

**Clinical Policy: Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir (Mavyret)**

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**Description**

Glecaprevir and pibrentasvir (Mavyret<sup>™</sup>) are a fixed-dose combination of glecaprevir, a hepatitis C virus (HCV) NS3/4A protease inhibitor, and pibrentasvir, an HCV NS5A inhibitor.

**FDA Approved Indication(s)**

Mavyret is indicated for the treatment of:

- Adult and pediatric patients 12 years and older or weighing at least 45 kg with chronic HCV genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 infection\*\*\* without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A)
- Adult and pediatric patients 12 years and older or weighing at least 45 kg with HCV genotype 1 infection, who previously have been treated with a regimen containing an HCV NS5A inhibitor\* or an NS3/4A protease inhibitor\*\*, but not both

\* In clinical trials, prior NS5A inhibitor experience included ledipasvir and sofosbuvir or daclatasvir with pegylated interferon and ribavirin.

\*\* In clinical trials, prior NS3/4A protease inhibitor experience included regimens containing simeprevir and sofosbuvir, or simeprevir, boceprevir, or telaprevir with pegylated interferon and ribavirin.

\*\*\* In clinical trials, prior treatment experience included regimens containing interferon, pegylated interferon, ribavirin, and/or sofosbuvir, but no prior treatment experience with an HCV NS3/4A protease inhibitor or NS5A inhibitor.

**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<sup>®</sup> that Mavyret is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

**I. Initial Approval Criteria****A. Chronic Hepatitis C Infection (must meet all):**

1. Diagnosis of chronic HCV infection as evidenced by detectable serum HCV RNA levels by quantitative assay in the last 6 months;
2. Confirmed HCV genotype is one of the following (a, b, or c);
  - a. For treatment-naïve patients: genotypes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6;
  - b. For patients treatment-experienced with interferon (IFN)/pegylated-interferon (pegIFN), ribavirin (RBV), and/or sofosbuvir only: genotypes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6;
  - c. For patients treatment-experienced with either an NS5A inhibitor or an NS3/4A protease inhibitor: genotype 1 (*see Appendix E*);

*\*Chart note documentation and copies of lab results are required*

3. Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist, hepatologist, infectious disease specialist, or provider who has expertise in treating HCV based on a certified training program (*see Appendix F*);
4. Age  $\geq$  12 years or weight  $\geq$  45 kg;
5. If cirrhosis is present, confirmation of Child-Pugh A status;
6. Member is not treatment-experienced with both NS3/4A protease inhibitor AND NS5A inhibitors, such as combination therapies including Technivie, Viekira, and Zepatier;
7. Life expectancy  $\geq$  12 months with HCV treatment;
8. Member agrees to participate in a medication adherence program meeting both of the following components (a and b):
  - a. Medication adherence monitored by pharmacy claims data or member report;
  - b. Member's risk for non-adherence identified by adherence program or member/prescribing physician follow-up at least every 4 weeks;
9. Prescribed regimen is consistent with an FDA or AASLD-IDSa recommended regimen (*see Section V Dosage and Administration for reference*);
10. Dose does not exceed glecaprevir 300 mg and pibrentasvir 120 mg (3 tablets) per day.

**Approval duration: up to a total of 16 weeks\***

(\*Approved duration should be consistent with a regimen in Section V Dosage and Administration)

**B. 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 and HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace.

**II. Continued Therapy**

**A. Chronic Hepatitis C Infection (must meet all):**

1. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
  - a. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
  - b. Must meet both of the following (i and ii):
    - i. Documentation supports that member is currently receiving Mavyret for chronic HCV infection and has recently completed at least 40 days of treatment with Mavyret;
    - ii. Confirmed HCV genotype is one of the following (1, 2, or 3);
      - 1) For treatment-naïve members: genotypes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6;
      - 2) For members treatment-experienced with interferon (IFN)/pegylated-interferon (pegIFN), ribavirin (RBV), and/or sofosbuvir only: genotypes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6;
      - 3) For members treatment-experienced with either an NS5A inhibitor or an NS3/4A protease inhibitor: genotype 1 (*see Appendix E*);
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. Dose does not exceed glecaprevir 300 mg and pibrentasvir 120 mg (3 tablets) per day.

**Approval duration: up to a total of 16 weeks\***

(\*Approved duration should be consistent with a regimen in Section V Dosage and Administration)

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**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 and HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace or evidence of coverage documents;
- B. Treatment-experienced patients with both NS3/4A protease inhibitor AND NS5A inhibitor, such as combination therapies including: Technivie, Viekira, and Zepatier.

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

AASLD: American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

HBV: hepatitis B virus

HCV: hepatitis C virus

HIV: human immunodeficiency virus

IDSA: Infectious Diseases Society of America

NS3/4A, NS5A/B: nonstructural protein

PegIFN: pegylated interferon

RBV: ribavirin

RNA: ribonucleic acid

*Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*

Not applicable

*Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings*

- Contraindication(s):
  - Patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh C)
  - Co-administration with atazanavir or rifampin
- Boxed warning(s): risk of hepatitis B virus reactivation in patients coinfecting with HCV and HBV

*Appendix D: Direct-Acting Antivirals for Treatment of HCV Infection*

Brand Name	Drug Class				
	NS5A Inhibitor	Nucleotide Analog NS5B Polymerase Inhibitor	Non-Nucleoside NS5B Palm Polymerase Inhibitor	NS3/4A Protease Inhibitor (PI)	CYP3A Inhibitor
Daklinza	Daclatasvir				
Epclusa*	Velpatasvir	Sofosbuvir			
Harvoni*	Ledipasvir	Sofosbuvir			
Mavyret*	Pibrentasvir			Glecaprevir	
Olysio				Simeprevir	
Sovaldi		Sofosbuvir			

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	NS5A Inhibitor	Nucleotide Analog NS5B Polymerase Inhibitor	Non-Nucleoside NS5B Palm Polymerase Inhibitor	NS3/4A Protease Inhibitor (PI)	CYP3A Inhibitor
Technivie*	Ombitasvir			Paritaprevir	Ritonavir
Viekira XR/PAK*	Ombitasvir		Dasabuvir	Paritaprevir	Ritonavir
Vosevi*	Velpatasvir	Sofosbuvir		Voxilaprevir	
Zepatier*	Elbasvir			Grazoprevir	

\*Combination drugs

*Appendix E: General Information*

- Hepatitis B Virus Reactivation (HBV) is a Black Box Warning for all direct-acting antiviral drugs for the treatment of HCV. HBV reactivation has been reported when treating HCV for patients co-infected with HBV, leading to fulminant hepatitis, hepatic failure, and death, in some cases. Patients should be monitored for HBV reactivation and hepatitis flare during HCV treatment and post-treatment follow-up, with treatment of HBV infection as clinically indicated.
- Due to higher rates of virologic failure and treatment-emergent drug resistance, the data do not support labeling for treatment of HCV genotype 1 infected patients who are both NS3/4A PI and NS5A inhibitor-experienced.
- Child-Pugh Score:

	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points
Bilirubin	Less than 2 mg/dL Less than 34 umol/L	2-3 mg/dL 34-50 umol/L	Over 3 mg/dL Over 50 umol/L
Albumin	Over 3.5 g/dL Over 35 g/L	2.8-3.5 g/dL 28-35 g/L	Less than 2.8 g/dL Less than 28 g/L
INR	Less than 1.7	1.7 - 2.2	Over 2.2
Ascites	None	Mild / medically controlled	Moderate-severe / poorly controlled
Encephalopathy	None	Mild / medically controlled Grade I-II	Moderate-severe / poorly controlled. Grade III-IV

Child-Pugh class is determined by the total number of points: A = 5-6 points; B = 7-9 points; C = 10-15 points

*Appendix F: Healthcare Provider HCV Training*

Acceptable HCV training programs and/or online courses include, but are not limited to the following:

- Hepatitis C online course (<https://www.hepatitisc.uw.edu/>): University of Washington is funded by the Division of Viral Hepatitis to develop a comprehensive, online self-study course for medical providers on diagnosis, monitoring, and management of hepatitis C virus infection. Free CME and CNE credit available.
- Fundamentals of Liver Disease (<https://liverlearning.aasld.org/fundamentals-of-liver-disease>): The AASLD, in collaboration with ECHO, the American College of Physicians

(ACP), CDC, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, has developed Fundamentals of Liver Disease, a free, online CME course to improve providers' knowledge and clinical skills in hepatology.

- Clinical Care Options: <http://www.clinicaloptions.com/hepatitis.aspx>
- CDC training resources: <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/resources/professionals/trainingresources.htm>

**V. Dosage and Administration**

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose	Reference
Genotypes 1-6: Treatment-naive	Without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis: Three tablets PO QD for 8 weeks	Three tablets (glecaprevir 300 mg/ pibrentasvir 120 mg) per day	1) FDA- approved labeling 2) AASLD- IDSA (updated May 2018)
Genotypes 1, 2, 4, 5, or 6: Treatment-experienced with IFN/pegIFN + RBV	Without cirrhosis: Three tablets PO QD for 8 weeks  With compensated cirrhosis: Three tablets PO QD for 12 weeks	Three tablets (glecaprevir 300 mg/ pibrentasvir 120 mg) per day	1) FDA- approved labeling 2) AASLD- IDSA (updated May 2018)
Genotypes 1 or 2: Treatment-experienced with sofosbuvir	Without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis: Three tablets PO QD for 12 weeks	Three tablets (glecaprevir 300 mg/ pibrentasvir 120 mg) per day	1) FDA- approved labeling 2) AASLD- IDSA (updated May 2018)
Genotypes 3, 4, 5, or 6: Treatment-experienced with sofosbuvir	Without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis: Three tablets PO QD for 12 weeks	Three tablets (glecaprevir 300 mg/ pibrentasvir 120 mg) per day	FDA-approved labeling
Genotype 3: Treatment-experienced with IFN/pegIFN + RBV	Without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis: Three tablets PO QD for 16 weeks	Three tablets (glecaprevir 300 mg/ pibrentasvir 120 mg) per day	1) FDA- approved labeling 2) AASLD- IDSA (updated May 2018)
Genotype 1: Treatment-experienced with NS5A inhibitor* without prior NS3/4A protease inhibitor*	Without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis: Three tablets PO QD for 16 weeks	Three tablets (glecaprevir 300 mg/ pibrentasvir 120 mg) per day	1) FDA- approved labeling 2) AASLD- IDSA (updated May 2018)
Genotype 1: Treatment-experienced with NS3/4A protease inhibitor* without prior NS5A inhibitor*	Without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis: Three tablets PO QD for 12 weeks	Three tablets (glecaprevir 300 mg/ pibrentasvir 120 mg) per day	1) FDA- approved labeling

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose	Reference
			2) AASLD- IDSA (updated May 2018)
Genotype 1-6: Treatment-naïve or treatment-experienced, post-liver or kidney transplantation with or without compensated cirrhosis	Three tablets PO QD for 12 weeks  (A 16-week treatment duration is recommended in genotype 1-infected patients who are NS5A inhibitor experienced without prior treatment with an NS3/4A protease inhibitor or in genotype 3-infected patients who are PRS treatment- experienced)	Three tablets (glecaprevir 300 mg/ pibrentasvir 120 mg) per day	1) FDA- approved labeling 2) AASLD- IDSA (updated May 2018)

*AASLD/IDSA treatment guidelines for chronic hepatitis C infection are updated at irregular intervals; refer to the most updated AASLD/IDSA guideline for most accurate treatment regimen.*

*\* See appendix E*

## VI. Product Availability

Tablets: glecaprevir 100 mg and pibrentasvir 40 mg

## VII. References

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy created; per SDC and prior clinical guidance added HIM line of business to the existing Commercial policy (modified policy number to CP.PCH.18, retired HIM.PA.SP36 and CP.CPA.285); added requirement that life expectancy $\geq$ 12 months with HCV treatment and participation in a medication adherence program.	12.03.19	02.20
Added new prescriber requirement to include a “provider who has expertise in treating HCV based on a certified training program”;	11.07.19	02.20

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Appendix F (Healthcare Provider HCV Training) added. RT4: updated dosing recommendations to 8 weeks total duration of therapy for treatment naive HCV with compensated cirrhosis across all genotypes (1-6).		

**Important Reminder**

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