

# Medicare Advantage Medical Benefit Drug Policy



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**Tecvayli™ (teclistamab-cqyv)**

**HCPCS: J3590**

## **Policy:**

*Requests must be supported by submission of chart notes and patient specific documentation.*

- A. Coverage of the requested drug is provided when all the following are met:
  - a. FDA approved indication
  - b. FDA approved age
  - c. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist
  - d. Treatment of patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma after at least 4 prior lines of therapy
  - e. Patients must have been treated with all of the following:
    - i. An immunomodulatory agent
    - ii. A proteasome inhibitor
    - iii. An anti-CD38 antibody
  - f. Must have active disease defined by at least one of the following:
    - i. Serum M-protein greater or equal to 1.0 g/dL
    - ii. Urine M-protein greater or equal to 200 mg/24 h
    - iii. Serum free light chain (FLC) assay greater or equal to 10 mg/dL provided the baseline serum FLC ratio is abnormal
  - g. Patients must meet all of the following
    - i. ECOG performance status of 0 - 2
    - ii. No known central nervous system involvement with myeloma
    - iii. No HIV infection; hepatitis B or C virus infection permitted only if viral load undetectable
    - iv. No infection that is uncontrolled or requires IV or long-term oral antimicrobial therapy
    - v. No second malignancies in addition to myeloma if the second malignancy has required therapy in the last 2 years or is not in complete remission
    - vi. No myocardial infarction, cardiac angioplasty or stenting, unstable angina, or New York Heart Association Class III or greater congestive heart failure events within 6 months
    - vii. No stroke event within 6 months of therapy administration
    - viii. No pulmonary disease requiring oxygen dependence
    - ix. No seizures within 6 months of therapy administration
  - h. Have not received prior treatment with any B-cell maturation antigen (BCMA)-directed therapy
    - i. Trial and failure, contraindication, OR intolerance to the preferred drugs as listed in the BCBSNE MA Part B drugs prior authorization list

- B. Quantity Limitations, Authorization Period and Renewal Criteria
- a. Quantity Limits: Align with FDA recommended dosing
  - b. Authorization Period: Aligns with FDA recommended or guideline supported treatment duration and provided for at least 60 days and up to 6 months at a time
  - c. Renewal Criteria: Treatment may be continued until disease progression or until unacceptable toxicity occurs

\*\*\*Note: Coverage may differ for Medicare Part B members based on any applicable criteria outlined in Local Coverage Determinations (LCD) or National Coverage Determinations (NCD) as determined by Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). See the CMS website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/>. Determination of coverage of Part B drugs is based on medically accepted indications which have supported citations included or approved for inclusion determined by CMS approved compendia.

### Background Information:

- Tecvayli is a bispecific BCMA-directed/CD3 T-cell engager indicated for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma who have received at least four prior lines of therapy including a proteasome inhibitor, an immunomodulatory agent, and an anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody.
- Safety and efficacy were evaluated in the MajesTEC-1 study, a single-arm, multi-cohort, open-label, phase I/II trial of 110 patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma who had previously received at least three prior therapies, including a proteasome inhibitor, an immunomodulatory agent, and an anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody. Subjects had not received prior BCMA-targeted therapy. About 78% of patients had received at least 4 prior lines of therapy, with a median number of 5. The study excluded patients who had stroke, seizure, allogeneic stem cell transplantation (SCT) within the past 6 months, an ECOG performance score of 2 or higher, known active CNS involvement or clinical signs of meningeal involvement of multiple myeloma, or active or documented history of autoimmune disease. The primary endpoint was overall response rate (ORR). The median time to first response was 1.2 months (range: 0.2 to 5.5 months). With a median follow-up of 7.4 months among responders, the estimated duration of response (DOR) rate was 90.6% (95% CI: 80.3%, 95.7%) at 6 months and 66.5% (95% CI: 38.8%, 83.9%) at 9 months. The ORR was 61.8% (95% CI: 52.1%, 70.9%).
- Disease should be measured/staged with PET-CT. Focal uptake in nodal and extranodal sites is considered involvement with lymphoma, including spleen, liver, bone, thyroid, and so on. A measurable node must have a longest diameter (LDi) greater than 1.5 cm. A measurable extranodal lesion should have an LDi greater than 1.0 cm. All other lesions (including nodal, extranodal, and assessable disease) should be followed as nonmeasured disease (eg, cutaneous, GI, bone, spleen, liver, kidneys, pleural or pericardial effusions, ascites).
- Due to the risk of cytokine release syndrome and neurological toxicities, the step-up doses of Tecvayli are required to be administered in an inpatient setting.
- Tecvayli has not been studied when given following prior treatment with Tecvayli or following any other BCMA-directed therapy.

### References:

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1.0	Effective Date: 01/01/2023	New policy

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