

Clinical Policy: Arformoterol Tartrate (Brovana)

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Description

Arformoterol tartrate (Brovana[®]) is long-acting beta₂ agonist (LABA).

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Brovana is indicated for the maintenance treatment of bronchoconstriction in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), including chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

Limitation(s) of use: Brovana is not indicated to treat asthma or acute deteriorations (e.g., acute bronchospasms) of COPD.

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 Brovana is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of COPD;
2. Age ≥ 18 years;
3. Documentation supports inability to use inhaler devices;
4. Dose does not exceed 30 mcg per day (2 vials per day).

Approval duration: 12 months

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 and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

II. Continued Therapy

A. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;

3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 30 mcg per day (2 vials per day).

Approval duration: 12 months

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 12 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 Medicaid.

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 Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents;

- B. Asthma.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

COPD: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

LABA: long-acting beta₂ adrenergic agonist

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s):
 - History of hypersensitivity to arformoterol, racemic formoterol or to any other components of this product
 - Use of a LABA, including Brovana, without an inhaled corticosteroid in patients with asthma
- Boxed warning(s): none reported

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
COPD	One 15 mcg/2 mL vial inhaled via nebulizer every 12 hours	30 mcg/day

VI. Product Availability

Inhalation solution (unit-dose vial for nebulization): 15 mcg/2 mL

VII. References

1. Brovana Prescribing Information. Marlborough, MA: Sunovion Pharmaceuticals Inc.; May 2019. Available at <http://www.brovana.com>. Accessed April 15, 2020.
2. Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD): Global strategy for the diagnosis, management, and prevention of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (2020 report). Available from: <http://www.goldcopd.org/>. Accessed April 6, 2020.

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
3Q 2018 annual review: policy split from HIM.PA.74 Inhaled Long-Acting Beta ₂ Agonists and Combination Products into individual Brovana policy; removed redirection to short-acting bronchodilator per 2018 GOLD guidelines; age added; references reviewed and updated.	05.17.18	08.18
3Q 2019 annual review: no significant changes; added Medicaid line of business to HIM.PA.43 and retired HIM.PA.43; references reviewed and updated.	04.22.19	08.19
3Q 2020 annual review: no significant changes; updated Appendix C to reflect revised CI language and that the asthma-related death boxed warning was removed; references reviewed and updated.	04.15.20	08.20

Important Reminder

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Note:

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