

# **Pharmacy Coverage Policy**

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## Description

Ryplazim (plasminogen, human-tvmh) is a lyophilized preparation of human plasmaderived plasminogen.

Ryplazim (plasminogen, human-tvmh) temporarily increases plasminogen levels in the blood. Plasminogen, its activators, and its receptors comprise pathways that play roles in various inflammation regulatory processes. These roles span functions in fibrinolysis, interaction with complement proteins, ECM degradation, inflammatory cell migration, and resolution of inflammation and would healing.

Ryplazim (plasminogen, human-tvmh) is indicated for the treatment of patients with plasminogen deficiency type 1 (hypoplasminogenemia)

Ryplazim (plasminogen, human-tvmh) is available in 68.6mg/50ml single use vials for intravenous administration.

# **Coverage Determination**

Please note the following regarding medically accepted indications:

All reasonable efforts have been made to ensure consideration of medically accepted indications in this policy. Medically accepted indications are defined by CMS as those

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uses of a covered Part D drug that are approved under the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, or the use of which is supported by one or more citations included or approved for inclusion in any of the compendia described in section 1927(g)(1)(B)(i) of the Act. These compendia guide review of off-label and off-evidence prescribing and are subject to minimum evidence standards for each compendium. Currently, this review includes the following references when applicable and may be subject to change per CMS:

- American Hospital Formulary Service-Drug Information (AHFS-DI)
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Drugs and Biologics Compendium
- Truven Health Analytics Micromedex DrugDEX
- Elsevier/Gold Standard Clinical Pharmacology
- Wolters Kluwer Lexi-Drugs

Ryplazim (plasminogen, human -tvmh) will require prior authorization. This agent may be considered medically necessary when the following criteria are met:

#### Plasminogen Deficiency Type 1 (Hypoplasminogenemia)

Member must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Ryplazim (plasminogen) is prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist
- Diagnosis of Plasminogen deficiency (PLGD) Type 1
- Baseline\* plasminogen activity level of less than 45%
- Documentation of history of lesions or symptoms associated with hypoplasminogenemia (e.g., ligneous conjunctivitis, lesions in ear/mouth, respiratory tract, gastrointestinal, or urogenital location)

Ryplazim (plasminogen, human-tvmh) will be approved in plan year durations or as determined through clinical review.

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<sup>\*</sup>Baseline level is defined as the plasminogen activity level before initiation of plasminogen

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### Coverage Limitations

Ryplazim (plasminogen, human-tvmh) therapy is not considered medically necessary for members with the following concomitant conditions:

• Experimental/Investigational Use – Indications not supported by CMS recognized compendia or acceptable peer reviewed literature.

## **Background**

This is a prior authorization policy about Ryplazim (plasminogen, human-tymh)

Plasminogen deficiency (hypoplasminogenemia) is an autosomal recessive, multisystem disorder characterized by formation of fibrinous pseudomembranes on mucous members throughout the body. The most commonly recognized manifestations of PLGD are lesions on the conjunctiva of the eye, termed ligneous conjunctivitis. These lesions can cause significant morbidity, and pseudomembranes affecting the respiratory system and central nervous system can cause fatal complications. Patients generally present for medical attention when they develop clinical symptoms and associated sequelae of pseudomembrane formation. Pseudomembranes are fibrin-rich lesions that form on mucous membranes and are described as "woody" (ligneous). Common sites of presentation include ligneous conjunctivitis (pseudomembrane formation in the conjunctive of the eye) which is the most easily recognizable and most common, but also includes ear and mouth, respiratory tract, gastrointestinal, and urogenital tracts.

# Provider Claims Codes

For medically billed requests, please visit <a href="www.humana.com/PAL">www.humana.com/PAL</a>. Select applicable Preauthorization and Notification List(s) for medical and procedural coding information.

#### **Medical Terms**

Ryplazim, plasminogen, hypoplasminogenemia, pharmacy, infusion, intravenous, plasminogen deficiency type 1

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