Clinical Policy: Brigatinib (Alunbrig)

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Description

Brigatinib (Alunbrig®) is a kinase inhibitor.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Alunbrig is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) 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® that Alunbrig is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of recurrent, advanced or metastatic NSCLC;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Disease is ALK positive;
5. Prescribed as a single agent;
6. For Alunbrig requests, member must use generic brigatinib, 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 180 mg per day;
   b. 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 – 6 months
Commercial – 12 months or duration of request, whichever is less

B. Inflammatory Myofibroblastic Tumor (off-label) (must meet all)**:**

1. Diagnosis of inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor (IMT; a soft tissue sarcoma);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Disease is ALK positive;

5. Prescribed as a single agent;
6. For Alunbrig requests, member must use generic brigatinib, 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 180 mg per day;
   b. 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 – 6 months
Commercial – 12 months or duration of request, whichever is less

C. 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. All Indications in Section I (must meet all)**:**

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Alunbrig for NSCLC or IMT and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. For Alunbrig requests, member must use generic brigatinib, 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 180 mg 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 – 12 months or duration of request, whichever is less

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 policy – 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

ALK: anaplastic lymphoma kinase
FDA: Food and Drug Administration
IMT: inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor
NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network
NSCLC: non-small cell lung cancer

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

None reported

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
ALK-positive NSCLC	90 mg PO QD for the first 7 days; if tolerated, increase to 180 mg PO QD	180 mg/day

VI. Product Availability

Tablets: 30 mg, 90 mg, 180 mg

VII. References

1. Alunbrig Prescribing Information. Cambridge, MA: ARIAD Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; September 2021. Available at: www.alunbrig.com. Accessed February 12, 2022.
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4. National Comprehensive Cancer Network Guidelines. Central Nervous System Cancers Version 3.2020. Available at www.nccn.org. Accessed February 12, 2022.
5. National Comprehensive Cancer Network Guidelines. Soft Tissue Sarcoma Version 1.2021. Available at www.nccn.org. Accessed February 12, 2022.

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
2Q 2018 annual review: no significant changes; combined policies for Medicaid and Commercial lines of business; added age; approval duration for commercial changed to length of benefit; summarized NCCN and FDA approved uses for improved clarity; added specialist involvement in care; added continuity of care statement; references reviewed and updated.	02.13.18	05.18
2Q 2019 annual review: NCCN designation of advanced added to NSCLC; Xalkori and Zykadia trials removed per NCCN recommendation of Alunbrig as first-line therapy for ALK positive NSCLC; references reviewed and updated.	02.19.19	05.19
2Q 2020 annual review: added HIM line of business; modified continued approval duration from 6 to 12 months; references reviewed and updated.	02.11.20	05.20
RT4: updated FDA Approved Indication(s) section to reflect revised indication for use as a first-line therapy in ALK+ NSCLC; removed limitation of use.	06.02.20	
2Q 2021 annual review: added NCCN supported use in ALK positive IMT; oral oncology generic redirection language added; revised reference to HIM off-label use policy from HIM.PHAR.21 to HIM.PA.154; references reviewed and updated.	01.12.21	05.21
2Q 2022 annual review: added criterion for use as single-agent therapy for NSCLC and IMT indications per NCCN; WCG.CP.PHAR.342 was retired and initial approval duration was consolidated to 6 months; Commercial approval durations revised from "Length of Benefit" to "12 months or duration of request, whichever is less"; references reviewed and updated.	02.12.22	05.22

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: For Medicaid members, when state Medicaid coverage provisions conflict with the coverage provisions in this clinical policy, state Medicaid coverage provisions take precedence. Please refer to the state Medicaid manual for any coverage provisions pertaining to this clinical policy.