of a 28-day cycle;
  - b. If prescribed in combination with Keytruda: Dose does not exceed 1.25 mg/kg (up to 125 mg) on days 1 and 8 of a 21-day cycle;
  - c. 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: 6 months**

**B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):**

- 1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):
  - a. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: HIM.PA.33 for health insurance marketplace and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
  - b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: HIM.PA.103 for health insurance marketplace and CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or
- 2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

**II. Continued Therapy**

**A. Urothelial Carcinoma (must meet all):**

- 1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Padcev for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 28 days;
- 2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
- 3. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):\*
  - a. If prescribed as a single agent: New dose does not exceed 1.25 mg/kg (up to 125 mg) on days 1, 8 and 15 of a 28-day cycle;
  - b. If prescribed in combination with Keytruda: New dose does not exceed 1.25 mg/kg (up to 125 mg) on days 1 and 8 of a 21-day cycle;
  - c. 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: 12 months**

**B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):**

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):
  - a. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: HIM.PA.33 for health insurance marketplace and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
  - b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: HIM.PA.103 for health insurance marketplace and CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

**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 policies – HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid, or evidence of coverage documents.

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

FDA: Food and Drug Administration                      NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network  
 PD-1: programmed death receptor-1  
 PD-L1: programmed death-ligand

*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 for all relevant lines of business and may require prior authorization.*

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
<b>Examples of platinum-containing regimens</b>		
DDMVAC (dose-dense methotrexate, vinblastine, doxorubicin, and cisplatin)	Varies	Varies
gemcitabine with either cisplatin or carboplatin	Varies	Varies
<b>Examples of PD-1 inhibitors</b>		
Keytruda <sup>®</sup> (pembrolizumab)	Varies	Varies
Opdivo <sup>®</sup> (nivolumab)	Varies	Varies
<b>Examples of PD-L1 inhibitors</b>		
Tecentriq <sup>®</sup> (atezolizumab)	Varies	Varies

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
Imfinzi <sup>®</sup> (durvalumab)	10 mg/kg IV infusion every 2 weeks	Varies
Bavencio <sup>®</sup> (avelumab)	800 mg IV infusion once every 2 weeks	Varies
<b>Other recommended regimens</b>		
gemcitabine	Varies	Varies
gemcitabine and paclitaxel	Varies	Varies
ifosfamide, doxorubicin, gemcitabine	Varies	Varies

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name<sup>®</sup> (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name<sup>®</sup>) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

*Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings*

- Contraindication(s): none reported
- Boxed warning(s): serious skin reactions

**V. Dosage and Administration**

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Urothelial cancer	<p><i>As a single agent:</i> 1.25 mg/kg (up to a maximum dose of 125 mg) given as an IV infusion over 30 minutes on Days 1, 8 and 15 of a 28-day cycle until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity</p> <p><i>In combination with Keytruda:</i> 1.25 mg/kg (up to a maximum dose of 125 mg) given as an IV infusion over 30 minutes on Days 1 and 8 of a 21-day cycle until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity</p>	See dosing regimen

**VI. Product Availability**

Single-dose vial for injection: 20 mg, 30 mg

**VII. References**

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3. National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Bladder Cancer Version 2.2023. Available at: [https://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician\\_gls/pdf/bladder.pdf](https://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/bladder.pdf). Accessed April 26, 2023.
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**Coding Implications**

Codes referenced in this clinical policy are for informational purposes only. Inclusion or exclusion of any codes does not guarantee coverage. Providers should reference the most up-to-date sources of professional coding guidance prior to the submission of claims for reimbursement of covered services.

HCPCS Codes	Description
J9177	Injection, enfortumab vedotin-ejfv, 0.25 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy created.	01.14.20	02.20
1Q 2021 annual review: recurrent UC added and trial settings (e.g., neoadjuvant) removed to encompass NCCN recommended uses; references to HIM.PHAR.21 revised to HIM.PA.154; references reviewed and updated.	11.10.20	02.21
RT4: added additional urothelial cancer indication in patients ineligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy and have previously received one or more prior lines of therapy	07.28.21	
1Q 2022 annual review: no significant changes; updated HCPCS codes for Padcev and Appendix C with new boxed warning; references reviewed and updated.	10.18.21	02.22
Template changes applied to other diagnoses/indications.	09.28.22	
1Q 2023 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	11.10.22	02.23
RT4: added additional urothelial cancer indication in combination with pembrolizumab for patients ineligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy; added urologist prescriber per previously P&T approved approach for urological cancers.	04.26.23	

**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. The Health Plan makes no representations and accepts no liability with respect to the content of any external information used or relied upon in developing this clinical policy. This clinical policy is consistent with standards of medical practice current at the time that this clinical policy was approved. “Health Plan” means a health plan that has adopted this clinical policy and that is operated or administered, in whole or in part, by Centene Management Company, LLC, or any of such health plan’s affiliates, as applicable.

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**Note:**

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