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**Applies to:**

- CarePartners of Connecticut Medicare Advantage HMO plans, Fax 617-673-0956
- CarePartners of Connecticut Medicare Advantage PPO plans, Fax 617-673-0956

**Note:** While you may not be the provider responsible for obtaining prior authorization, as a condition of payment you will need to ensure that prior authorization has been obtained.

**Overview**

Hemophilia is an inherited, lifelong bleeding disorder caused by a deficiency of coagulation factors. The two most common types of hemophilia are hemophilia A (Factor VIII deficiency) and B (Factor IX deficiency), and either type can lead to spontaneous bleeding and prolonged bleeding following an injury or surgical procedure. There are varying severities of hemophilia A and B depending on the level of factor produced by the patient. Severe hemophilia frequently results in bleeding even in the absence of trauma; moderate hemophilia is associated with less bleeding, and mild hemophilia usually results in bleeding only after obvious trauma. Historically hemophilia treatment involves replacing the deficient coagulation factor through episodic (on-demand) treatment or prophylaxis. Newer, easier-to-administer products have provided options for the management of patients with hemophilia A and B and include Hypavzi. Hypavzi is a tissue factor pathway inhibitor (TFPI) antagonist. Hypavzi works by reducing the amount, and therefore, the activity of, the naturally occurring anticoagulation protein TFPI. This results in increased amounts of thrombin, an enzyme that is critical in blood clotting.

Approval of Hypavzi was based on the BASIS trial which included 116 patients (aged 12 years and older and ≥35 kg) with severe hemophilia A (factor activity less than 1%) without FVIII inhibitors or moderately severe to severe hemophilia B (factor activity 1 to 2%) without FIX inhibitors. After a six-month observation phase, patients were enrolled to two cohorts based on the factor replacement treatment they were receiving prior to trial entry (on-demand or routine prophylaxis). Most patients were previously receiving routine prophylaxis. Patients who completed the observation phase received 12 months of Hypavzi. Treatment with Hypavzi experienced a reduction in annualized bleeding rate of 35% and 92% compared to routine prophylaxis and on-demand treatment, respectively.

**Food and Drug Administration - Approved Indications:**

**Hypavzi (marstacimab-hncq)** is a tissue factor pathway inhibitor (TFPI) antagonist indicated for routine prophylaxis to prevent or reduce the frequency of bleeding in episodes in adult and pediatric patients 12 years of age and older with hemophilia A (congenital factor VIII deficiency) without factor VIII inhibitors, or hemophilia B (congenital factor IX deficiency) without factor IX inhibitors.

**Clinical Guideline Coverage Criteria**

The plan may authorize coverage of Hypavzi for Members when **ALL** the following criteria is met:

**Initial Authorization Criteria**

1. Documented diagnosis of hemophilia A or B
- AND**
2. Documentation for use as prophylaxis to prevent or reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes
- AND**
3. The patient is at least 12 years of age or older
- AND**
4. Documentation the patient does not have inhibitors (hemophilia A: FVIII, hemophilia B: FIX)
- AND**
5. Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist

**Reauthorization Criteria**

1. Documented diagnosis of hemophilia A or B
- AND**
2. The patient is at least 12 years of age or older
- AND**
3. Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist
- AND**
4. Documentation the patient does not have inhibitors
- AND**
5. Documentation the Member has experienced a therapeutic response from Hympavzi as defined by a reduction in the frequency of bleeds

## Limitations

- Coverage of Hympavzi will be authorized for 12 months
- Members new to the plan stable on Hemlibra should be reviewed against Reauthorization Criteria.

## Codes

The following code(s) require prior authorization:

**Table 1: HCPCS Codes**

HCPCS Codes	Description
C9304	Injection, marstacimab, 0.5 mg

## References

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## Approval And Revision History

March 11, 2025: Reviewed by Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (P&T).

March 2025: Joint Medical Policy and Health Care Services UM Committee review (eff 4/1/25).

## Background, Product and Disclaimer Information

Point32Health prior authorization criteria to be applied to Medicare Advantage plan members is based on guidance from Medicare laws, National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) or Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs). When no guidance is provided, Point32Health uses clinical practice guidance published by relevant medical societies, relevant medical literature, Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved package labeling, and drug compendia to develop prior authorization criteria to apply to Medicare Advantage plan members. Medications that require prior authorization generally meet one or more of the following criteria: Drug product has the potential to be used for cosmetic purposes; drug product is not considered as first-line treatment by medically accepted practice guidelines, evidence to support the safety and efficacy of a drug product is poor, or drug product has the potential to be used for indications outside of the indications approved by the FDA. Prior authorization and use of the coverage criteria within this Medical Necessity Guideline will ensure drug therapy is medically necessary, clinically appropriate, and aligns with evidence-based guidelines. We revise and update Medical Necessity Guidelines annually, or more frequently if new evidence becomes available that suggests revisions.

Treating providers are solely responsible for the medical advice and treatment of Members. The use of this guidelines not a guarantee of payment or a final prediction of how specific claim(s) will be adjudicated. Claims payment is subject to eligibility and benefits on the date of service, coordination of benefits, referral/authorization, utilization management guidelines when applicable, and adherence to plan policies, plan procedures, and claims editing logic.