

## Clinical Policy: Lusutrombopag (Mulpleta)

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### Description

Lusutrombopag (Mulpleta<sup>®</sup>) is a thrombopoietin (TPO) receptor agonist.

### FDA Approved Indication(s)

Mulpleta is indicated for the treatment of thrombocytopenia in adult patients with chronic liver disease who are scheduled to undergo a procedure.

### Policy/Criteria

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

#### I. Initial Approval Criteria

##### A. Thrombocytopenia (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of chronic liver disease;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist, hepatologist, or gastroenterologist;
3. Age  $\geq$  18 years;
4. Recent (within the past 14 days) platelet count is  $< 50 \times 10^9/L$ ;
5. Member is scheduled to undergo an invasive medical or dental procedure within the next 30 days;
6. Mulpleta is not prescribed concurrently with another thrombopoietin receptor agonist (e.g., Doptelet<sup>®</sup>, Nplate<sup>®</sup>, Promacta<sup>®</sup>) or spleen tyrosine kinase inhibitor (e.g., Tavalisse<sup>™</sup>);
7. Dose does not exceed 3 mg per day (1 tablet per day).

**Approval duration: 14 days (no more than 7 total days of treatment)**

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

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):
  - a. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.33 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or

- b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.103 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

## **II. Continued Therapy**

### **A. Thrombocytopenia:**

1. Re-authorization is not permitted. Members must meet the initial approval criteria.  
**Approval duration: Not applicable**

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

1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):
  - a. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.33 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
  - b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.103 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or
2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

## **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.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid, or evidence of coverage documents.

## **IV. Appendices/General Information**

### *Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key*

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

TPO: thrombopoietin

### *Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives*

Not applicable

*Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings*  
None reported

*Appendix D: General Information*

- Examples of chronic liver disease include: alcoholic liver disease, chronic viral hepatitis (e.g., hepatitis B and C), and metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis (formerly known as nonalcoholic steatohepatitis).

**V. Dosage and Administration**

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Thrombocytopenia	3 mg PO QD for a total of 7 days  Begin dosing 8-14 days prior to a scheduled procedure. Patients should undergo their procedure 2-8 days after the last dose.	3 mg/day

**VI. Product Availability**

Tablet: 3 mg

**VII. References**

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
1Q 2021 annual review: added requirement that Mulpleta is not prescribed concurrently with other thrombopoietin receptor agonists; clarified medical or dental procedure should be invasive	11.18.20	02.21

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per clinical trial inclusion criteria; references to HIM.PHAR.21 revised to HIM.PA.154; references reviewed and updated.		
1Q 2022 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	11.15.21	02.22
Template changes applied to other diagnoses/indications and continued therapy section.	09.23.22	
1Q 2023 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated. Noting that the template verbiage for continued therapy does not apply to thrombocytopenia.	10.31.22	02.23
1Q 2024 annual review: added spleen tyrosine kinase inhibitor (e.g., Tavalisse <sup>™</sup> ) concurrent use exclusion; references reviewed and updated.	11.06.23	02.24
1Q 2025 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	11.20.24	02.25

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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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