Clinical Policy: Trastuzumab/Biosimilars, Trastuzumab-Hyaluronidase

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Description

- Trastuzumab (Herceptin®) is a human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)/neu receptor antagonist.
- Trastuzumab-dkst (Ogivri™), trastuzumab-pkrb (Herzuma®), trastuzumab-dttb (Ontruzant®), trastuzumab-qyyp (Trazimera™), and trastuzumab-anns (Kanjinti™) are Herceptin biosimilars.
- Trastuzumab-hyaluronidase-oysk (Herceptin Hylecta™) is a combination of trastuzumab and hyaluronidase, an endoglycosidase.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Indications*	Description		Herceptin, Herzuma, Ogivri, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti	Herceptin Hylecta
Adjuvant breast cancer	For adjuvant treatment of HER2-overexpressing node positive or node negative (ER/PR negative or with one high risk feature) breast cancer:	As part of a treatment regimen consisting of doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide, and either paclitaxel or docetaxel	X	X
		As part of a treatment regimen with docetaxel and carboplatin	X	X
		As a single agent following multi-modality anthracycline based therapy	X	X
Metastatic breast cancer	In combination with paclitaxel for first-line treatment of HER2-overexpressing metastatic breast cancer		X	X
	As a single agent for treatment of HER2-overexpressing breast cancer in patients who have received one or		X	X

Indications*	Description	Herceptin, Herzuma, Ogivri, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti	Herceptin Hylecta
	more chemotherapy regimens for metastatic disease		
Gastric cancer	In combination with cisplatin and capecitabine or 5-fluorouracil for the treatment of patients with HER2-overexpressing metastatic gastric or gastroesophageal junction (esophagogastric junction; EGJ) adenocarcinoma who have not received prior treatment for metastatic disease	X	–

*Select patients for therapy based on an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for trastuzumab.

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 Connection that Herceptin/biosimilars and Herceptin Hylecta are medically necessary when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria
   A. Breast Cancer (must meet all):
      1. Diagnosis of HER2-positive breast cancer or leptomeningeal metastases from HER2-positive breast cancer;
      2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
      3. Age ≥ 18 years;
      4. If request is for Herceptin, Herzuma, or Ontruzant, member meets one of the following (a, b, or c):
         a. If request if for Herceptin, member must use TWO of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (i and ii):
            i. Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera;
            ii. If member has failed Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera, then member must use Ontruzant or Herzuma;

            **Prior authorization may be required*
         b. If request is for Herzuma or Ontruzant, member must use TWO of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated: Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera;

            **Prior authorization may be required*

c. **Request is for Stage IV or metastatic cancer or associated conditions. Exception if "clinically equivalent therapy" contains identical active ingredient(s), and proven to have same efficacy;**

5. **Request meets one of the following (a, b, c, or d):***
   a. **Herceptin, Ogivri, Herzuma, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti: Dose does not exceed 8 mg/kg IV for adjuvant therapy or 4 mg/kg IV for treatment of metastatic disease (*see Appendix D for dose rounding guidelines*);**
   b. **Herceptin, Ogivri, Herzuma, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti: Intrathecal administration for leptomeningeal metastasis;**
   c. **Herceptin Hylecta: Dose does not exceed 600 mg/10,000 units SC every 3 weeks (*see Appendix D for dose rounding guidelines*);**
   d. **Dose/product is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).**

   Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN

Approval duration: 6 months

B. **Gastric, Esophageal and Esophagogastric Junction Cancer (must meet all):**
1. **Diagnosis of HER2-positive advanced, recurrent, or metastatic gastric, esophageal, or EGJ adenocarcinoma;**
2. **Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;**
3. **Age ≥ 18 years;**
4. **Prescribed in combination with a platinum agent (i.e., either cisplatin or oxaliplatin) and either capecitabine or 5-fluorouracil;***

   Prior authorization may be required.
5. **If request is for Herceptin, Herzuma, or Ontruzant, member meets one of the following (a, b, or c):**
   a. **If request if for Herceptin, member must use TWO of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (i and ii):**
      i. **Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera;**
      ii. **If member has failed Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera, then member must use Ontruzant or Herzuma;**

      Prior authorization may be required
   b. **If request is for Herzuma or Ontruzant, member must use TWO of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated: Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera;**

      Prior authorization may be required
   c. **Request is for Stage IV or metastatic cancer or associated conditions. Exception if "clinically equivalent therapy" contains identical active ingredient(s), and proven to have same efficacy;**
6. **Request meets one of the following (a or b):***
   a. **Herceptin, Herzuma, Ogivri, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti: Dose does not exceed 8 mg/kg IV (*see Appendix D for dose rounding guidelines*);**
   b. **Dose/product is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).**

Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN

Approval duration: 6 months

C. **Endometrial Carcinoma (off-label) (must meet all):**
   1. **Diagnosis of HER2-positive endometrial carcinoma with serous histology;**
   2. **Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;**
   3. **Age ≥ 18 years;**
   4. **Disease is advanced (i.e., stage III/IV) or recurrent;**
   5. **Prescribed in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel;***
      Prior authorization may be required.
   6. **If request is for Herceptin, Herzuma, or Ontruzant, member meets one of the following (a, b, or c):**
      a. **If request if for Herceptin, member must use TWO of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (i and ii):**
         i. **Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera;**
         ii. **If member has failed Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera, then member must use Ontruzant or Herzuma;**

         Prior authorization may be required
      b. **If request is for Herzuma or Ontruzant, member must use TWO of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated: Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera;**
         Prior authorization may be required
      c. **Request is for Stage IV or metastatic cancer or associated conditions. Exception if "clinically equivalent therapy" contains identical active ingredient(s), and proven to have same efficacy;**
   7. **Dose is within FDA maximum limit for any FDA-approved indication or is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).***
      Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN

Approval duration: 6 months

D. **Colorectal Cancer (off-label) (must meet all):**
   1. **Diagnosis of advanced or metastatic colorectal cancer and all of the following (a, b, and c):**
      a. **Disease is HER2 positive;**
      b. **Disease is wild-type *RAS* (defined as wild-type in both KRAS and NRAS as determined by an FDA-approved test for this use);**
      c. **Wild-type *BRAF*;**
   2. **Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;**
   3. **Age ≥ 18 years;**
   4. **If request is for Herceptin, Herzuma, or Ontruzant, member meets one of the following (a, b, or c):**

a. **If request if for Herceptin, member must use TWO of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (i and ii):**
   i. **Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera;**
   ii. **If member has failed Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera, then member must use Ontruzant or Herzuma;**

   Prior authorization may be required
b. **If request is for Herzuma or Ontruzant, member must use TWO of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated: Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera;**

   Prior authorization may be required
c. **Request is for Stage IV or metastatic cancer or associated conditions. Exception if "clinically equivalent therapy" contains identical active ingredient(s), and proven to have same efficacy;**

5. **No previous use of a HER2 inhibitor therapy (e.g., trastuzumab, Kadcyla®, Tykerb®, Perjeta®);**
6. **Prescribed in combination with Perjeta (pertuzumab) or Tykerb (lapatinib);***

   Prior authorization may be required.
7. **Dose is within FDA maximum limit for any FDA-approved indication or is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).***

   Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN

Approval duration: 6 months

E. **Salivary Gland Tumor (off-label) (must meet all):**
1. **Diagnosis of HER2-positive salivary gland tumor;**
2. **Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;**
3. **Age ≥ 18 years;**
4. **Disease is recurrent;**
5. **Prescribed in one of the following manners (a, b, or c):**
   a. **Single agent;**
   b. **Combination with docetaxel;***
   c. **Combination with Perjeta;***

   Prior authorization may be required.
6. **If request is for Herceptin, Herzuma, or Ontruzant, member meets one of the following (a, b, or c):**
   a. **If request if for Herceptin, member must use TWO of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (i and ii):**
      i. **Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera;**
      ii. **If member has failed Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera, then member must use Ontruzant or Herzuma;**

      Prior authorization may be required
   b. **If request is for Herzuma or Ontruzant, member must use TWO of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated: Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera;**

Prior authorization may be required

c. **Request is for Stage IV or metastatic cancer or associated conditions. Exception if "clinically equivalent therapy" contains identical active ingredient(s), and proven to have same efficacy;**

7. **Dose is within FDA maximum limit for any FDA-approved indication or is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).***
   Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN

Approval duration: 6 months

F. **Other diagnoses/indications (must meet all):**
1. **Member meets one of the following (a, b, or c):**
   a. **Request is for Stage IV or metastatic cancer or associated conditions. Exception if "clinically equivalent therapy" contains identical active ingredient(s), and proven to have same efficacy;**
   b. **If request if for Herceptin, member must use TWO of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (1 and 2):**
      1) **Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera;**
      2) **If member has failed Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera, then member must use Ontruzant or Herzuma;**
      Prior authorization may be required
   c. **If request is for Herzuma or Ontruzant, member must use TWO of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated: Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera;**
      Prior authorization may be required
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.**

II. **Continued Approval**
A. **All Indications in Section I (must meet all):**
1. **Currently receiving medication via Louisiana Healthcare Connections benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving the requested agent for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 30 days;**
2. **Member is responding positively to therapy;**
3. **If request is for Herceptin, Herzuma, or Ontruzant, member meets one of the following (a, b, or c):**
   a. **If request if for Herceptin, member must use TWO of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (i and ii):**
      i. **Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera;**
      ii. **If member has failed Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera, then member must use Ontruzant or Herzuma;**
      Prior authorization may be required

b. **If request is for Herzuma or Ontruzant, member must use TWO of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated: Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera;**
Prior authorization may be required

c. **Request is for Stage IV or metastatic cancer or associated conditions. Exception if "clinically equivalent therapy" contains identical active ingredient(s), and proven to have same efficacy;**

4. **If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):***
   a. **Breast cancer (i, ii, or iii):**
      i. **Herceptin, Ogivri, Herzuma, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti: New dose does not exceed 8 mg/kg IV for adjuvant therapy or 4 mg/kg IV for treatment of metastatic disease (*see Appendix D for dose rounding guidelines*);**
      ii. **Herceptin, Ogivri, Herzuma, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti: Intrathecal administration for leptomeningeal metastases;**
      iii. **Herceptin Hylecta: New dose does not exceed 600 mg/10,000 units SC every 3 weeks (*see Appendix D for dose rounding guidelines*);**
   b. **Gastric, esophageal, EGJ cancer: Herceptin, Herzuma, Ogivri, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti: New dose does not exceed 8 mg/kg IV (*see Appendix D for dose rounding guidelines*);**
   c. **New dose/product is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).**

   Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN

Approval duration: 12 months

B. **Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):**
   1. **Member meets one of the following (a, b, or c):**
      a. **Request is for Stage IV or metastatic cancer or associated conditions. Exception if "clinically equivalent therapy" contains identical active ingredient(s), and proven to have same efficacy;**
      b. **If request if for Herceptin, member must use TWO of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (1 and 2):**
         1) **Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera;**
         2) **If member has failed Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera, then member must use Ontruzant or Herzuma;**

         Prior authorization may be required
      c. **If request is for Herzuma or Ontruzant, member must use TWO of the following, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated: Kanjinti, Ogivri or Trazimera;**
      Prior authorization may be required
   2. **Member meets one of the following (a or b):**
      a. **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

b. 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

FDA: Food and Drug Administration
EGJ: esophagogastric junction
HER2: human epidermal growth factor receptor 2
KRAS: Kirsten rat sarcoma 2 viral oncogene homologue
NRAS: neuroblastoma RAS viral oncogene homologue

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

Not applicable

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- **Contraindication(s): none reported**
- **Boxed warning(s):**
  - **Herceptin, Ogivri, Herzuma, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti: cardiomyopathy, infusion reactions, embryo-fetal toxicity, pulmonary toxicity**
  - **Herceptin Hylecta: cardiomyopathy, embryo-fetal toxicity, pulmonary toxicity**

Appendix D: Dose Rounding Guidelines

Weight-based Dose Range	Vial Quantity Recommendation
≤ 157.49 mg	1 vial of 150 mg
157.5 mg to 314.99 mg	2 vials of 150 mg
315 mg to 440.99 mg	1 vial of 420 mg
441 mg to 598.49 mg	1 vial of 150 mg and 1 vial 420 mg
598.5 mg to 881.99 mg	2 vials of 420 mg
882 mg to 1,039.49 mg	1 vial of 150 mg and 2 vials of 420 mg
1,039.5 mg to 1,322.99 mg	3 vials of 420 mg

V. Dosage and Administration

Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Trastuzumab (Herceptin), Trastuzumab-dkst (Ogivri), Trastuzumab-dttb (Ontruzant), Trastuzumab-pkrb (Herzuma), Trastuzumab-qyyp (Trazimera), Trastuzumab-hyaluronidase-oysk (Herceptin Hylecta), Trastuzumab-anns (Kanjinti)	Adjuvant treatment, breast cancer	Administer according to one of the following doses and schedules for a total of 52 weeks: *Herceptin, Ogivri, Herzuma, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti:* During and following paclitaxel, docetaxel, or docetaxel/carboplatin: • Initial dose of 4 mg/kg as an IV infusion over 90 minutes then at 2 mg/kg as an IV infusion over 30 minutes weekly during chemotherapy for the first 12 weeks (paclitaxel or docetaxel) or 18 weeks (docetaxel/carboplatin). • One week following the last weekly dose of the trastuzumab product, administer trastuzumab product at 6 mg/kg as an IV infusion over 30 to 90 minutes every 3 weeks. *Herceptin, Ogivri, Herzuma, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti:* As a single agent within 3 weeks following completion of multi-modality, anthracycline based chemotherapy regimens: • Initial dose: 8 mg/kg as an IV infusion over 90 minutes. • Subsequent doses: 6 mg/kg as an IV infusion over 30 to 90 minutes every 3 weeks	8 mg/kg
		Herceptin Hylecta (subcutaneous product): As part of a treatment regimen consisting of doxorubicin, cyclophosphamide, and either paclitaxel or docetaxel; as part of a treatment regimen with docetaxel and carboplatin; as a single agent following multi-modality anthracycline based therapy: 600 mg trastuzumab and 10,000 units hyaluronidase administered subcutaneously over approximately 2-5 minutes once every 3 weeks	600 mg/10,000 units every 3 weeks

Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Trastuzumab (Herceptin), Trastuzumab-dkst (Ogivri), Trastuzumab-dttb (Ontruzant), Trastuzumab-pkrb (Herzuma), Trastuzumab-qyyp (Trazimera), Trastuzumab-hyaluronidase-oysk (Herceptin Hylecta), Trastuzumab-anns (Kanjinti)	Metastatic treatment, breast cancer	*Herceptin, Ogivri, Herzuma, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti:* As a single agent, or in combination with paclitaxel, at an initial dose of 4 mg/kg as a 90-minute intravenous infusion followed by subsequent once weekly doses of 2 mg/kg as 30-minute intravenous infusions until disease progression.	4 mg/kg
		Herceptin Hylecta (subcutaneous product): As a single agent or in combination with paclitaxel: 600 mg trastuzumab and 10,000 units hyaluronidase administered subcutaneously over approximately 2-5 minutes once every 3 weeks.	600 mg/10,000 units every 3 weeks
Trastuzumab (Herceptin), Trastuzumab-dkst (Ogivri), Trastuzumab-dttb (Ontruzant), Trastuzumab-qyyp (Trazimera), Trastuzumab-anns (Kanjinti)	Metastatic gastric cancer	*Herceptin, Herzuma, Ogivri, Ontruzant, Trazimera, Kanjinti:* Administer at an initial dose of 8 mg/kg as a 90 minute intravenous infusion followed by subsequent doses of 6 mg/kg as an intravenous infusion over 30 to 90 minutes every three weeks until disease progression.	8 mg/kg

VI. Product Availability

Drug Name	Availability*
Trastuzumab (Herceptin)	Single-dose vial: 150 mg
Trastuzumab-dkst (Ogivri)	Single-dose vial: 150 mg

Drug Name	Availability*
	Multi-dose vial: 420 mg
Trastuzumab-pkrb (Herzuma)	Single-dose vial: 150 mg Multi-dose vial: 420 mg
Trastuzumab-dttb (Ontruzant)	Single-dose vial: 150 mg Multi-dose vial: 420 mg
Trastuzumab-qyyp (Trazimera)	Single-dose vial: 150 mg Multi-dose vial: 420 mg
Trastuzumab-hyaluronidase-oysk (Herceptin Hylecta)	Single-dose vial: 600 mg (trastuzumab)/10,000 units (hyaluronidase)/5 mL
Trastuzumab-anns (Kanjinti)	Single-dose vial: 150 mg Multi-dose vial: 420 mg

All products are supplied as a powder for reconstitution with the exception of Herceptin Hylecta which is supplied as a solution.

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Coding Implications
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HCPCS Codes	Description
J9355	Injection, trastuzumab, 10 mg
J9356	Injection, trastuzumab, 10 mg and hyaluronidase-oysk
Q5112	Injection, trastuzumab-dttb, biosimilar, (Ontruzant), 10 mg
Q5113	Injection, trastuzumab-pkrb, biosimilar, (Herzuma), 10 mg
Q5114	Injection, trastuzumab-dkst, biosimilar, (Ogivri), 10 mg
Q5116	Injection, trastuzumab-qyyp, biosimilar, (Trazimera), 10 mg
Q5117	Injection, trastuzumab-anns, biosimilar, (Kanjinti), 10 mg

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