New Hampshire Medicaid Fee-for-Service Program Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Criteria

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Medications

Brand Name	Generic Name	Dosage Strengths	Dosage Form	Indication
Evrysdi	risdiplam	0.75 mg/mL 5 mg	Oral solution, Tablet	Treatment of SMA in pediatric and adult patients
Spinraza	nusinersen	12 mg/5 mL	Intrathecal solution	Treatment of SMA in pediatric and adult patients
Itvisma	onasemnogene abeparvovec-brve	1.2×10^{14} vector genomes (vg) in 3 mL in each single-dose vial (nominal concentration of 4×10^{13} vg/mL); each vial contains an extractable volume of not less than 3 mL	Intrathecal injection	Treatment of pediatric patients 2 years old and greater with SMA with mutation in *survivor motor neuron 1* (SMN1) gene
Zolgensma	onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi	2.0×10^{13} vg/mL each vial contains an extractable volume of not less than either 5.5 mL or 8.3 mL; each kit contains 2 to 9 vials; available as multiple kit sizes based on weight	Intravenous (IV) infusion	Treatment of pediatric patients less than 2 years old with SMA with bi-allelic mutations in *survivor motor neuron 1* (SMN1) gene

Criteria for Approval

Evrysdi (risdiplam) and Spinraza (nusinersen)

1. Patient must have documentation of a confirmed diagnosis of spinal muscular atrophy (SMA); **AND**
2. Genetic testing is required to demonstrate SMN1 homozygous gene deletion or mutation; **AND**
3. Patient is not concurrently receiving another treatment for SMA listed in the criteria; **AND**

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4. Provide baseline assessment using at least one of the following:
   - Hammersmith Functional Motor Scale Expanded (HFMSE)
   - Hammersmith Infant Neurologic Exam (HINE)
   - Six-minute walk test (6MWT)
   - Upper limb module (ULM) score
   - Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Infant Test of Neuromuscular Disorders (CHOP INTEND)
   - Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler development Third Edition (BSID-III)
   - Exacerbations requiring hospitalization and/or antibiotic therapy for respiratory infection in the previous year
5. Spinraza (nusinersen only):
   - Quantitative spot urine protein testing at baseline and prior to each dose; **AND**
   - Complete blood count at baseline and prior to each dose; **AND**
   - Nusinersen must be administered by a specialist with competency in intrathecal injection.

Quantity Limit

Evrysdi (risdiplam)

- Maintenance: 180 mg (240 mL; 3 bottles) per 30 days
- Maintenance: 5 mg tablets (one daily)

Spinraza (nusinersen)

- Initial: Four vials for the first 58 days
- Maintenance: One vial every 120 days

Length of Approval

- Initial: Six months
- Renewal: One year

Zolgensma (onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi)

1. Patient must be less than 2 years of age; **AND**
2. Patient has a diagnosis of spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) confirmed by either bi-allelic deletion or dysfunctional point mutation of the SMN1 gene; **AND**
3. Patient must have SMA confirmed by one to four copies of the SMN2 gene; **AND**
4. Patient must have a baseline anti-AAV9 antibody titer of less than or equal to 1:50 measured by ELISA; **AND**
5. Patient does not have pre-existing hepatic impairment as assessed by pre-treatment liver function tests (i.e., total bilirubin, prothrombin time, AST, ALT); **AND**

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6. Patient must not have advanced disease (e.g., complete limb paralysis, permanent ventilation support); **AND**
7. Onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi must be used concomitantly with parenteral corticosteroids (see dosage/administration); **AND**
8. Onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi must not be used in combination with nusinersen or risdiplam; **AND**
9. Coverage will be provided for one dose and may not be renewed.

Quantity Limit

1 kit

Length of Approval

1 administration per lifetime

Criteria for Denial

Prior approval will be denied if the approval criteria are not met.

Itvisma (onasemnogene abeparvovec-brve)

1. Patient must be at least 2 years of age; **AND**
2. Patient has a diagnosis of spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) confirmed by either bi-allelic deletion or dysfunctional point mutation of the SMN1 gene; **AND**
3. Patient must have SMA confirmed by one to four copies of the SMN2 gene; **AND**
4. Patient must have a baseline anti-AAV9 antibody titer of less than or equal to 1:50 measured by ELISA; **AND**
5. Patient does not have pre-existing hepatic impairment as assessed by pre-treatment liver function tests (i.e., total bilirubin, prothrombin time, AST, ALT); **AND**
6. Patient baseline platelet counts will be assessed and monitoring will continue weekly for the first month and as indicated until post treatment platelet count returns to baseline; **AND**
7. Patient must not have advanced disease (e.g., complete limb paralysis, permanent ventilation support); **AND**
8. Onasemnogene abeparvovec-brve must be used concomitantly with systemic corticosteroids (see dosage/administration section of the PI); **AND**
9. Onasemnogene abeparvovec-brve must not be used in combination with nusinersen or risdiplam; **AND**
10. Patient must not have received a treatment with SMA gene therapy (Zolgensma); **AND**
11. Must be administered by a specialist with competency in intrathecal injection.

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Quantity Limit
1 treatment course

Length of Approval
1 administration per lifetime

Criteria for Denial
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Criteria for Renewal

Evrysdi (risdiplam) and Spinraza (nusinersen) only

1. Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include serious infections, life-threatening glomerulonephritis, thrombocytopenia; **AND**
2. Patient has demonstrated improvement or lack of progression in at least one of the following:
   - Hammersmith Functional Motor Scale Expanded (HFMSE)
   - Hammersmith Infant Neurologic Exam (HINE)
   - Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Infant Test of Neuromuscular Disorders (CHOP INTEND)
   - Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler development Third Edition (BSID-III)
   - Six-minute walk test (6MWT)
   - Upper limb module (ULM) score
   - Respiratory function tests
   - Patient weight
   - Exacerbations requiring hospitalization and/or antibiotic therapy for respiratory infection in the previous year

References

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