

Copper histidinate (ZYCUBO)

Goal(s):

- Promote appropriate use of copper histidinate based on available evidence.

Length of Authorization:

- Up to 12 months

Requires PA:

- Copper histidinate (ZYCUBO)

Covered Populations: FFS and CCO patients beginning 05/1/26 (pharmacy or provider administered claims)

Covered Alternatives:

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

Approval Criteria		
1. What diagnosis is being treated?	Record ICD10 code.	
2. Is the request for a patient with a prior FFS approval for the requested drug?	Yes: Go to Renewal Criteria	No: Go to #3
3. Is this an FDA approved age and indication?	Yes: Go to #4	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness
4. Is patient both treatment naïve AND over 3 years of age?	Yes: Go to #5	No: Go to #6
5. Is there documentation that Occipital Horn Disease has been ruled out?	Yes: Go to #6	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness
6. Is the drug prescribed by or in consultation with a specialist with experience treating Menkes disease (e.g., medical geneticist, pediatric neurologist)?	Yes: Go to #7	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness
7. Is there documentation of baseline lab work within past 3 months including: serum copper and ceruloplasmin levels, serum electrolytes, kidney and liver function, and complete blood count (CBC)?	Yes: Go to #8	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness
8. Is the requested dose/interval appropriate based on FDA labeling?	Yes: Go to #9	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness

Approval Criteria

9. Is there documentation of genetic testing indicating severe loss of function variant of <i>ATP7A</i> gene (mutation types: deletion/duplication, nonsense, or canonical splice junction variants)?	Yes: Pass to RPh; Pend. Refer to DMAP for secondary review. Approve based on age: < 12 months: enough units to reach 1st birthday with twice daily dosing; ≥ 12 months: approve for 6 months enough units for once daily dosing. Note: all vials are single use only.	No: Go to #10
10. Is genetic testing pending?	Yes: Pass to RPh; Pend. Refer to DMAP for secondary review. Approve for one month while awaiting results. Dose based on age: < 12 months: twice daily dosing; ≥ 12 months: once daily dosing Note: all vials are single use only.	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness

Renewal Criteria

1. Is there documentation of appropriate laboratory monitoring based on labeling recommendations and current length of therapy? Note: product labeling recommends serum copper and ceruloplasmin levels, serum electrolytes, kidney and liver function, and CBC every 6 weeks for first 6 months, then every 3 months for 18 months, and then every 6 months thereafter while on treatment.	Yes: Go to #2	No: Pass to RPh. Deny; medical appropriateness
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Renewal Criteria

2. Is dosing interval appropriate based on FDA labeling and *current* age?

Note: dosing should be adjusted to once daily after 1 year of age.

Yes: Pass to RPh;
Pend. Refer to DMAP
for secondary review.

Approval duration: 12
months

No: Pass to RPh.
Deny; medical
appropriateness

P&T/DUR Review: 06/26 (SF)

Implementation: 7/1/26