

**Clinical Policy: Capivasertib (Truqap)**

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**Description**

Capivasertib (Truqap<sup>™</sup>) is a kinase inhibitor.

**FDA Approved Indication(s)**

Truqap is indicated in combination with fulvestrant for the treatment of adult patients with hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative, locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer with one or more PIK3CA/AKT1/PTEN-alterations as detected by an FDA-approved test following progression on at least one endocrine-based regimen in the metastatic setting or recurrence on or within 12 months of completing adjuvant therapy.

**Policy/Criteria**

*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 health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation<sup>®</sup> that Truqap is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

**I. Initial Approval Criteria****A. Breast Cancer** (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of breast cancer;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age  $\geq$  18 years;
4. Disease has all of the following characteristics (a, b, c, and d):
  - a. HR-positive (i.e., estrogen or progesterone receptor [ER/PR]-positive);
  - b. HER2-negative;
  - c. Recurrent unresectable (local or regional) or metastatic;
  - d. Positive for PIK3CA/AKT1/PTEN-alteration(s);
5. Truqap is prescribed in combination with fulvestrant;
6. Disease progression or recurrence after an endocrine-based regimen;
7. If member is a premenopausal female, member has been treated with ovarian ablation or is receiving ovarian suppression (*see Appendix D*);
8. For Truqap requests, member must use generic capivasertib, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
9. Request meets one of the following (a or b):\*
  - a. Dose does not exceed both of the following for 4 days followed by 3 days off (i and ii):

- i. 800 mg per day;
- ii. 4 tablets per day;
- b. Dose 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. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):**

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):
  - a. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.33 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
  - b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.103 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

**II. Continued Therapy**

**A. Breast Cancer (must meet all):**

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Truqap for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively;
3. For Truqap requests, member must use generic capivasertib, if available, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
4. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a or b):\*
  - a. New dose does not exceed both of the following for 4 days followed by 3 days off (i and ii):
    - i. 800 mg per day;
    - ii. 4 tablets per day;
  - b. New dose 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. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):

- a. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.33 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
  - b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.103 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.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 policies – CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

ER: estrogen receptor

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

HER2: human epidermal growth factor receptor 2

HR: hormone receptor

LHRH: luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone

NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network

PR: progesterone receptor

*Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*

*This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent for all relevant lines of business and may require prior authorization.*

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
<b>Endocrine therapy</b>		
anastrozole (Arimidex <sup>®</sup> )	1 mg PO QD	1 mg/day
exemestane (Aromasin <sup>®</sup> )	25 mg PO QD	25 mg/day
toremifene (Fareston <sup>®</sup> )	60 mg PO QD	60 mg/day
letrozole (Femara <sup>®</sup> )	2.5 mg PO QD	2.5 mg/day
tamoxifen (Nolvadex <sup>®</sup> , Soltamox <sup>®</sup> )	20 to 40 mg PO QD	40 mg/day
megestrol acetate	40 mg PO QID	160 mg/day
<b>NCCN-recommended adjuvant therapy for HR-positive, HER2-negative disease</b>		
CDK4/6 inhibitors to be used in combination with an aromatase inhibitor: Kisqali <sup>®</sup> (ribociclib)* Verzenio <sup>®</sup> (abemaciclib)	Varies	Varies

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
Ibrance <sup>®</sup> (palbociclib)		

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

*Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings*

- Contraindication(s): severe hypersensitivity to Truqap or any of its components
- Boxed warning(s): none

*Appendix D: General Information*

- NCCN recommendations in breast cancer
  - Ovarian ablation may be achieved with surgical oophorectomy or ovarian irradiation. Ovarian suppression utilizes luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone (LHRH) agonists that result in suppression of luteinizing hormone and release of follicle-stimulating hormone from pituitary and reduction in ovarian estrogen production. LHRH agonists include goserelin and leuprolide.
  - The NCCN recommends that men with breast cancer be treated similarly to postmenopausal women, except that the use of an aromatase inhibitor is ineffective without concomitant suppression of testicular steroidogenesis.

**V. Dosage and Administration**

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Breast cancer	400 mg orally BID for 4 days followed by 3 days off	800 mg/day

**VI. Product Availability**

Oral tablets: 160 mg, 200 mg

**VII. References**

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**Coding Implications**

Codes referenced in this clinical policy are for informational purposes only. Inclusion or exclusion of any codes does not guarantee coverage. Providers should reference the most up-to-date sources of professional coding guidance prior to the submission of claims for reimbursement of covered services.

HCPCS Codes	Description
J8999	Prescription drug, oral, chemotherapeutic, nos
C9399	Unclassified drugs or biologicals

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**Important Reminder**

This clinical policy has been developed by appropriately experienced and licensed health care professionals based on a review and consideration of currently available generally accepted standards of medical practice; peer-reviewed medical literature; government agency/program approval status; evidence-based guidelines and positions of leading national health professional organizations; views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas affected by this clinical policy; and other available clinical information. The Health Plan makes no representations and accepts no liability with respect to the content of any external information used or relied upon in developing this clinical policy. This clinical policy is consistent with standards of medical practice current at the time that this clinical policy was approved. “Health Plan” means a health plan that has adopted this clinical policy and that is operated or administered, in whole or in part, by Centene Management Company, LLC, or any of such health plan’s affiliates, as applicable.

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**Note:**

**For Medicaid members**, when state Medicaid coverage provisions conflict with the coverage provisions in this clinical policy, state Medicaid coverage provisions take precedence. Please refer to the state Medicaid manual for any coverage provisions pertaining to this clinical policy.

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