

# Drug Policy:

## Tepmetko™ (tepotinib)

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<b>URAC STANDARDS</b> HUM v8: UM 1-2; UM 2-1	<b>NCQA STANDARDS</b> UM 2	<b>ADDITIONAL AREAS OF IMPACT</b>	
<b>CMS REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>STATE/FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>APPLICABLE LINES OF BUSINESS</b> Commercial, Exchange, Medicaid	

### I. PURPOSE

To define and describe the accepted indications for Tepmetko (tepotinib) usage in the treatment of cancer, including FDA approved indications, and off-label indications.

New Century Health (NCH) is responsible for processing all medication requests from network ordering providers. Medications not authorized by NCH may be deemed as not approvable and therefore not reimbursable.

The use of this drug must be supported by one of the following: FDA approved product labeling, CMS-approved compendia, National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) clinical guidelines, or peer-reviewed literature that meets the requirements of the CMS Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15.

### II. INDICATIONS FOR USE/INCLUSION CRITERIA

#### A. PREFERRED MEDICATION GUIDANCE FOR INITIAL REQUEST:

1. When health plan Medicaid coverage provisions—including any applicable PDLs (Preferred Drug Lists)—conflict with the coverage provisions in this drug policy, health plan Medicaid coverage provisions take precedence per the [Preferred Drug Guidelines OR](#)
2. When health plan Exchange coverage provisions—including any applicable PDLs (Preferred Drug Lists)—conflict with the coverage provisions in this drug policy, health plan Exchange coverage provisions take precedence per the [Preferred Drug Guidelines OR](#)

3. When Health Plans utilize NCH UM Oncology Clinical Policies as the initial clinical criteria, and there is no Health Plan PDL applicable, the [Preferred Drug Guidelines](#) shall follow NCH recommended agents/regimens/preferred drugs **AND**
4. Continuation requests of previously approved, non-preferred medication are not subject to this provision **AND**
5. When applicable, generic alternatives are preferred over brand-name drugs **AND**
6. When there is a documented drug shortage, disease progression, contraindication, or confirmed intolerance to a preferred drug/regimen, per NCH Policy and Pathway, the available alternative product may be used if deemed medically appropriate and the indication is listed in a standard reference compendium or accepted peer review literature. For a list of current drug shortages, please refer to FDA drug shortage website in the reference section.

## **B. Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer**

1. NOTE 1: Per NCH Policy, Tepmetko (tepotinib) is a non-preferred drug for members with recurrent/metastatic Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer with a positive MET exon 14 skipping mutation (MET positive NSCLC). The NCH preferred alternative in the above clinical situation is Trabecta (capmatinib). This position is based on the following:
  - a. Lack of Level 1 evidence (randomized clinical trials and or meta-analyses) to show superior outcomes with Tepmetko (tepotinib) over Trabecta (capmatinib).
  - b. Trabecta (capmatinib) has a full/regular FDA approval whereas Tepmetko just has an accelerated FDA approval(confirmatory trial data are awaited).
2. NOTE 2: Tepmetko (tepotinib) may be used for members with recurrent/metastatic MET positive NSCLC if there is intolerance/contraindication to the NCH preferred alternative Trabecta (capmatinib).

## **III. EXCLUSION CRITERIA**

- A. Disease progression while taking Tepmetko (tepotinib) or with another MET inhibitor, e.g., Trabecta (capmatinib).
- B. Concurrent use with other anti-cancer therapy including other targeted therapy, chemotherapy, and immunotherapy.
- C. Dosing exceeds single dose limit of Tepmetko (tepotinib) 450 mg.
- D. Treatment exceeds the maximum limit of 60 (225 mg) tablets/month.
- E. Investigational use of Tepmetko (tepotinib) with an off-label indication that is not sufficient in evidence or is not generally accepted by the medical community. Sufficient evidence that is not supported by CMS recognized compendia or acceptable peer reviewed literature is defined as any of the following:
  1. Whether the clinical characteristics of the patient and the cancer are adequately represented in the published evidence.
  2. Whether the administered chemotherapy/biologic therapy/immune therapy/targeted therapy/other oncologic therapy regimen is adequately represented in the published evidence.
  3. Whether the reported study outcomes represent clinically meaningful outcomes experienced by patients. Generally, the definitions of Clinically Meaningful outcomes are those recommended by ASCO, e.g., Hazard Ratio of less than 0.80 and the recommended survival benefit for OS and PFS should be at least 3 months.

4. Whether the experimental design, considering the drugs and conditions under investigation, is appropriate to address the investigative question. (For example, in some clinical studies, it may be unnecessary or not feasible to use randomization, double blind trials, placebos, or crossover).
5. That non-randomized clinical trials with a significant number of subjects may be a basis for supportive clinical evidence for determining accepted uses of drugs.
6. That case reports are generally considered uncontrolled and anecdotal information and do not provide adequate supportive clinical evidence for determining accepted uses of drugs.
7. That abstracts (including meeting abstracts) without the full article from the approved peer-reviewed journals lack supporting clinical evidence for determining accepted uses of drugs.

#### IV. MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

- A. Please refer to the FDA label/package insert for details regarding these topics.

#### V. APPROVAL AUTHORITY

- A. Review – Utilization Management Department
- B. Final Approval – Utilization Management Committee

#### VI. ATTACHMENTS

- A. None

#### VII. REFERENCES

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