

Clinical Policy: Triptans

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Revision Log

See <u>Important Reminder</u> at the end of this policy for important regulatory and legal information.

Description

The following are triptans requiring prior authorization and/or quantity limits: naratriptan (Amerge[®]), almotriptan (Axert[®]), frovatriptan (Frova[®]), sumatriptan (Imitrex[®], Tosymra[™]), rizatriptan (Maxalt[®]/Maxalt-MLT[®]), eletriptan (Relpax[®]), sumatriptan/naproxen (Treximet[®]), zolmitriptan (Zomig[®]/Zomig[®] ZMT), Imitrex[®] injection, Onzetra[™] Xsail[™], Sumavel[™] Dosepro[™], and Zembrace[™] SymTouch[™].

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Triptans are indicated for the acute treatment of migraine attacks with or without aura in:

- Adults (all products)
- Pediatric patients (certain products only):
 - o Axert: age 12 to 17 years with a history of migraine attacks usually lasting 4 hours or more (when untreated)
 - o Maxalt, Maxalt MLT: age 6 to 17 years old
 - o Treximet, Zomig Nasal Spray: age 12 to 17 years

Imitrex injection and Sumavel DosePro are additionally indicated for the treatment of acute treatment of cluster headache in adults.

Limitation(s) of use:

- Use only if a clear diagnosis of migraine has been established. If a patient has no response to the first migraine attack treated with a specific triptan, reconsider the diagnosis of migraine before that triptan is administered to treat any subsequent attacks.
- Triptans are not indicated for the prevention of migraine attacks.
- All triptans except Imitrex injection and Sumavel DosePro: safety and effectiveness of triptans have not been established for cluster headache.
- Imitrex injection and Sumavel DosePro: not indicated for the preventative treatment of cluster headache attacks.
- In adolescents age 12 to 17 years, efficacy of Axert on migraine-associated symptom (nausea, photophobia, and phonophobia) was not established.
- Axert and Maxalt are not intended for use in the management of hemiplegic or basilar migraine.
- Zomig Nasal Spray is not recommended in patients with moderate to severe hepatic impairment



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[®] that Amerge, Axert, Frova, Imitrex, Maxalt, Maxalt MLT, Relpax, Tosymra, Treximet, Zomig, Zomig ZMT, Imitrex injection, Onzetra Xsail, Sumavel Dosepro, and Zembrace are **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

- A. Migraines Oral Agents (see Sections I.B and I.C for non-oral triptans) (must meet all):
 - 1. Diagnosis of migraine headaches;
 - 2. Request is for an oral agent;
 - 3. Member meets the following age requirements:
 - a. For Amerge, Frova, Imitrex, Relpax, Zomig, Zomig-ZMT: Age ≥ 18 years;
 - b. For Axert, Treximet: Age \geq 12 years;
 - c. For Maxalt, Maxalt-MLT: Age \geq 6 years;
 - 4. For non-preferred agents (including Frova, Relpax, Treximet, Zomig), member meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Failure of at least TWO formulary 5HT₁-agonist migraine medications (e.g., almotriptan, naratriptan, rizatriptan, or sumatriptan) at up to maximally indicated doses, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated;
 - b. For Treximet requests for members age 12 17 years: Failure of almotriptan and rizatriptan, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or both are contraindicated:
 - 5. For all Treximet requests: Medical justification supports inability to use the individual components (i.e., sumatriptan and naproxen) concurrently (e.g., contraindications to the excipients of all brand and generic products);
 - 6. For requests of monthly quantities greater than the health plan limit but ≤ 2 times the health plan limit, member meets **one** of the following (a or b):
 - a. Failure of TWO prophylactic migraine medications, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (*see Appendix B*);
 - b. Member is being treated by or in consultation with a neurologist, headache, or pain specialist;
 - 7. For requests of monthly quantities > 2 times the health plan limit, member meets **both** of the following (a and b):
 - a. Failure of TWO prophylactic migraine medications, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (see Appendix B);
 - b. Member is being treated by or in consultation with a neurologist, headache, or pain specialist;
 - 8. Dose does not exceed the FDA-approved maximum dose (see Section V).

Approval duration: 12 months or duration of request, whichever is less



B. Migraines – Non-Oral Agents (must meet all):

- 1. Diagnosis of migraine headaches;
- 2. Request is for a non-oral agent (i.e., nasal spray or injectable);
- 3. Member meets the following age requirements:
 - a. For Zomig, Imitrex nasal spray: Age \geq 12 years;
 - b. For Imitrex injection, Onzetra Xsail, Sumavel DosePro, Tosymra, Zembrace SymTouch: Age ≥ 18 years;
- 4. Failure of sumatriptan (Imitrex) nasal spray, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;
- 5. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Failure of at least TWO oral generic 5HT₁-agonist migraine medications (e.g., almotriptan, naratriptan, rizatriptan/rizatriptan ODT, or sumatriptan succinate) at up to maximally indicated doses, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated;
 - b. Member cannot take oral agents due to migraine-associated nausea;
- 6. For requests of monthly quantities > 2 kits per month (Imitrex injection, Zembrace SymTouch), > 6 nasal spray devices per month (Imitrex, Tosymra, Zomig nasal spray), or > 1 kit per month (Sumavel DosePro, Onzetra Xsail), member meets both of the following (a and b):
 - a. Failure of at least TWO prophylactic migraine medications at up to maximally indicated doses, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated (see Appendix B for examples);
 - b. Member is being treated by or in consultation with a neurologist, headache, or pain specialist;
- 7. Dose does not exceed the following:
 - a. Imitrex nasal spray: 40 mg per day;
 - b. Tosymra nasal spray: 30 mg per day;
 - c. Zomig nasal spray: 10 mg per day;
 - d. Imitrex injection, Sumavel DosePro, Zembrace SymTouch: 12 mg per day;
 - e. Onzetra Xsail: 44 mg per day (4 capsules per day).

Approval duration:

Imitrex, Tosymra, and Zomig nasal spray – 12 months or duration of request, whichever is less

All others – 6 months or to the member's renewal period, whichever is longer

C. Cluster Headaches (must meet all):

- 1. Diagnosis of cluster headaches;
- 2. Request is for Imitrex nasal spray, Imitrex injection, Sumavel DosePro, or Zomig;
- 3. Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist, headache, or pain specialist;
- 4. Age \geq 18 years;
- 5. Dose does not exceed either of the following (a, b, or c):
 - a. Imitrex nasal spray: 40 mg per 24 hours;
 - b. Imitrex injection or Sumavel DosePro: 12 mg per day;
 - c. Zomig: 10 mg per day.

Approval duration:

Nasal spray – 12 months or duration of request, whichever is less



Injection – 6 months or to the member's renewal period, whichever is longer

D. 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; 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; 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.

II. Continued Therapy

A. All Indications in Section I (must meet all):

- 1. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
 - b. Member is currently receiving medication and is enrolled in a state and product with continuity of care regulations (*refer to state specific addendums for CC.PHARM.03A and CC.PHARM.03B*);
- 2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
- 3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed the FDA-approved maximum dose (see Section V).

Approval duration:

Oral formulations and nasal spray – 12 months or duration of request, whichever is less

Injection – 6 months or to the member's renewal period, whichever is longer

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; 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; 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.

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 policy CP.CPA.09 or evidence of coverage documents;
- **B.** Management of hemiplegic or basilar migraines;
- C. Prophylactic therapy of migraine.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key AAN: American Academy of Neurology FDA: Food and Drug Administration

MAO: monoamine oxidase

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent for all relevant lines of business

and may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
naratriptan	One tablet (1 or 2.5 mg) PO at onset; can be	5 mg/day
(Amerge®)	repeated in 4 hours	
sumatriptan (Imitrex®	One spray (5 - 20mg) at onset into one nostril;	40 mg/day
nasal spray)	can be repeated in 2 hours	
sumatriptan (Imitrex®	One tablet (25 -100mg) PO at onset; can be	200 mg/day
tablets)	repeated in two hours	
rizatriptan (Maxalt®	One tablet (5 or 10 mg) PO at onset of	30 mg/day
/Maxalt MLT®	migraine headache; can be repeated in two	
tablets)	hours	

Preventive Therapies for Migraine			
Medication	Dose	Dose Limit/	
		Maximum Dose	
Anticonvulsants such as:	Migraine Prophylaxis	Refer to prescribing	
divalproex (Depakote®),	Refer to prescribing	information or	
topiramate (Topamax®), valproate	information or Micromedex	Micromedex	
sodium			
Beta-blockers such as:	Migraine Prophylaxis	Refer to prescribing	
propranolol (Inderal®), metoprolol	Refer to prescribing	information or	
(Lopressor®)*, timolol, atenolol	information or Micromedex	Micromedex	
(Tenormin [®])*, nadolol			
(Corgard®)*			



Preventive Therapies for Migraine			
Medication	Dose	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose	
Antidepressants/tricyclic antidepressants* such as: amitriptyline (Elavil®), venlafaxine (Effexor®)	Migraine Prophylaxis Refer to prescribing information or Micromedex	Refer to prescribing information or Micromedex	
Rimegepant (Nurtec [®] ODT) Erenumab-aaoe (Aimovig [™])	75 mg PO every other day 70 mg SC once monthly	75 mg/dose 140 mg/month	
	Some patients may benefit from a dosage of 140 mg injected subcutaneously once monthly		
Galcanezumab-gnlm (Emgality®)	Loading dose: 240 mg SC once Maintenance dose: 120 mg SC once monthly	120 mg/month	
Fremanezumab-vfrm (Ajovy®)	225 mg SC once monthly or 675 mg SC every three months	675 mg every 3 months	
Eptinezumab-jjmr (Vyepti [™])	100 mg IV every 3 months	300 mg every 3 months	
Atogepant (Qulipta [™])	10 mg, 30 mg, or 60 mg PO QD	60 mg/day	
Rimegepant (Nurtec® ODT) OnabotulinumtoxinA (Botox®)	75 mg PO every other day Up to 5 Units IM per injection across up to 7 head/neck muscles for a total of up to 155 Units per treatment session	75 mg/dose See dosing regimen	

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name[®] (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name[®]) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s):
 - All triptans:
 - History of coronary artery disease or coronary vasospasm; symptomatic Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome or other cardiac accessory conduction pathway disorders (except Maxalt); history of stroke, transient ischemic attack, or hemiplegic or basilar migraine, or peripheral vascular disease; ischemic bowel disease; uncontrolled hypertension; hypersensitivity.
 - Recent (within 24 hours) used of another 5-HT1 agonist (e.g., another triptan), or an ergotamine-containing medication.



- Relpax: within at least 72 hours of treatment with the following potent CYP3A4 inhibitors: ketoconazole, itraconazole, nefazodone, troleandomycin, clarithromycin, ritonavir or nelfinavir.
- Imitrex, Maxalt, Tosymra, Treximet, Zomig: use concurrently or within 2 weeks of discontinuation of an MAO-A inhibitor or non-selective MAO inhibitor.
- Amerge, Imitrex, Onzetra, Treximet, Tosymra, Zembrace SymTouch: severe hepatic impairment.
- Amerge: severe renal impairment.
- Treximet: in the setting of CABG surgery; history of asthma, urticarial, other allergic
 type reactions, rhinitis, or nasal polyps syndrome after taking aspirin or other
 NSAID/analgesic drugs.
- Boxed warning(s):
 - Treximet: risk of serious cardiovascular and gastrointestinal events
 - All other triptans: none reported

Appendix D: General Information

- The triptans should not be used for hemiplegic or basilar migraines due to an increased risk of stroke.
- AAN guidelines for cluster headaches support the use of Imitrex nasal spray for acute treatment (Level B). Per AAN, intranasal sumatriptan at a dose of 20 mg has been shown to be effective in the acute treatment of cluster headache. Zolmitriptan nasal spray (Level A) 5 mg and 10 mg and zolmitriptan oral (Level B) 5 mg and 10 mg are also recommended by AAN.
- According to AAN guidelines, verapamil, lithium and melatonin may be considered (Level C) for the prevention of cluster headaches.
- The AAN recommends that prophylactic migraine medications should be considered if the patient experiences 2 or more attacks per month that produce aggregate disability of 3 or more days/month.
- The AAN and the National Headache Foundation recommend that prophylactic migraine medications should be considered if one or more of the following are present: greater than 2 migraine headaches per week; migraines cause significant impairment in daily routine even with abortive treatment; contraindication to, adverse effects, overuse or failure of abortive migraine medications, presence of uncommon migraine condition (e.g., basilar migraine); or patient requesting prophylactic therapy.
- Sumavel is a needle-free injection system, although there is still pain associated with administration.

V. Dosage and Administration

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Naratriptan (Amerge)	1 or 2.5 mg PO QD	5 mg/24 hours
	May repeat dose in 4 hours	
Sumatriptan (Imitrex)	25 to 100 mg PO QD	200 mg/24 hours
tablet	May repeat dose in 2 hours	
Almotriptan (Axert)	6.25 to 12.5 mg PO QD	25 mg/24 hours
	May repeat dose in 2 hours	



Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Frovatriptan (Frova)	2.5 mg PO QD	7.5 mg/24 hours
The contract of the contract o	May repeat dose in 2 hours	,
Rizatriptan	Adults:	Adults: 30 mg/24 hours
(Maxalt/Maxalt-MLT)	5 or 10 mg PO QD	1100100 0 0 111g = 1 110 012
	May repeat dose in 2 hours	
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	Pediatrics:	Pediatrics: 1 dose/24
	< 40 kg: 5 mg PO QD	hours
	≥ 40 kg: 10 mg PO QD	
Sumatriptan nasal spray	One spray (5-20 mg) intranasally	40 mg/24 hours
(Imitrex)	at onset into one nostril	
	May repeat dose in 2 hours	
Eletriptan (Relpax)	20 or 40 mg PO QD	40 mg/dose
	May repeat dose in 2 hours	80 mg/24 hours
Zolmitriptan (Zomig and	1.25 or 2.5 mg PO QD	5 mg/dose
Zomig ZMT)	May repeat dose in 2 hours	10 mg/24 hours
Zomig nasal spray	Adults and Pediatrics	5 mg/dose
(zolmitriptan)	2.5 mg intranasally into one	10 mg/24 hours
	nostril	
	May repeat dose in 2 hours	
Sumatriptan/naproxen	Adults	Adults: 2 tablets (170
(Treximet)	1 tablet (85 mg sumatriptan/500	mg sumatriptan/1000
	mg naproxen) PO QD	mg naproxen)/24 hours
	May repeat dose in 2 hours	
	Pediatrics: 12 to 17 years of age	
	1 tablet (10 mg sumatriptan/60	Pediatrics: 12 to 17
	mg naproxen) PO QD	years of age: 1 tablet (85
		mg sumatriptan/500 mg
		naproxen)/24 hours
Sumatriptan succinate	Migraines: One injection SC at	2 injections (12 mg)/24
injection (Imitrex injection)	onset; may repeat after one hour	hours
	Cluster headaches: One injection	
	SC at onset; may repeat after one	
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Sumatriptan needle-free	Migraines: 4 mg or 6 mg SC at	2 injections (12 mg)/24
delivery system (Sumavel	onset; may repeat after one hour	hours
DosePro)	Cluster headaches: 6 mg SC at	
	onset; may repeat after one hour	
Sumatriptan nasal powder	Migraines: 22 mg administered	44 mg/day
(Onzetra Xsail)	by use of one nosepiece (11 mg)	1 1 IIIg/ day
(Silzena Asan)	in each nostril; may repeat after 2	
	hours	
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Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Sumatriptan auto-injector	Migraines: 3 mg dose SC at	12 mg/day
(Zembrace SymTouch)	onset; may repeat for 3 additional	
	doses separated by at least 1 hour	
Sumatriptan nasal spray	Migraines: 10 mg intranasally	30 mg/24 hours
(Tosymra)	into one nostril; may repeat after	
	one hour	

VI. Product Availability

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Drug	Availability
Naratriptan (Amerge)	Tablet: 1 mg, 2.5 mg (package size 9)
Almotriptan (Axert)	Tablet: 6.25 mg (package size 6), 12.5mg (package
	size 12)
Frovatriptan (Frova)	Tablet: 2.5 mg (package size 9)
Rizatriptan (Maxalt/ Maxalt	Tablet: 5 mg, 10 mg (package size 6, 12, 18)
MLT)	MLT tablet: 5 mg, 10 mg (package size 3, 6, 9, 12, 18)
Sumatriptan (Imitrex)	Tablet: 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg (package size 9)
Sumatriptan nasal spray (Imitrex Nasal)	Nasal spray device: 5 mg, 20 mg (package size 6)
Eletriptan (Relpax)	Tablet: 20 mg (package size 6), 40 mg (package size 6, 12)
Zolmitriptan (Zomig)	Tablet: 2.5 mg (package size 6), 5 mg (package size 3)
Zolmitriptan nasal spray (Zomig Nasal Spray)	Nasal spray: 2.5 mg, 5 mg (package size 6)
Zolmitriptan orally disintegrating (Zomig ZMT)	Tablet: 2.5 mg (package size 6), 5 mg (package size 3)
Sumatriptan-naproxen (Treximet)	Tablet: 85 mg sumatriptan/500 mg naproxen sodium (package size 9, 12), 10 mg sumatriptan/60 mg naproxen sodium (package size 9)
Sumatriptan succinate solution	Each package contains 1 pen with 2 prefilled single
auto-injector (Imitrex STATdose System)	dose syringe cartridges: 4 mg/0.5 mL, 6 mg/0.5 mL
Sumatriptan succinate solution cartridge (Imitrex injection cartridge)	2 prefilled syringe cartridges for refill: 4 mg/0.5 ml, 6 mg/0.5 ml
Sumatriptan succinate (Imitrex injection)	Single-dose vials: 6 mg (6 mg/0.5 mL) in cartons of 5 vials
Sumatriptan nasal powder (Onzetra Xsail)	Capsule in disposable nosepiece: 11 mg (kit contains 8 doses)
Sumatriptan needle-free delivery	Prefilled, single-dose units: 4 mg/0.5 mL, 6
system (Sumavel DosePro)	mg/0.5mL (package contains six units)
Sumatriptan auto-injector	Prefilled, single-dose auto-injector: 3 mg/0.5 mL (4
(Zembrace SymTouch)	auto-injectors per carton)



Drug	Availability
Sumatriptan nasal spray	Nasal spray, single-dose: 10 mg (package size 6)
(Tosymra)	

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
4Q 2018 annual review: no significant changes; combined oral and non-oral triptans policies (retired CP.CPA.260 – Sumatriptan Non-oral Forms); removed Zecuity from the policy as it is no longer commercially available; added product-specific age limits; references reviewed and updated.	07.30.18	11.18
4Q 2019 annual review: Section IA added requirement to clarify request is for an oral formulation; Section IB added Imitrex nasal spray which had a quantity limit, added reference to quantity limit for nasal spray formulations of 6 spray devices per month; cluster headaches: added Zomig which is supported by AAN guidelines; references reviewed and updated.	08.08.19	11.19
Added Tosymra to policy per SDC and prior clinical guidance.	02.19.20	
4Q 2020 annual review: no significant changes; modified multiple drug trial language to state unless all are contraindicated; updated limitation of use and contraindications by product; references reviewed and updated.	07.23.20	11.20
4Q 2021 annual review: no significant changes; updated therapeutic alternatives table to include additional migraine prophylaxis therapies (e.g., CGRPs, Botox); references reviewed and updated.	07.22.21	11.21
Revised approval duration for Commercial line of business from length of benefit to 12 months or duration of request, whichever is less	09.27.21	02.22
4Q 2022 annual review: no significant changes; added Nurtec ODT, Qulipta, and Vyepti to therapeutic alternatives table; references reviewed and updated. Template changes applied to other diagnoses/indications and continued therapy section.	07.13.22	11.22

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



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