

**Policy: MBP 273.0**

**Section: Medical Benefit Pharmaceutical Policy**

**Subject: Tecvayli (teclistamab-cqyv)**

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**I. Policy:**

Tecvayli (teclistamab-cqyv)

**II. Purpose/Objective:**

To provide a policy of coverage regarding Tecvayli (teclistamab-cqyv)

**III. Responsibility:**

- A. Medical Directors
- B. Medical Management
- C. Pharmacy Department

**IV. Required Definitions**

1. Attachment – a supporting document that is developed and maintained by the policy writer or department requiring/authoring the policy.
2. Exhibit – a supporting document developed and maintained in a department other than
3. the department requiring/authoring the policy.
4. Devised – the date the policy was implemented.
5. Revised – the date of every revision to the policy, including typographical and grammatical changes.
6. Reviewed – the date documenting the annual review if the policy has no revisions necessary.

**V. Additional Definitions**

Medical Necessity or Medically Necessary means Covered Services rendered by a Health Care Provider that the Plan determines are:

- a. appropriate for the symptoms and diagnosis or treatment of the Member's condition, illness, disease or injury;
- b. provided for the diagnosis and the direct care and treatment of the Member's condition, illness disease or injury;
- c. in accordance with current standards good medical treatment practiced by the general medical community;
- d. not primarily for the convenience of the Member, or the Member's Health Care Provider; and
- e. the most appropriate source or level of service that can safely be provided to the Member. When applied to hospitalization, this further means that the Member requires acute care as an inpatient due to the nature of the services rendered or the Member's condition, and the Member cannot receive safe or adequate care as an outpatient

**Medicaid Business Segment**

Medically Necessary — A service, item, procedure, or level of care compensable under the Medical Assistance program that is necessary for the proper treatment or management of an illness, injury, or disability is one that:

- i. Will, or is reasonably expected to, prevent the onset of an illness, condition, injury or disability.
- ii. Will, or is reasonably expected to, reduce or ameliorate the physical, mental or developmental effects of an illness, condition, injury or disability.
- iii. Will assist the Member to achieve or maintain maximum functional capacity in performing daily activities, taking into account both the functional capacity of the Member and those functional capacities that are appropriate for Members of the same age.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Tecvayli (teclistamab-cqyv) is a humanized immunoglobulin G4-proline, alanine, alanine (IgG4-PAA) antibody, and bispecific B-cell maturation antigen (BCMA)-directed CD3 T-cell engager. Teclistamab binds to the CD3 receptor on the surface of T-cells, and BCMA expressed on the surface of multiple myeloma cells, which results in T-cell activation, the release of various proinflammatory cytokines, and the lysis of BCMA-expressing multiple myeloma cells.

**CRITERIA FOR USE: Requires Prior Authorization by Medical Director or Designee**

**GRANDFATHER PROVISION** – Members already established on therapy are eligible for approval as long as there is medical record documentation that the safety and effectiveness of use for the prescribed indication is supported by Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval or adequate medical and scientific evidence in the medical literature

Tecvayli (teclistamab-cqyv) will be considered medically necessary for all lines of business when ALL of the following criteria are met:

- Medical record documentation that Tecvayli is prescribed by a hematologist or oncologist **AND**
- Medical record documentation of age greater than or equal to 18 years old **AND**
- Medical record documentation of a diagnosis of relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma **AND**
- Medical record documentation of treatment with at least four (4) prior lines of therapy, including a proteasome inhibitor, an immunomodulatory agent and an anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody.

**AUTHORIZATION DURATION:** Initial approval will be for **6 months** or less if the reviewing provider feels it is medically appropriate. Subsequent approvals will be for an additional **6 months** or less if the reviewing provider feels it is medically appropriate and will require medical record documentation of continued disease improvement or lack of disease progression. The medication will no longer be covered if the member experiences unacceptable toxicity or worsening of disease.

Note: For Medicaid (GHP Family), any requests for services that do not meet criteria set in the PARP will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

**LINE OF BUSINESS:**

**Eligibility and contract specific benefit limitations and/or exclusions will apply. Coverage statements found in the line of business specific benefit document will supersede this policy.**

**REFERENCES:**

1. Tecvayli [prescribing information]. Horsham, PA: Janssen Biotech Inc; August 2023.

This policy will be revised as necessary and reviewed no less than annually.

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