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Pharmacy Policy

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Agents

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Product Applicability	☐ **All Plan[+] Products**
Well Sense Health Plan ☐ New Hampshire Medicaid	**Boston Medical Center HealthNet Plan** ☒ MassHealth - MCO ☒ MassHealth - ACO ☐ Qualified Health Plans/ConnectorCare/Employer Choice Direct ☐ Senior Care Options

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

Prior Authorization Policy

Products Affected:

- Emflaza (deflazacort)
- Exondys 51 (eteplirsen)
- Vyondys 53 (golodirsen)

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

Covered Use	All FDA approved indications not otherwise excluded
Required Medical Information	**Emflaza:** 1. Member has a diagnosis of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD); ***AND*** 2. Member has tried prednisone for ≥ 6 months and has had a significant intolerable adverse effects (Cushingoid appearance, Central (truncal) obesity, Undesirable weight

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	gain defined as a ≥ 10% of body weight gain increase over a 6-month period , Diabetes and/or hypertension that is difficult to manage or a severe behavioral AE while on prednisone therapy that has or would require a prednisone dose reduction); ***AND*** 3. Dosing is appropriate (about 0.9 mg/kg/day once daily); ***AND*** 4. Serum creatinine kinase activity at least 10 times the upper limit of normal (ULN) prior to initiating treatment **<u>Exondys 51:</u>** 1. Member has a diagnosis of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) with confirmed mutation of the DMD gene amendable to exon 51 skipping; ***AND*** 2. The member must be ambulatory (not wheelchair dependent); ***AND*** 3. Member is maintained on a stable dose of corticosteroids for at least 6 months prior to therapy; ***AND*** 4. Dosing is appropriate (30mg/kg intravenously weekly) **<u>Vyondys 53:</u>** 1. Member has a diagnosis of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) with submission of medical records confirming mutation of the DMD gene amendable to exon 53 skipping ***AND*** 2. Member is ambulatory (e.g., able to walk with or without assistance, not wheelchair dependent) ***AND*** 3. Member has documentation of a pre-treatment baseline 6-Minute Walk Time ≥ 250 meters while walking independently ***AND*** 4. Member has been receiving a stable dose of corticosteroids for at least 6 months prior to therapy ***AND*** 5. Dosing is appropriate (30mg/kg intravenously weekly)
Age Restriction	Emflaza: 2 years of age and older
Prescriber Restriction	Prescribed by or in consultation with a physician who specializes in treatment of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (e.g. neuromuscular neurologist)
Coverage Duration	Initial : 3 months Reauthorization: 12 months
Other criteria	Documentation of the following: 1. The clinical condition has improved or stabilized since start of therapy without treatment related side effects that were present with prednisone use ***AND*** 2. Member remains ambulatory (e.g., able to walk with or without assistance, not wheelchair dependent)

Applicable coding:

Code	Medication
J1428	Injection eteplirsen, 10 mg
To be determined	Injection golodirsen (Vyondys 53)
J3490	Unclassified drugs
J3590	Unclassified biologics

Clinical Background Information and References

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Policy Revisions History			
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12/1/2020	9.072 Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Policy retired, new policy created	1/1/2021	P&T Committee

Next Review Date

2021

Other Applicable Policies

Reference to Applicable Laws and Regulations, If Any

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 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.