

Clinical Policy: Larotrectinib (Vitrakvi)

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Line of Business: Commercial, HIM, Medicaid

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Description

Larotrectinib (Vitrakvi[®]) is a first-generation selective tropomyosin receptor kinase (TRK) tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI).

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Vitrakvi is indicated for the treatment of adult and pediatric patients with solid tumors that:

- Have a neurotrophic receptor tyrosine kinase (*NTRK*) gene fusion without a known acquired resistance mutation,
- Are metastatic or where surgical resection is likely to result in severe morbidity, and
- Have no satisfactory alternative treatments or that have progressed following treatment.

Select patients for therapy based on an FDA-approved test. This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on overall response rate and duration of response. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in confirmatory trials.

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

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. NTRK Fusion-Positive Cancer (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of a solid tumor (*see Appendix D for examples*);
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. For Vitrakvi request, medical justification supports inability to use larotrectinib, if available, (e.g., contraindications to excipients);
4. Tumor is positive for an NTRK-gene fusion (e.g., ETV6-NTRK3, TPM3-NTRK1);
5. Confirmation of no known acquired tropomyosin receptor kinase resistance mutation;
6. Disease is recurrent, advanced, metastatic, unresectable, or resectable with adverse functional outcomes;
7. Member must use Rozlytrek^{™*}, unless contraindicated or clinically significant adverse effects are experienced;

**Prior authorization may be required.*

8. For disease relapse or progression following Rozlytrek therapy, medical justification as to why additional NTRK targeted therapy is warranted;
9. Request meets one of the following (a, b, or c):*
 - a. Adults and pediatric members with body surface area $\geq 1.0 \text{ m}^2$: Dose does not exceed 200 mg per day;
 - b. Pediatric members with body surface area $< 1.0 \text{ m}^2$: Dose does not exceed 200 mg/m² per day;
 - c. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN.*

Approval duration:

Medicaid/HIM – 6 months

Commercial – Length of Benefit

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.

II. Continued Therapy

A. NTRK-Fusion Positive Cancer (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Vitrakvi for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. For Vitrakvi request, medical justification supports inability to use larotrectinib, if available, (e.g., contraindications to excipients);
4. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a, b, c):*
 - a. Adults and pediatric members with body surface area $\geq 1.0 \text{ m}^2$: New dose does not exceed 200 mg per day;
 - b. Pediatric members with body surface area $< 1.0 \text{ m}^2$: New dose does not exceed 200 mg/m² per day;
 - c. New dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (*prescriber must submit supporting evidence*).

**Prescribed regimen must be FDA-approved or recommended by NCCN.*

Approval duration:

Medicaid/HIM – 12 months

Commercial – Length of Benefit

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

- Small bowel adenocarcinoma
- Soft tissue sarcoma (e.g., extremity/body wall, head/neck, retroperitoneal/intraabdominal, solitary fibrous tumor, infantile fibrosarcoma, gastrointestinal stromal tumor)
- Thyroid carcinoma (papillary, Hurthle cell, anaplastic, or follicular histology)

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
NTRK fusion-positive solid tumors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult and pediatric patients with body surface area $\geq 1.0 \text{ m}^2$: 100 mg PO BID until disease progression or until unacceptable toxicity • Pediatric patients with body surface area $< 1.0 \text{ m}^2$: 100 mg/m² PO BID until disease progression or until unacceptable toxicity 	200 mg/day

VI. Product Availability

- Capsules: 25 mg, 100 mg
- Oral solution (100 mL bottle): 20 mg/mL

VII. References

1. Vitrakvi Prescribing Information. Stamford, CT: Loxo Oncology, Inc.; March 2021. Available at: www.vitrakvi.com. Accessed April 8, 2021.
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3. Drilon A, Laetsch TW, Kummar S, et al. Efficacy of larotrectinib in TRK fusion-positive cancers in adults and children. N Eng J Med 2018;378:731-9. DOI:10.1056/NEJMoa1714448.

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
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No significant changes; finalized line of business to apply to HIM.	04.22.19	
1Q 2020 annual review: removed HIM disclaimer for HIM NF drugs; criteria adjusted to accommodate NCCN recommended uses; references reviewed and updated.	11.19.19	02.20
Added redirection to Rozlytrek per August SDC and prior clinical guidance.	08.19.20	
1Q 2021 annual review: oral oncology generic redirection language added; tumor subtype and subsequent therapy restrictions removed per NCCN; kinase resistance mutation confirmation added/if known, exclusion added (Section III); references to HIM.PHAR.21 revised to HIM.PA.154; references reviewed and updated.	11.14.20	02.21
RT4: updated FDA indication to include additional language for use of a FDA-approved test.	04.08.21	

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Note:

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