

Clinical Policy: Erenumab-aaoc (Aimovig)

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Description

Erenumab-aaoc (Aimovig[™]) is a calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) receptor antagonist.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Aimovig is indicated for the preventive treatment of migraine in adults.

Policy/Criteria

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation[®] that Aimovig is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Migraine Prophylaxis (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of episodic or chronic migraine;
2. Provider's attestation that member experiences ≥ 4 migraine days per month for at least 3 months;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Failure of at least 2 of the following oral migraine preventative therapies, each for 8 weeks and from different therapeutic classes, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated: antiepileptic drugs (e.g., divalproex sodium, sodium valproate, topiramate), beta-blockers (e.g., metoprolol, propranolol, timolol), antidepressants (e.g., amitriptyline, venlafaxine);
5. Aimovig is not prescribed concurrently with Botox[®] or other injectable and oral CGRP inhibitors (e.g., Ajovy[®], Emgality[®], Vyepti[™], Nurtec[®], Ubrovelvy[™]);
6. Dose does not exceed one of the following (a or b):
 - a. 70 mg (1 injection) once monthly;
 - b. 140 mg (1 injection) once monthly if medical justification is provided.

Approval duration: 3 months

B. Other diagnoses/indications

1. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.CPA.09 for commercial.

II. Continued Therapy

A. Migraine Prophylaxis (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;

2. Member has experienced and maintained positive response to therapy as evidenced by provider’s attestation of a reduction in migraine days per month from baseline;
3. Aimovig is not prescribed concurrently with Botox or other injectable and oral CGRP inhibitors (e.g., Ajovy, Emgality, Vyepti, Nurtec, Ubrelvy);*
**This requirement does not apply to CA if member was previously approved via Centene benefit and is currently stable on therapy with both oral and injectable CGRP inhibitors*
4. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed one of the following (a or b):
 - a. 70 mg (1 injection) once monthly;
 - b. 140 mg (1 injection) once monthly if medical justification is provided.

Approval duration: 6 months

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

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy.
Approval duration: Duration of request or 6 months (whichever is less); or
2. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.CPA.09 for commercial.

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 – CP.CPA.09 for commercial or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

CGRP: calcitonin gene-related peptide

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
Anticonvulsants such as: divalproex (Depakote [®]), topiramate (Topamax [®]), valproate sodium	Migraine Prophylaxis <i>Refer to prescribing information or Micromedex</i>	<i>Refer to prescribing information or Micromedex</i>
Beta-blockers such as: propranolol (Inderal [®]), metoprolol (Lopressor [®])*, timolol, atenolol (Tenormin [®])*, nadolol (Corgard [®])*	Migraine Prophylaxis <i>Refer to prescribing information or Micromedex</i>	<i>Refer to prescribing information or Micromedex</i>

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Antidepressants/tricyclic antidepressants* such as: amitriptyline (Elavil [®]), venlafaxine (Effexor [®])	Migraine Prophylaxis <i>Refer to prescribing information or Micromedex</i>	<i>Refer to prescribing information or Micromedex</i>

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name[®] (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name[®]) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

**Off-label use*

Appendix C: Contraindications

- Contraindication(s): serious hypersensitivity to erenumab-aaoc or to any of the excipients
- Boxed warning(s): none reported

Appendix D: General Information

- In clinical trials, a migraine day was defined as any calendar day in which the patient experiences a qualified migraine headache (onset, continuation, or recurrence of the migraine headache). A qualified migraine headache is defined as a migraine with or without aura, lasting for ≥ 30 minutes, and meeting at least one of the following criteria (a and/or b):
 - ≥ 2 of the following pain features: unilateral, throbbing, moderate to severe, exacerbated with exercise/physical activity;
 - ≥ 1 of the following associated symptoms: nausea and/or vomiting, photophobia, and phonophobia.

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Migraine prophylaxis	70 mg SC once monthly Some patients may benefit from a dosage of 140 mg injected subcutaneously once monthly	140 mg/month

VI. Product Availability

Single-dose prefilled SureClick[®] autoinjector or prefilled syringe: 70 mg/mL, 140 mg/mL

VII. References

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy created (adapted from CP.PHAR.128) per October SDC and prior clinical guidance; removed prescriber requirements; clarified provider attestation is required to confirm migraine day requirements.	10.07.20	11.20
1Q 2021 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	11.18.20	02.21
Revised requirement on concurrent use with other CGRP inhibitors to include oral products with Nurtec and Ubrelvy listed as additional examples; added clarification in continuation of therapy to indicate requirement for concurrent use with other CGRP inhibitors does not apply to CA if member was previously approved via Centene benefit and is currently stable on therapy with both oral and injectable CGRP inhibitors.	06.28.21	

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