

**Clinical Policy: Protein C Concentrate, Human (Ceprotin)**

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Line of Business: HIM-Medical Benefit, Medicaid

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**Description**

Protein C Concentrate, Human (Ceprotin<sup>®</sup>) is an enzyme manufactured from human plasma.

**FDA Approved Indication(s)**

Ceprotin is indicated in pediatric and adult patients with severe congenital Protein C deficiency for the prevention and treatment of venous thrombosis and purpura fulminans.

**Policy/Criteria**

*Provider must submit documentation (including 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 Ceprotin is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

**I. Initial Approval Criteria****A. Congenital Protein C Deficiency** (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of congenital protein C deficiency;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist or physician with expertise in inherited thrombophilias;
3. One of the following (a or b):
  - a. Prescribed for use in an acute setting;
  - b. Lab result confirming low protein C activity (due to low protein C levels or function or both).

**Approval duration: 6 months**

**B. Other diagnoses/indications**

1. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid and HIM-Medical Benefit.

**II. Continued Therapy****A. Congenital Protein C Deficiency** (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. If not previously determined, lab result confirms baseline low protein C activity (due to low protein C levels or function or both).

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**Approval duration: 12 months**

**B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):**

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit and documentation supports positive response to therapy.  
**Approval duration: Duration of request or 6 months (whichever is less);** or
2. Refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business if diagnosis is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized): CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid and HIM-Medical Benefit.

**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.PMN.53 for Medicaid and HIM-Medical Benefit or evidence of coverage documents.

**IV. Appendices/General Information**

*Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

*Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*

Not applicable

*Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings*

None reported

**V. Dosage and Administration**

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Acute episode/short-term prophylaxis	Initial dose: 100-120 IU/kg Subsequent 3 doses: 60-80 IU/kg Q6 hours Maintenance dose: 45-60 IU/kg Q6 or 12 hours	Individualized
Long-term prophylaxis	Maintenance dose: 45-60 IU/kg Q12 hours	Individualized

**VI. Product Availability**

Lyophilized powder for IV injection: 500 IU per vial; 1000 IU per vial

**VII. References**

1. Ceprotin prescribing information. Westlake Village, CA: Baxalta US, Inc.; September 2015. Available at [http://www.shirecontent.com/PI/PDFs/CEPROTINPATIENT\\_USA\\_ENG.pdf](http://www.shirecontent.com/PI/PDFs/CEPROTINPATIENT_USA_ENG.pdf). Accessed November 7, 2018.
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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
J2724	Injection, protein C concentrate, intravenous, human, 10 IU

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Policy split from CP.PHAR.183.Excellus Other Specialty Pharmacy. Added that prescriber with expertise in inherited thrombophilias may treat in addition to hematologist. Added a pathway to approval for presumptive diagnosis in acute setting. Extended approval criteria to 6 months for initial treatment.	02.0.17	03.17
1Q18 annual review: - No significant changes - Converted to the new template - References reviewed and updated.	11.16.17	02.18
1Q 2019 annual review: no significant changes; added HIM-Medical Benefit to the policy; references reviewed and updated.	11.13.18	02.19

**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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