

# Skysona® (elivaldogene autotemcel) (Intravenous)

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## I. Authorization <sup>1</sup>

Prior Authorization is needed for the following:

- Skysona®

Coverage and policy application may be contingent on federal or state laws or regulations. In the event of a conflict between this policy and applicable federal or state laws or regulations, state law should apply.

## II. Dosing Limits

### A. Quantity Limit (max daily dose) [NDC Unit]:

- A single dose of Skysona containing a minimum of  $5.0 \times 10^6$  CD34+ cells/kg of body weight, in one or more infusion bags.

### B. Max Units (per dose and over time) [HCPCS Unit]:

- A single dose of Skysona containing a minimum of  $5.0 \times 10^6$  CD34+ cells/kg of body weight, in one or more infusion bags

## III. Initial Approval Criteria <sup>1</sup>

Coverage is provided in the following conditions:

- Patient is a male at least 4 years of age and less than 18 years of age; **AND**
- Patient has been screened for hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), human T-lymphotrophic virus 1 & 2 (HTLV-1/HTLV-2), and human immunodeficiency virus 1 & 2 (HIV-1/HIV-2) in accordance with clinical guidelines prior to collection of cells (leukapheresis); **AND**
- Patient does not have an active infection, including clinically important localized infections; **AND**
- Prophylaxis for infection will be followed according to standard institutional guidelines; **AND**
- Vaccinations will not be administered within the 6-weeks prior to the start of therapy and will not be administered concurrently while on therapy AND patient is up to date with all age-appropriate vaccinations, in accordance with current vaccination guidelines, prior to initiating therapy; **AND**
- Used as single agent therapy (not applicable to lymphodepleting or bridging therapy while awaiting manufacture); **AND**
- Patient will receive periodic life-long monitoring for hematological malignancies (*Myelodysplastic syndrome [MDS] has developed in patients treated in clinical studies with a varied clinical presentation*); **AND**
- Patient does not have a full *ABCD1*-gene deletion (*Note: Rapid loss of efficacy due to immune response may result*); **AND**
- Patient will avoid concomitant therapy with anti-retroviral medications for at least one month prior to initiating medications for stem cell mobilization and for the expected duration for elimination of the medications, and until all cycles of apheresis are completed (*Note: if a patient requires anti-*

retroviral for HIV prophylaxis, confirm a negative test for HIV before beginning mobilization); **AND**

- Patient does not have head trauma induced disease; **AND**
- Therapy will not be used to prevent the development of or treat adrenal insufficiency due to adrenoleukodystrophy; **AND**
- Patient is eligible§ to undergo hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) and has not had a prior allogeneic-HSCT; **AND**
- Males capable of fathering a child and their female partners of childbearing potential should use an effective method of contraception (e.g., intra-uterine device or combination of hormonal and barrier contraception) from start of mobilization through at least 6 months after administration of Skysona; **AND**

#### **Cerebral Adrenoleukodystrophy (CALD) † Φ<sup>1-5</sup>**

- Patient has a documented diagnosis of cerebral adrenoleukodystrophy (CALD)\* as defined by one or more of the following:
  - Elevated very long chain fatty acids (VLCFA) value for ALL of the following:
    - Concentration of C26:0
    - Ratio of C24:0 to C22:0
    - Ratio of C26:0 to C22:0; **OR**
  - Pathogenic variants in the *ABCD1* gene detected by molecular genetic testing; **AND**
- Patient has active central nervous system (CNS) disease established by central radiographic review of brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) demonstrating both of the following:
  - Loes score between 0.5 and 9 (inclusive) on the 34-point scale; **AND**
  - Gadolinium enhancement on MRI of demyelinating lesions; **AND**
- Neurologic Function Score (NFS) ≤ 1 (asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic disease)

*\*Note: Patients with isolated pyramidal tract disease will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis*

*§ Eligibility criteria for allogeneic HCT are not absolute and vary by center. In general, patients are considered eligible for allogeneic HCT if they meet certain criteria like functional capacity, organ function, social support, etc.*

† FDA approved indications; ‡ Compendia Recommended Indication(s); Φ Orphan Drug

#### **IV. Renewal Criteria<sup>1</sup>**

Coverage cannot be renewed.

#### **V. Dosage/Administration<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Indication</b>	<b>Dose</b>
<b>Cerebral Adrenoleukodystrophy (CALD)</b>	Skysona is provided as a single dose for infusion containing a suspension of CD34+ cells in one or two infusion bags. The minimum recommended dose is $5.0 \times 10^6$ CD34+ cells/kg. The dose is calculated based on the patient's weight prior to first apheresis.

### **Mobilization and Apheresis**

- Patients are required to undergo HSC mobilization followed by apheresis to obtain CD34+ cells for product manufacturing. Weigh the patient prior to the first apheresis collection. Collect a minimum target number of CD34+ cells of  $12 \times 10^6$  CD34+ cells/kg.
- A back-up collection of CD34+ cells of  $\geq 1.5 \times 10^6$  CD34+ cells/kg (if collected by apheresis) or  $> 1.0 \times 10^8$  TNC/kg (Total Nucleated Cells, if collected by bone marrow harvest) is required. These cells must be collected from the patient and be cryopreserved prior to myeloablative conditioning. The back-up collection may be needed for rescue treatment if there is:
  - Compromise of hematopoietic stem cells or Skysona before infusion
  - Primary engraftment failure
  - Loss of engraftment after infusion with Skysona
- Note: G-CSF +/- plerixafor were used for mobilization

### **Myeloablative & Lymphodepleting Conditioning**

- Full myeloablative conditioning must be administered before infusion of Skysona. Consult prescribing information for the myeloablative conditioning agent(s) prior to treatment.
- Do not begin conditioning until Skysona has been received and stored at the treatment center and the availability of the back-up collection of CD34+ cells is confirmed. After completion of conditioning, allow a minimum of 48 hours of washout before Skysona infusion.
- Note: busulfan was used for myeloablative conditioning and cyclophosphamide or fludarabine for lymphodepletion

### **Administration**

- Verify that the patient's identity matches the unique patient identification information on the Skysona infusion bag(s) prior to infusion.
- Do not sample, alter, irradiate, or refreeze Skysona.
- Do not use an in-line blood filter or an infusion pump.
- Administer each infusion bag of Skysona via intravenous infusion over a period of less than 60 minutes. Product must be administered within 4 hours after thawing.

### **For autologous use only. For intravenous use only.**

- Match the identity of the patient with the patient identifiers on the metal cassette(s), infusion bag(s), and Lot Information Sheet upon receipt. Keep the infusion bag(s) in the metal cassette(s) and store in the vapor phase of liquid nitrogen at less than or equal to  $-140^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $\leq -220^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) until ready for thaw and administration. Thaw prior to infusion, do not re-freeze after thawing. Do not irradiate as this could lead to inactivation.

## VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

### HCPCS Code:

- J3590 – Unclassified biologics
- C9399 – Unclassified drugs or biologicals (*hospital outpatient use ONLY*)

### NDC:

- Skysona up to 2 infusion bags, 20 mL/infusion bag, overwrap, and metal cassette: 73554-2111-xx

## VII. References

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## Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
E71.51	Neonatal adrenoleukodystrophy
E71.52	Childhood cerebral X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy
E71.52	Adolescent X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy
E71.52	Other X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy
E71.52	X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy, unspecified type

## Appendix 2 – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Medicare coverage for outpatient (Part B) drugs is outlined in the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (Pub. 100-2), Chapter 15, §50 Drugs and Biologicals. In addition, National Coverage Determination (NCD), Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs), and Local Coverage Articles (LCAs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. They can be found at: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare->

[coverage-database/search.aspx](https://www.magellanrx.com/coverage-database/search.aspx). Additional indications may be covered at the discretion of the health plan.

Medicare Part B Covered Diagnosis Codes (applicable to existing NCD/LCD/LCA): N/A

<b>Medicare Part B Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdictions</b>		
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Applicable State/US Territory</b>	<b>Contractor</b>
E (1)	CA, HI, NV, AS, GU, CNMI	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
F (2 & 3)	AK, WA, OR, ID, ND, SD, MT, WY, UT, AZ	Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC
5	KS, NE, IA, MO	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)
6	MN, WI, IL	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)
H (4 & 7)	LA, AR, MS, TX, OK, CO, NM	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
8	MI, IN	Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corp (WPS)
N (9)	FL, PR, VI	First Coast Service Options, Inc.
J (10)	TN, GA, AL	Palmetto GBA, LLC
M (11)	NC, SC, WV, VA (excluding below)	Palmetto GBA, LLC
L (12)	DE, MD, PA, NJ, DC (includes Arlington & Fairfax counties and the city of Alexandria in VA)	Novitas Solutions, Inc.
K (13 & 14)	NY, CT, MA, RI, VT, ME, NH	National Government Services, Inc. (NGS)
15	KY, OH	CGS Administrators, LLC

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