

Clinical Policy: Atezolizumab (Tecentriq)

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Description

The intent of the criteria is to ensure that patients follow selection elements established by Centene® clinical policy for atezolizumab (Tecentriq®).

Policy/Criteria

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation® that Tecentriq is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Urothelial Carcinoma (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of urothelial carcinoma;
2. Disease is locally advanced (stages II through IV), recurrent or metastatic;
3. Member is ineligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy OR disease has progressed during or following platinum-containing (e.g., cisplatin, carboplatin, oxaliplatin) chemotherapy;
4. Prescribed dose of Tecentriq does not exceed 1200 mg every 3 weeks.

Approval duration: 6 months

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

1. Diagnosis of non-small cell lung cancer;
2. Disease has progressed during or following a first-line or subsequent systemic regimen for metastatic disease;
3. If a known epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) or anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) genomic tumor aberration is present, history of disease progression during or following an NCCN-recommended therapy for the aberration:
 - a. ALK tumor aberration: crizotinib, ceritinib, alectinib or brigatinib;
 - b. EGFR tumor aberration: erlotinib, afatinib, gefitinib or osimertinib;
4. Prescribed dose of Tecentriq does not exceed 1200 mg every 3 weeks.

Approval duration: 6 months

C. Other diagnoses/indications: Refer to CP.PHAR.57 - Global Biopharm Policy

II. Continued Approval

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

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met all initial approval criteria;

2. Member is responding positively to therapy (e.g., no disease progression or unacceptable toxicity);
3. Prescribed dose of Tecentriq does not exceed 1200 mg every 3 weeks.

Approval duration: 12 months

B. Other diagnoses/indications (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 CP.PHAR.57 - Global Biopharm Policy.

Background

Description/Mechanism of Action:

PD-L1 may be expressed on tumor cells, or tumor-infiltrating immune cells, and can contribute to the inhibition of the anti-tumor immune response. Atezolizumab is a monoclonal antibody that binds to PD-L1 and blocks its interactions with both PD-1 and B7.1 receptors. This releases the PD-L1/PD-1 mediated inhibition of the immune response, including the anti-tumor immune response, without inducing antibody dependent cellular cytotoxicity.

Formulations:

Solution for intravenous infusion:

- Tecentriq is supplied in single-dose vials: 1200 mg/20 mL (60 mg/mL)

FDA Approved Indications:

Tecentriq is a programmed death-ligand 1 (PD-L1) blocking antibody/intravenous formulation indicated for the treatment of patients with:

- Locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma who:
 - Are not eligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy, or
 - Have disease progression during or following any platinum-containing therapy within 12 months of neoadjuvant or adjuvant chemotherapy.

Limitations of use: This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on tumor response rate and duration of response. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in confirmatory trials.

- Metastatic non-small cell lung cancer who have disease progression:
 - During or following platinum-containing chemotherapy.
 - Patients with EGFR or ALK genomic tumor aberrations should have disease progression on FDA approved therapy for these aberrations prior to receiving Tecentriq.

Appendices

Appendix A: Abbreviation Key

ALK: anaplastic lymphoma kinase

EGFR: epidermal growth factor receptor

PD-L1: programmed death-ligand 1

Coding Implications

Codes referenced in this clinical policy are for informational purposes only. Inclusion or exclusion of any codes does not guarantee coverage. Providers should reference the most up-to-date sources of professional coding guidance prior to the submission of claims for reimbursement of covered services.

HCPCS Codes	Description
C9483	Injection, atezolizumab, 10 mg

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	Approval Date
Policy developed.	06/16	06/16
New labeled indication added: Non-small cell lung cancer.	01/17	01/17
Under urothelial carcinoma: a new FDA approved indication is added for cisplatin ineligible patients; defined “locally advanced” as “stages II through IV; added oxaliplatin as an example of platinum-containing chemotherapy. Under lung cancer: the FDA and NCCN uses are combined; ceritinib is added as an indicated therapy for ALK tumor aberrations and osimertinib for EGFR aberrations. Removed reasons to discontinue from the renewal section; added a general efficacy statement. Extended approval durations from 3 and 6 months to 6 and 12 months.	05/17	06/17

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