

Clinical Policy: Desmopressin Acetate (DDAVP)

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Description

Desmopressin acetate (DDAVP®) is a synthetic vasopressin analog.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

DDAVP is von Willebrand's disease (VWD; type I) with factor VIII levels greater than 5%

- Hemophilia A with factor VIII coagulant activity levels greater than 5%

DDAVP is also indicated for the management of central (cranial) diabetes insipidus and for the management of the temporary polyuria and polydipsia following head trauma or surgery in the pituitary region.

Limitation(s) of use:

- DDAVP is not indicated for the treatment of hemophilia A with factor VIII coagulant activity levels equal to or less than 5%, or for the treatment of hemophilia B, or in patients who have factor VIII antibodies.
- DDAVP is not indicated for the treatment of severe classic VWD (type I) and when there is evidence of an abnormal molecular form of factor VIII antigen.
- DDAVP is ineffective for the treatment of nephrogenic diabetes insipidus.

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 DDAVP injection is medically necessary when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Polyuria and Central Diabetes Insipidus (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Central (cranial) diabetes insipidus;
 - b. Temporary polyuria and polydipsia following head trauma or surgery in the pituitary region;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist;
3. Age ≥ 12 years;
4. Request is for DDAVP injection;

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5. **Failure of desmopressin tablets, unless contraindicated, clinically significant adverse effects are experienced, or documentation supports inability to swallow tablets;**
6. **Dose does not exceed 4 mcg per day.**

Approval duration:

Medicaid – 6 months

B. Congenital Hemophilia A (must meet all):

1. **Diagnosis of congenital hemophilia A (factor VIII deficiency);**
2. **Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist;**
3. **Age ≥ 3 months;**
4. **Request is for DDAVP injection for one of the following uses (a, b, or c):**
 - a. **Control and prevention of bleeding episodes;**
 - b. **Perioperative management;**
 - c. **Routine prophylaxis to prevent or reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes;**
5. **Factor VIII coagulant activity levels are > 5%;**
6. **Member does not have factor VIII antibodies;**
7. **Dose does not exceed (a or b):**
 - a. **DDAVP injection: 0.3 mcg/kg per dose;**

Approval duration:

Medicaid – 6 months

C. Von Willebrand Disease (must meet all):

1. **Diagnosis of VWD type 1 or type 2;**
2. **Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist;**
3. **Age ≥ 3 months;**
4. **Request is for DDAVP injection for one of the following uses (a, b, or c):**
 - a. **Control and prevention of bleeding episodes;**
 - b. **Perioperative management;**
 - c. **Routine prophylaxis to prevent or reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes;**
5. **Factor VIII coagulant activity levels are > 5%;**
6. **Dose does not exceed (a or b):**
 - a. **DDAVP injection: 0.3 mcg/kg per dose;**

Approval duration:

Medicaid – 6 months

D. 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. All Indications in Section I (must meet all):

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1. Currently receiving medication via Louisiana Healthcare Connections benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed (a, b, c, or d):
 - a. DDAVP injection: 4 mcg per day for polyuria or diabetes insipidus and 0.3 mcg/kg per dose for hemophilia A or VWD;

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

DDAVP: 1-deamino-8-D-arginine vasopressin

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

VWD: von Willebrand disease

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
<u>desmopressin acetate oral tablets (DDAVP®)</u>	<u>0.05 mg PO BID, titrated to a maintenance dose in the range of 0.1-1.2 mg divided into 2-3 daily doses as needed to obtain adequate antidiuresis</u>	<u>1.2 mg/day</u>

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name® (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name®) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s):
 - DDAVP injection: moderate to severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance < 50 mL/min), hyponatremia or a history of hyponatremia

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- **Boxed warning(s):**
 - **DDAVP injection**

Appendix D: General Information

V. Dosage and Administration

<u>Drug Name</u>	<u>Indication</u>	<u>Dosing Regimen</u>	<u>Maximum Dose</u>
<u>Desmopressin injection (DDAVP)</u>	<u>Central diabetes insipidus</u>	<u>2 to 4 mcg IV or SC daily, usually in 2 divided doses</u>	<u>4 mcg/day</u>
	<u>Hemophilia A, VWD</u>	<u>0.3 mcg/kg IV or SC as needed</u>	<u>0.3 mcg/kg/dose</u>

VI. Product Availability

<u>Drug Name</u>	<u>Availability</u>
<u>Desmopressin injection (DDAVP)</u>	<u>Ampules: 4 mcg/mL (1 mL)</u> <u>Vials: 4 mcg/mL (10 mL)</u>

VII. References

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Accessed November 4, 2020.

Coding Implications

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<u>HCPCS Codes</u>	<u>Description</u>
J2597	Injection, desmopressin acetate, per 1 mcg

<u>Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals</u>	<u>Date</u>
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