

Clinical Policy: Factor XIII A-Subunit, Recombinant (Tretten)

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Line of Business: Commercial, HIM, Medicaid

[Revision Log](#)

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Description

Factor XIII A-subunit, recombinant (Tretten[®]) is a recombinant factor XIII concentrate.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Tretten is indicated for routine prophylaxis of bleeding in patients with congenital factor XIII A-subunit deficiency.

Limitation(s) of use: Tretten is not for use in patients with congenital factor XIII B-subunit deficiency.

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 Tretten is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Congenital Factor XIII A-Subunit Deficiency (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of congenital factor XIII A-subunit deficiency;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist;
3. Request is for routine prophylaxis to prevent or reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes;
4. For routine prophylaxis requests, member meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Member has severe hemophilia (defined as factor level of < 1%);
 - b. Member has experienced at least one life-threatening or serious spontaneous bleed (*see Appendix D*).

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.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

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II. Continued Therapy

A. Congenital Factor XIII A-Subunit 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.

Approval duration: 6 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.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 policy – CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid, or evidence of coverage documents;
- B. Member does not have congenital factor XIII B-subunit deficiency.

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

- Contraindication(s): hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients
- Boxed warning(s): none reported

Appendix D: General Information

- Life-threatening bleeding episodes include, but are not limited to, bleeds in the following sites: intracranial, neck/throat, or gastrointestinal.
- Serious bleeding episodes include bleeds in the following site: joints (hemarthrosis).
- Spontaneous bleed is defined as a bleeding episode that occurs without apparent cause and is not the result of trauma.

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Routine bleeding prophylaxis	35 IU/kg IV once monthly to achieve a target trough level of Factor XIII activity \geq 10%.	Individualized

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	Consider dose adjustment if adequate coverage is not achieved with the 35 IU/kg dose.	

VI. Product Availability

Powder for reconstitution in single-use vial: 2,000 to 3,125 IU (*the actual amount of Tretten in international units is stated on each carton and vial; may vary for each vial*)

VII. References

1. Tretten Prescribing Information. Plainsboro, NJ: Novo Nordisk; June 2020. Available at <http://www.novo-pi.com/tretten.pdf>. Accessed December 1, 2020.
2. Srivastava A, Brewer AK, Mauser-Bunschoten EP, et al. Guidelines for the management of hemophilia. *Haemophilia*. Jan 2013; 19(1): e1-47.
3. Medical and Scientific Advisory Council (MASAC) of the National Hemophilia Foundation (NHF): Database of treatment guidelines. Available at <https://www.hemophilia.org/Researchers-Healthcare-Providers/Medical-and-Scientific-Advisory-Council-MASAC/MASAC-Recommendations>. Accessed December 1, 2020.

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
J7181	Injection, factor XIII A-subunit, (recombinant), per IU

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Safety information removed. Wording for uses, approval duration, and use of “congenital” versus “acquired” for describing hemophilias, made consistent across all blood factor policies. Efficacy statement added to renewal criteria. Reviewed by specialist- hematology/internal medicine.	04.01.17	05.17
1Q18 annual review: - No significant changes - Converted to new template - Referenced reviewed and updated.	11.28.17	02.18
1Q 2019 annual review: added HIM-Medical Benefit; no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	09.26.18	02.19
1Q 2020 annual review: no significant changes; added HIM line of business; references reviewed and updated.	11.28.19	02.20

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Added routine prophylaxis-specific requirement for severe hemophilia classification or at least one life-threatening or serious spontaneous bleed for classification of non-severe hemophilia; added requirement for prescriber attestation of not partaking in contact sports; added Commercial line of business.	05.27.20	08.20
Removed requirement for prescriber attestation of not partaking in contact sports.	10.01.20	11.20
1Q 2021 annual review: no significant changes; enhanced existing requirement for A-subunit disease by excluding coverage for B-subunit disease in section III; references to HIM.PHAR.21 revised to HIM.PA.154; references reviewed and updated.	12.01.20	02.21

Important Reminder

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