

Drug Policy:

Bizengri™ (zenocutuzumab-zbco)

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I. PURPOSE

To define and describe the accepted indications for Bizengri (zenocutuzumab-zbco) usage in the treatment of cancer, including FDA approved indications, and off-label indications.

Evolent is responsible for processing all medication requests from network ordering providers. Medications not authorized by Evolent may be deemed as not approvable and therefore not reimbursable.

The use of this drug must be supported by one of the following: FDA approved product labeling, CMS-approved compendia, National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) clinical guidelines, or peer-reviewed literature that meets the requirements of the CMS Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15.

II. INDICATIONS FOR USE/INCLUSION CRITERIA

A. Continuation requests for a not-approvable medication shall be exempt from this Evolent policy provided:

1. The member has not experienced disease progression on the requested medication **AND**
2. The requested medication was used within the last year without a lapse of more than 30 days of having an active authorization **AND**
3. Additional medication(s) are not being added to the continuation request.

B. Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)

1. Bizengri (zenocutuzumab-zbco) may be used in adult members with advanced, unresectable, or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) harboring a neuregulin 1 (*NRG1*) gene fusion with disease progression on or after prior systemic therapy

C. Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma

1. Bizengri (zenocutuzumab-zbco) may be used in adult members with advanced, unresectable, or metastatic pancreatic adenocarcinoma harboring a *NRG1* gene fusion with disease progression on or after prior systemic therapy

III. EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- A. Disease progression while taking Bizengri (zenocutuzumab-zbco).
- B. Concurrent use with other anticancer therapies.
- C. Members without the presence of the *NRG1* gene fusion in their cancers.
- D. Members with left ventricular ejection fraction less than 50%.
- E. Dosing exceeds single dose limit of 750 mg.
- F. Investigational use of Bizengri (zenocutuzumab-zbco) with an off-label indication that is not sufficient in evidence or is not generally accepted by the medical community. Sufficient evidence that is not supported by CMS recognized compendia or acceptable peer reviewed literature is defined as any of the following:
 1. Whether the clinical characteristics of the patient and the cancer are adequately represented in the published evidence.
 2. Whether the administered chemotherapy/biologic therapy/immune therapy/targeted therapy/other oncologic therapy regimen is adequately represented in the published evidence.
 3. Whether the reported study outcomes represent clinically meaningful outcomes experienced by patients. Generally, the definitions of Clinically Meaningful outcomes are those recommended by ASCO, e.g., Hazard Ratio of < 0.80 and the recommended survival benefit for OS and PFS should be at least 3 months.
 4. Whether the experimental design, considering the drugs and conditions under investigation, is appropriate to address the investigative question. (For example, in some clinical studies, it may be unnecessary or not feasible to use randomization, double blind trials, placebos, or crossover).
 5. That non-randomized clinical trials with a significant number of subjects may be a basis for supportive clinical evidence for determining accepted uses of drugs.
 6. That case reports are generally considered uncontrolled and anecdotal information and do not provide adequate supportive clinical evidence for determining accepted uses of drugs.
 7. That abstracts (including meeting abstracts) without the full article from the approved peer-reviewed journals lack supporting clinical evidence for determining accepted uses of drugs.

IV. CODING INFORMATION

HCP Code	Description
J9999	zenocutuzumab-zbco

V. MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

- A. Please refer to the FDA label/package insert for details regarding these topics.

VI. APPROVAL AUTHORITY

- A. Review – Utilization Management Department
B. Final Approval – Utilization Management Committee

VII. ATTACHMENTS

- A. None

VIII. REFERENCES

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