

**Pharmacy Policy**

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**Hereditary Angioedema**

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<p><b>Product Applicability</b>    <input type="checkbox"/> <b>All Plan+ Products</b></p>	
<p><b>Well Sense Health Plan</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire Medicaid</p>	<p><b>Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MassHealth - MCO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MassHealth - ACO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Qualified Health Plans/ConnectorCare/Employer Choice Direct</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Senior Care Options</p>

Note: Disclaimer and audit information is located at the end of this document.

**Prior Authorization Policy**

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**Products Affected:**

- **icatibant (Firazyr)**
- **Haegarda (C1 Esterase Inhibitor [Human])**
- **Orladeyo (berotralstat)**
- **Berinert (C1 Esterase Inhibitor [Human])**
- **Cinryze (C1 Esterase Inhibitor [Human])**
- **Kalbitor (ecallantide)**
- **Ruconest (C1 esterase inhibitor [recombinant])**
- **Takhzyro (lanadelumab-flyo)**

The Plan may authorize coverage of the above products for members meeting the following criteria:

<b>Covered Use</b>	All FDA approved indications not otherwise excluded
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<b>Exclusion Criteria</b>	Use of two drugs in this policy for the same indication
<b>Required Medical Information</b>	<p>Diagnosis and Documentation of the following:</p> <p><b><u>Berinert , Icatibant, Kalbitor, Ruconest:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Diagnosis of type I or II Hereditary Angioedema(HAE); <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. Attestation that diagnosis is confirmed by laboratory testing (e.g., low C4 level, reduced C1 esterase inhibitor level or function); <b>AND</b></li> <li>3. Baseline frequency of HAE attacks is documented; <b>AND</b></li> <li>4. Member has a history of at least one severe attack within the past 6 months</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Cinryze , Haegarda, Orladeyo, Takhyzro :</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Diagnosis of Hereditary Angioedema (HAE); <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. Attestation that diagnosis is confirmed by laboratory testing (e.g., low C4 level, reduced C1 esterase inhibitor level or function); <b>AND</b></li> <li>3. Baseline frequency of HAE attacks must be documented; <b>AND</b></li> <li>4. Documentation that “on-demand” therapy (i.e. Berinert, icatibant, Kalbitor, or Ruconest) did not provide satisfactory control; <b>AND</b></li> <li>5. Member has had an inadequate response, intolerance or contraindication to a trial of <b>both</b> of the following classes of medication: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 17<math>\alpha</math>-alkylated androgens (e.g. danazol, stanozolol, oxandrolone, methyltestosterone); <b>AND</b></li> <li>b. Antifibrinolytic agents (e.g., aminocaproic acid, tranexamic acid)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Age Restriction</b>	<p>Berinert: 5 years of age and older</p> <p>Cinryze: 6 years of age and older</p> <p>Haegarda, Kalbitor, Orladeyo, Ruconest, and Takhyzro 12 years of age and older</p> <p>Icabitant: 18 years of age and older</p>
<b>Prescriber Restriction</b>	Prescribed by or in consultation with an allergist, hematologist, or immunologist
<b>Coverage Duration</b>	<p>Initial: 3 months</p> <p>Reauthorization: 12 months</p>
<b>Other criteria</b>	<p><b>Reauthorization</b></p> <p><b><u>Cinryze, Haegarda, Oraldeyo, and Takhyzro:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Significant improvement in severity and duration of attacks have been achieved and sustained, or the member has had a decrease in attack frequency; <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. Member has been adherent to therapy</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Berinert, Icabitant, Kalbitor, and Ruconest</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Significant improvement in severity and duration of attacks have been achieved and sustained, or the member has had a decrease in attack frequency; <b>AND</b></li> <li>2. If the member is also on prophylactic therapy for HAE, they have been adherent to the</li> </ol>

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**Applicable Coding:**

Code	Medication
J0597	C1 esterase inhibitor (human), 10 units (Berinert <sup>®</sup> )- intravenous
J0598	C1 esterase inhibitor (human) 10 units (Cinryze <sup>™</sup> )- intravenous
J1290	Ecallantide 1mg (Kalbitor <sup>®</sup> )
J1744	Icantibant 1mg (Firazyr <sup>®</sup> )- subcutaneous
J0596	C1 esterase inhibitor (recombinant) Ruconest- intravenous
J0599	C1 esterase inhibitor (human) [Haegarda]- subcutaneous

**Clinical Background Information and References**

Original Approval Date	Original Effective Date	Policy Owner	Approved by
12/1/2020	1/1/2021	Pharmacy Services	Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee

**Policy Revisions History**

Review Date	Summary of Revisions	Revision Effective Date	Approved by
12/1/2020	P&T Committee: discontinued policy 9.021 and created a separate policy for QHP; moved Berinert, Cinryze, Kalbitor, Ruconest and Takhzyro to Non preferred; reflected generic availability of Firazyr	1/1/2021	P&T Committee
08/12/2021	P&T Annual Review. Add medical benefit only options back to the policy . Add Orladeyo to coverage. Remove restrictions against ACEIs. Update prescriber restrictions and reauthorization criteria.	1/1/2022	P&T Committee

**Next Review Date**

8/2022

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## Other Applicable Policies

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## Reference to Applicable Laws and Regulations, If Any

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### Disclaimer Information

Medical Policies are the Plan's guidelines for determining the medical necessity of certain services or supplies for purposes of determining coverage. These Policies may also describe when a service or supply is considered experimental or investigational, or cosmetic. In making coverage decisions, the Plan uses these guidelines and other Plan Policies, as well as the Member's benefit document, and when appropriate, coordinates with the Member's health care Providers to consider the individual Member's health care needs.

Plan Policies are developed in accordance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations, and accrediting organization standards (including NCQA). Medical Policies are also developed, as appropriate, with consideration of the medical necessity definitions in various Plan products, review of current literature, consultation with practicing Providers in the Plan's service area who are medical experts in the particular field, and adherence to FDA and other government agency policies. Applicable state or federal mandates, as well as the Member's benefit document, take precedence over

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these guidelines. Policies are reviewed and updated on an annual basis, or more frequently as needed. Treating providers are solely responsible for the medical advice and treatment of Members.

The use of this Policy is neither a guarantee of payment nor a final prediction of how a specific claim(s) will be adjudicated. Reimbursement is based on many factors, including member eligibility and benefits on the date of service; medical necessity; utilization management guidelines (when applicable); coordination of benefits; adherence with applicable Plan policies and procedures; clinical coding criteria; claim editing logic; and the applicable Plan – Provider agreement.

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