

## Cerezyme® (imiglucerase) (Intravenous)

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### I. Length of Authorization

Coverage will be provided for 12 months and may be renewed.

### II. Dosing Limits

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

- Cerezyme 200 unit injection: 35 vials per 14 days
- Cerezyme 400 unit injection: 18 vials per 14 days

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

- 700 billable units every 14 days

### III. Initial Approval Criteria <sup>1,9-12</sup>

Coverage is provided in the following conditions:

- Patient is at least 2 years of age; **AND**

#### Universal Criteria

- Must be used as a single agent; **AND**

#### Type 1 Gaucher Disease †Φ

- Patient has a documented diagnosis of Type 1 Gaucher Disease as confirmed by a beta-glucosidase leukocyte (BGL) test with significantly reduced or absent glucocerebrosidase enzyme activity; **AND**
- Adults only (i.e., patients at least 18 years or older): Patient's disease results in one or more of the following:
  - Anemia [i.e., hemoglobin less than or equal to 11 g/dL (women) or 12 g/dL (men)] not attributed to iron, folic acid, or vitamin B12 deficiency; **OR**

- Moderate to severe hepatomegaly (liver size 1.25 or more times normal volume) or splenomegaly (spleen size 5 or more times normal volume); **OR**
- Skeletal disease (e.g., lesions, remodeling defects and/or deformity of long bones, osteopenia/osteoporosis, etc.); **OR**
- Symptomatic disease (e.g., bone pain, fatigue, dyspnea, angina, abdominal distension, diminished quality of life, etc.); **OR**
- Thrombocytopenia (platelet count less than or equal to 120,000/mm<sup>3</sup>)

† FDA Approved Indication(s); Ⓞ Orphan Drug

#### IV. Renewal Criteria <sup>1,9-12</sup>

Coverage can be renewed based on the following criteria:

- Patient continues to meet universal and other indication-specific relevant criteria such as concomitant therapy requirements (not including prerequisite therapy), performance status, etc. identified in section III; **AND**
- Disease response with treatment as defined by one or more of the following (compared to pre-treatment baseline):
  - Improvement in symptoms (e.g., bone pain, fatigue, dyspnea, angina, abdominal distension, diminished quality of life, etc.)
  - Reduction in size of liver or spleen
  - Improvement in hemoglobin/anemia
  - Improvement in skeletal disease (e.g., increase in lumbar spine and/or femoral neck BMD, no bone crises or bone fractures, etc.)
  - Improvement in platelet counts; **AND**
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include the following: hypersensitivity reactions, etc.

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

Indication	Dose
Type 1 Gaucher Disease	<p><u>Initial Dosage</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Initial dosages range from 2.5 U/kg of body weight 3 times a week to 60 U/kg once every 2 weeks based on disease severity.</li> <li>- Dosage adjustments should be made on an individual basis and may increase or decrease, based on achievement of therapeutic goals as assessed by routine comprehensive evaluations of the patient’s clinical manifestations.</li> </ul>

#### VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

HCPSC code:

- J1786 – Injection, imiglucerase, 10 units: 1 billable unit = 10 units  
NDC:
- Cerezyme 200 unit injection; SDV: 58468-1983-xx
- Cerezyme 400 unit injection; SDV: 58468-4663-xx

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## Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
E75.22	Gaucher disease

## 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 Article may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. They can be found at: <http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/search/advanced-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

Medicare Part B Administrative Contractor (MAC) Jurisdictions		
Jurisdiction	Applicable State/US Territory	Contractor
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