

## Clinical Policy: Taliglucerase Alfa (Elelyso)

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### Description

Taliglucerase alfa (Elelyso®) is a hydrolytic lysosomal glucocerebroside-specific enzyme.

### FDA Approved Indication(s)

Elelyso is indicated for the treatment of patients 4 years and older with a confirmed diagnosis of type 1 Gaucher disease (GD1).

### Policy/Criteria

Prior authorization is required. 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 Louisiana Healthcare Connections that Elelyso is medically necessary when the following criteria are met:

#### I. Initial Approval Criteria

##### A. Gaucher Disease (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of Type 1 (GD1) or Type 3 Gaucher disease (GD3) confirmed by one of the following (a or b):
  - a. Enzyme assay demonstrating a deficiency of beta-glucocerebrosidase (glucosidase) activity;
  - b. DNA testing;
2. Age ≥ 4 years;
3. Member is symptomatic (e.g., anemia, thrombocytopenia, bone disease, hepatomegaly, splenomegaly);
4. Elelyso is not prescribed concurrently with Vpriv® (velaglucerase alfa) or Cerezyme® (imiglucerase).

##### Approval duration:

Medicaid – 6 months

##### B. Other diagnoses/indications

1. Refer to the off-label use policy if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): LA.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

#### II. Continued Therapy

##### A. Gaucher Disease (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Louisiana Healthcare Connections benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy as evidenced by increased or stabilized platelet count or hemoglobin, reduced or stabilized spleen or liver volume, decreased bone pain;
3. Elelyso is not prescribed concurrently with Vpriv® (velaglucerase alfa) or Cerezyme® (imiglucerase).

Approval duration:

Medicaid – 12 months

**B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):**

1. Currently receiving medication via Louisiana Healthcare Connections 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 if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): LA.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 policy –LA.PMN.53 for Medicaid, or evidence of coverage documents.

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

ERT: enzyme replacement therapy

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

GD1: type 1 Gaucher disease

GD3: type 3 Gaucher disease

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s): none reported.
- Boxed warning(s): none reported.

Appendix D: General Information

- Measures of Therapeutic Response: GD1 is a heterogeneous disorder which involves the visceral organs, bone marrow, and bone in almost all affected patients. Common conditions resulting from GD1 include anemia, thrombocytopenia, hepatomegaly, splenomegaly, and bone disease. Therefore, hemoglobin level, platelet count, liver volume, spleen volume, and bone pain are clinical parameters that can indicate therapeutic response to GD1 therapies. In some clinical trials, stability has been defined as the following thresholds of change from baseline: hemoglobin level < 1.5

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g/dL decrease, platelet count < 25% decrease, liver volume < 20% increase, and spleen volume < 25% increase.

- Enzyme replacement therapy such as Cerezyme may have beneficial palliative effects in Type 2 disease, but does not alter the outcome and is not generally used.
- According to the European consensus guidelines revised recommendations on the management of neuronopathic Gaucher disease by Vellodi et al: (1) there is clear evidence in most patients that enzyme replacement therapy (ERT) ameliorates systemic involvement in non-neuronopathic (Type 1) as well as chronic neuronopathic Gaucher disease (Type 3), enhancing quality of life; (2) There is no evidence that ERT has reversed, stabilized or slowed the progression of neurological involvement; (3) In patients with established acute neuronopathic Gaucher disease (Type 2), enzyme replacement therapy has had little effect on the progressively downhill course. It has merely resulted in prolongation of pain and suffering.
- There is currently insufficient clinical evidence that supports the combination use of enzyme replacement therapy with Zavesca® (miglustat) or Cerdela® (eliglustat), or concurrent use of two or more enzyme replacement therapies at once.

#### V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
<u>Gaucher disease</u>	<p><u>Treatment-naïve patients:</u> <u>60 units/kg IV every other week</u></p> <p><u>Patients switching from imiglucerase:</u> <u>Begin at the same unit/kg dose as the patient's previous imiglucerase dose; administer every other week</u></p>	<u>Individualized (adjust based on achievement and maintenance of therapeutic goals)</u>

#### VI. Product Availability

Single-use vial: 200 units

#### VII. References

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#### Coding Implications

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<u>HCPCS Codes</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>J3060</u>	<u>Injection, taliglucerase alfa, 10 units</u>

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