

**Clinical Policy: Enasidenib (Idhifa)**

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**Description**

Enasidenib (Idhifa<sup>®</sup>) is an isocitrate dehydrogenase-2 (IDH2) inhibitor.

**FDA Approved Indication(s)**

Idhifa is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory acute myeloid leukemia (AML) with an IDH2 mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test.

**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 Idhifa is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

**I. Initial Approval Criteria****A. Acute Myeloid Leukemia (must meet all):**

1. Diagnosis of AML;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist;
3. Age  $\geq$  18 years;
4. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
  - a. Disease is relapsed or refractory;
  - b. Age  $\geq$  60 years and one of the following (i or ii):
    - i. Member is not a candidate for intensive induction therapy;
    - ii. Used for post-induction therapy with previous lower-intensity therapy (*see Appendix B for examples*);\*
5. Presence of an IDH2 mutation;
6. For Idhifa requests, member must use generic enasidenib, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
7. Request meets one of the following (a or b):\*
  - a. Dose does not exceed 100 mg (1 tablet) per day;
  - b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

*\*Prior authorization may be required.*

*\*Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN.*

**Approval duration:****Medicaid/HIM** – 6 months**Commercial** – Length of Benefit**Legacy Wellcare** – 12 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, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

**II. Continued Therapy**

**A. Acute Myeloid Leukemia (must meet all):**

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Idhifa for AML and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. For Idhifa requests, member must use generic enasidenib, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
4. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a or b):\*
  - a. New dose does not exceed 100 mg (1 tablet) per day;
  - b. 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:**

**Medicaid/HIM** – 12 months

**Commercial** – Length of Benefit

**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, 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 – CP.CPA.09 for commercial, 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*

AML: acute myeloid leukemia

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

IDH2: isocitrate dehydrogenase-2

NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer  
Network

*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
cytarabine with idarubicin or daunorubicin	<u>Age &lt; 60 years: example of intensive induction therapy:</u> cytarabine 100 – 200 mg/m <sup>2</sup> continuous IV infusion x 7 days with idarubicin 12 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV or daunorubicin 60-90 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV x 3 days	Varies
cytarabine with idarubicin or daunorubicin or mitoxantrone	<u>Age ≥ 60 years: example of intensive induction therapy:</u> cytarabine 100 – 200 mg/m <sup>2</sup> continuous IV infusion x 7 days with idarubicin 12 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV or daunorubicin 60-90 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV x 3 days or mitoxantrone 12 mg/m <sup>2</sup> x 3 days	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): differentiation syndrome. If differentiation syndrome is suspected, initiate corticosteroid therapy and hemodynamic monitoring until symptom resolution.

**V. Dosage and Administration**

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
AML	100 mg PO QD	100 mg/day

**VI. Product Availability**

Tablets: 50 mg, 100 mg

**VII. References**

1. Idhifa Prescribing Information. Summit, NJ: Celgene Corporation; November 2020. Available at: [www.idhifapro.com](http://www.idhifapro.com). Accessed August 11, 2021.
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4Q 2019 annual review: NCCN use added - relapse/remission post Idhifa therapy; FDA/NCCN dosing limitation added; references reviewed and updated.	08.27.19	11.19
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4Q 2020 annual review: no significant changes; updated Appendix C; references reviewed and updated.	08.04.20	11.20
4Q 2021 annual review: added coverage for age $\geq$ 60 with either not candidate for induction therapy or used for post-induction therapy with previous lower intensity therapy per NCCN; modified reference from HIM.PHAR.21 to HIM.PA.154; added legacy WCG auth durations (WCG.CP.PHAR.363 to be retired); added requirement for use of generic if available; references reviewed and updated.	08.11.21	11.21

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