

## Bempedoic Acid

### Goal(s):

- Promote use of bempedoic acid that is consistent with medical evidence.

### Length of Authorization:

- Up to 12 months

### Requires PA:

- Bempedoic Acid (Nexleto<sup>™</sup>)
- Bempedoic acid and ezetimibe (Nexlizet<sup>™</sup>)

### Covered Alternatives:

- Current PMPDP preferred drug list per OAR 410-121-0030 at [www.orpdl.org](http://www.orpdl.org)
- Searchable site for Oregon FFS Drug Class listed at [www.orpdl.org/drugs/](http://www.orpdl.org/drugs/)

### Approval Criteria

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| 1. What diagnosis is being treated?  | Record ICD10 code; go to #2 |  |
| 2. Does the patient have clinical atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD), defined as documented history of one or more ASCVD events (see below) <b>OR</b> a diagnosis of homozygous or heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH or HoFH) <b>OR</b> at high risk for CVD, including those with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diabetes mellitus</li><li>OR</li><li>• 10-year ASCVD risk of 10% or greater?</li></ul> <u>Major ASCVD events</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recent ACS (within past 12 months)</li><li>• History of MI (other than recent ACS from above)</li><li>• History of ischemic stroke</li><li>• Symptomatic peripheral artery disease</li><li>• Coronary artery disease</li></ul> | <b>Yes:</b> Go to #3        | <b>No:</b> Pass to RPh; deny for medical appropriateness |

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| <p>3. Has the patient taken a daily high-intensity statin (see table below) for at least 3 months with a LDL-C still <math>\geq 70</math> mg/dl with ASCVD or <math>\geq 100</math> mg/dl with HeFH or HoFH or high-risk CVD?</p> <p>Prescriber to submit chart documentation of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Doses and dates initiated of statin</li> <li>2) Baseline LDL-C (untreated)</li> <li>3) Recent LDL-C</li> </ol>  | <p><b>Yes:</b> Confirm documentation; go to #5</p> <p>1. Statin:<br/>Dose:<br/>Date Initiated:</p> <p>Baseline LDL-C _____<br/>Date: _____</p> <p>Recent LDL-C _____<br/>Date: _____</p>  | <p><b>No:</b> Go to #4</p>                                      |
| <p>4. Does the patient have a history of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rhabdomyolysis caused by a statin, OR</li> <li>• a history of creatinine kinase (CK) levels &gt;10-times upper limit of normal with muscle symptoms determined to be caused by a statin, OR</li> <li>• statin intolerance, defined as one or more adverse effects associated with statin therapy that improves with dose reduction or discontinuation and a trial of at least 2 statin medications at the lowest approved daily dose?</li> </ul> <p>Note: Prescriber must provide chart documentation of diagnosis or CK levels. A recent LDL-C level (within last 12 weeks) must also be submitted.</p> | <p><b>Yes:</b> Confirm chart documentation of diagnosis or labs and go to #5</p> <p>1. Statin #1:<br/>Dose:<br/>Date Initiated:</p> <p>2. Statin #2<br/>Dose:<br/>Date Initiated:</p> <p>Recent LDL-C _____<br/>Date: _____</p> | <p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPh; deny for medical appropriateness</p> |
| <p>5. Has the patient taken ezetimibe 10 mg daily for at least 3 months and still requires additional LDL-C lowering (LDL-C still <math>\geq 70</math> mg/dl with ASCVD or <math>\geq 100</math> mg/dl with HeFH or HoFH or high-risk CVD), <b>OR</b> have a contraindication to ezetimibe?</p>   | <p><b>Yes:</b> Go to #6</p>   | <p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPH; deny for medical appropriateness</p> |
| <p>6. Is the patient adherent with a high-intensity statin and/or ezetimibe?</p>  | <p><b>Yes:</b> Approve for up to 12 months</p> <p>Note: pharmacy profile may be reviewed to verify &gt;80% adherence (both lipid-lowering prescriptions refilled 5 months' supply in last 6 months)</p>                         | <p><b>No:</b> Pass to RPh; deny for medical appropriateness</p> |

**High- and Moderate-intensity Statins.**

| <b>High-intensity Statins</b><br>(≥50% LDL-C Reduction) | <b>Moderate-intensity Statins</b><br>(30 to <50% LDL-C Reduction) |   |
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| Atorvastatin 40-80 mg<br>Rosuvastatin 20-40 mg          | Atorvastatin 10-20 mg<br>Fluvastatin 80 mg<br>Lovastatin 40-80 mg | Pitavastatin 1-4 mg<br>Pravastatin 40-80 mg<br>Simvastatin 20-40 mg<br>Rosuvastatin 5-10 mg |

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