

## Erwinaze® (asparaginase *Erwinia chrysanthemi*) (Intramuscular/Intravenous)

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### I. Length of Authorization

Coverage will be provided for 6 months and may be renewed

### II. Dosing Limits

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

- Erwinaze 10,000 IU lyophilized powder vial: 18 vials per 7 days

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

- 190 billable units per week

### III. Initial Approval Criteria <sup>1-3</sup>

Coverage is provided in the following conditions:

- Patient is at least 1 year of age; **AND**
- Patient must not have a history of serious pancreatitis, thrombosis, or hemorrhagic events with prior L-asparaginase therapy; **AND**

#### Universal Criteria

- Used as a component of multi-agent chemotherapy; **AND**

#### Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) † <sup>1,2</sup>

- Used as a substitute for pegaspargase ‡ or E. coli-derived asparaginase † in cases of systemic allergic reaction or anaphylaxis §; **OR**
- Used as induction therapy in patients at least 65 years of age **OR** who have substantial comorbidities ‡; **AND**
  - Patient has Philadelphia chromosome (Ph)-negative ALL; **OR**
  - Patient has Philadelphia chromosome (Ph)-positive B-ALL; **AND**
    - Treatment regimen includes a tyrosine kinase inhibitor (i.e., bosutinib, dasatinib, imatinib, nilotinib, or ponatinib)

## T-Cell Lymphomas ‡<sup>2</sup>

- Patient has Extranodal NK/T-Cell Lymphoma; **AND**
- Used as a substitute for pegaspargase in cases of systemic allergic reaction or anaphylaxis §

§ Definition of Hypersensitivity Reactions (CTCAE v5.0) <sup>5,6</sup>	
<b>Allergic Reaction</b>	
–	Grade 1: Systemic intervention not indicated
–	Grade 2: Oral intervention indicated
–	Grade 3: Bronchospasm; hospitalization for clinical sequelae; IV intervention indicated
–	Grade 4: Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated
–	Grade 5: Death
<b>Anaphylaxis</b>	
–	Grade 1 or 2: N/A
–	Grade 3: Symptomatic bronchospasm, with or without urticaria; parenteral intervention indicated; allergy-related edema/angioedema; hypotension
–	Grade 4: Life-threatening consequences; urgent intervention indicated
–	Grade 5: Death

† FDA Approved Indication(s); ‡ Compendia recommended indication(s)

## IV. Renewal Criteria<sup>1</sup>

Coverage can be renewed based upon the following criteria:

- Patient continues to meet the universal and indication-specific criteria as identified in section III; **AND**
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include: severe hypersensitivity reactions (including anaphylaxis), glucose intolerance/hyperglycemia, pancreatitis, serious thrombotic or hemorrhagic events, etc.; **AND**

### Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)

- Disease stabilization or improvement as evidenced by a complete response [CR] (i.e., morphologic, cytogenetic or molecular complete response CR), complete hematologic response or a partial response by CBC, bone marrow cytogenetic analysis, QPCR, or FISH)

### T-Cell Lymphoma

- Disease response with treatment as defined by stabilization of disease or decrease in size of tumor or tumor spread

## V. Dosage/Administration

Indication	Dose
All indications	To substitute for a dose of pegaspargase (Oncaspar®):

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	<p>The recommended dose for each planned dose of pegaspargase is 25,000 IU/m<sup>2</sup> administered IM or IV 3 times a week (Mon/Wed/Fri) for six doses</p> <p><u>To substitute for a dose of native E. coli asparaginase:</u></p> <p>The recommended dose is 25,000 IU/m<sup>2</sup> administered IM or IV for each scheduled dose of native E. coli asparaginase</p>
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## VI. Billing Code/Availability Information

### HCP Code:

- J9019 – Injection, asparaginase (Erwinaze), 1,000 IU; 1 billable unit = 1,000 IU

### NDC(s):

- Erwinaze 10,000 IU lyophilized powder per single use vial: 57902-249-xx

## VII. References

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## Appendix 1 – Covered Diagnosis Codes

ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C83.50	Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, unspecified site
C83.51	Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, lymph nodes of head, face, and neck
C83.52	Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, intrathoracic lymph nodes
C83.53	Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, intra-abdominal lymph nodes
C83.54	Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, lymph nodes of axilla and upper limb
C83.55	Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, lymph nodes of inguinal region and lower limb
C83.56	Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, intrapelvic lymph nodes
C83.57	Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, spleen
C83.58	Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, lymph nodes of multiple sites
C83.59	Lymphoblastic (diffuse) lymphoma, extranodal and solid organ sites
C84.90	Mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, unspecified, unspecified site
C84.91	Mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, unspecified, lymph nodes of head, face, and neck
C84.92	Mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, unspecified, intrathoracic lymph nodes
C84.93	Mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, unspecified, intra-abdominal lymph nodes
C84.94	Mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, unspecified, lymph nodes of axilla and upper limb
C84.95	Mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, unspecified, lymph nodes of inguinal region and lower limb
C84.96	Mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, unspecified, intrapelvic lymph nodes
C84.97	Mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, unspecified, spleen
C84.98	Mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, unspecified, lymph nodes of multiple sites
C84.99	Mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, unspecified, extranodal and solid organ sites
C84.Z0	Other mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, unspecified site
C84.Z1	Other mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, lymph nodes of head, face, and neck
C84.Z2	Other mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, intrathoracic lymph nodes
C84.Z3	Other mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, intra-abdominal lymph nodes
C84.Z4	Other mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, lymph nodes of axilla and upper limb
C84.Z5	Other mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, lymph nodes of inguinal region and lower limb
C84.Z6	Other mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, intrapelvic lymph nodes
C84.Z7	Other mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, spleen
C84.Z8	Other mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, lymph nodes of multiple sites
C84.Z9	Other mature T/NK-cell lymphomas, extranodal and solid organ sites
C86.0	Extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma, nasal type
C91.00	Acute lymphoblastic leukemia not having achieved remission

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ICD-10	ICD-10 Description
C91.01	Acute lymphoblastic leukemia, in remission
C91.02	Acute lymphoblastic leukemia, in relapse

## 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 Articles (LCAs) may exist and compliance with these policies is required where applicable. They can be found at: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/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