

Clinical Policy: Brivaracetam (Briviact)

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Description

Brivaracetam (Briviact[®]) is an anticonvulsant.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Briviact is indicated for the treatment of partial-onset seizures in patients 4 years of age and older.

As the safety of Briviact injection in pediatric patients has not been established, Briviact injection is indicated for the treatment of partial-onset seizures only in adult patients (16 years of age and older).

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[®] that Briviact is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Partial-Onset Seizure (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of partial-onset seizure;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist;
3. Age \geq 4 years;
4. Failure of two preferred agents* for partial-onset seizures (*see Appendix B*) unless all are contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
**May require prior authorization.*
5. If request is for intravenous (IV) Briviact (a and b):
 - a. Age \geq 16 years;
 - b. Oral Briviact administration is temporarily not feasible (e.g., status epilepticus, reliance on gastrostomy tube, recent oral or neck surgery, esophageal condition or intraoral infection, myasthenia gravis or other neuromuscular condition);
6. Dose does not exceed 200 mg per day.

Approval duration: 6 months (oral formulation); 1 month (IV formulation)

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): HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace.

II. Continued Therapy

A. Partial-Onset Seizure (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Briviact for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. Dose does not exceed 200 mg per day;

Approval duration: 12 months (oral formulation); 1 month (IV formulation)

B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 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 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): HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace and CP.PMN.53 for HIM-Medical Benefit.

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 policies – HIM.PHAR.21 for health insurance marketplace and CP.PMN.53 for HIM-Medical Benefit or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent for all relevant lines of business and may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
Preferred drugs for partial-onset seizures: carbamazepine (Carbatrol [®] , Equetro [®] , Tegretol [®] , Tegretol XR [®]) clonazepam (Klonopin [®]) ethsuximide (Zarontin [®]) gabapentin (Neurontin [®]) lamotrigine (Lamictal [®] , Lamictal [®] ODT) levetiracetam (Keppra [®] , Keppra XR [®]) oxcarbazepine (Trileptal [®]) phenobarbital phenytoin (Dilantin [®] , Dilantin Infatabs [®] , Phenytek [®]) Lyrica [®] (pregabalin) primidone (Mysoline [®]) tiagabine (Gabitril [®]) topiramate (Topamax [®] , Topamax [®] Sprinkle) valproate (Depakene [®] , Depacon, Depakote [®] , Depakote [®] ER) zonisamide (Zonegran [®])	See full prescribing information	Varies

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name[®] (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name[®]) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s): hypersensitivity to brivaracetam or any of the inactive ingredients in Briviact.
- Boxed warning(s): none reported.

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Monotherapy or adjunctive therapy	Adults (age ≥ 16 years; <u>oral or intravenous</u>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended starting dosage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 50 mg BID (100 mg/day) • Maintenance dosage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 25 mg to 100 mg BID (50 to 200 mg/day) <i>(Based on individual tolerability, therapeutic response.)</i> Pediatrics (age 4 years to < 16 years; <u>oral only</u>): <p>Weight ≥ 50 kg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended starting dosage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 25 mg to 50 mg BID (50 mg to 100 mg/day) • Maintenance dosage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 25 mg to 100 mg BID (50 to 200 mg/day) <i>(Based on individual tolerability, therapeutic response.)</i> <p>Weight 20 kg to < 50 kg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended starting dosage: 	200 mg/day

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 0.5 mg/kg to 1 mg/kg BID (100 mg/day) ● Maintenance dosage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 0.5 mg/kg to 2 mg/kg BID (1 mg/kg to 4 mg/kg per day) <i>(Based on individual tolerability, therapeutic response.)</i> Weight 11 kg to < 20 kg ● Recommended starting dosage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 0.5 mg/kg to 1.25 mg/kg BID (1 mg/kg to 2.5 mg/kg per day) ● Maintenance dosage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 0.5 mg/kg to 2.5 mg/kg BID (1 mg/kg to 5 mg/kg per day) <i>(Based on individual tolerability, therapeutic response.)</i> 	

VI. Product Availability

Tablets: 10 mg, 25 mg, 50 mg, 75 mg, 100 mg

Oral solution: 10 mg/mL (300 mL)

Injection: 50 mg/5mL (5 mL)

VII. References

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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
C9399, J3490	Injection, brivaracetam

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For Health Insurance Marketplace members, when applicable, this policy applies only when the prescribed agent is on your health plan approved formulary. Request for non-formulary drugs must be reviewed using the non-formulary policy; HIM.PA.103.

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