

POLICY NUMBER UM_Onc_1309	SUBJECT Iressa™ (gefitinib)	DEPT/PROGRAM UM Dept	PAGE 1 OF 2
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I. PURPOSE

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

New Century is responsible for processing all medication requests from network ordering providers. Medications not authorized by New Century 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

1. PREFERRED MEDICATION GUIDANCE FOR INITIAL REQUEST:

- 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**
- 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**
- For Health Plans that utilize NCH UM Oncology Clinical Policies as the initial clinical criteria, the **Preferred Drug Guidelines shall follow NCH L1 Pathways** when applicable, otherwise shall follow NCH drug policies: **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. AND**
- Continuation requests of previously approved non-preferred medication are not subject to this provision **AND**
- When available, generic alternatives are preferred over brand-name drugs.

2. Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)

- NOTE: The preferred agent, per NCH policy & NCH Pathway, for first line therapy of recurrent/metastatic EGFR mutation positive Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer is Osimertinib.**
- The member has recurrent or metastatic NSCLC **AND**



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- c. Iressa (gefitinib) is being used as a single agent in members with a known EGFR sensitizing mutation as subsequent line therapy; may be used as first line therapy in a member who has a contraindication/intolerance to Osimertinib.

III. EXCLUSION CRITERIA

1. Iressa (gefitinib) use after disease progression with the same regimen.
2. Concurrent use with other anti-cancer therapy.
3. Treatment exceeds the maximum limit of 60 (250 mg) tablets/month.
4. Indications not supported by CMS recognized compendia or acceptable peer reviewed literature.

IV. MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

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

V. APPROVAL AUTHORITY

1. Review – Utilization Management Department
2. Final Approval – Utilization Management Committee

VI. ATTACHMENTS

None

VII. REFERENCES

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3. Micromedex® Healthcare Series: Thomson Micromedex, Greenwood Village, Co. 2020.
4. National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Cancer Guidelines and Drugs and Biologics Compendium. 2020.
5. AHFS Drug Information. American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists or Wolters Kluwer Lexi-Drugs. Bethesda, MD. 2020.