

Medical Policy:

Vyalev (foscarnidopa and foslevodopa) subcutaneous injection

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Definitions

Vyalev, a combination continuous subcutaneous infusion of foscarnidopa and foslevodopa, is indicated for the treatment of motor fluctuations in adults with advanced Parkinson’s disease

Length of Authorization

Approve for 1 year

Dosing Limits [Medical Benefit]

Approve up to 3,525 mg foslevodopa (equivalent to approximately 2,500 mg levodopa) every day.

Guideline

1. **Parkinson’s Disease.** Approve for 1 year if the patient meets ALL of the following (A, B, C, D, **AND** E):
 - A. Patient is diagnosed with advanced Parkinson’s disease; **AND**
 - B. Patient is experiencing “off” episodes such as muscle stiffness, slow movements, or difficulty starting movements; **AND**
 - C. Patient has tried an oral carbidopa/levodopa therapy and meets ONE of the following (i **OR** ii):

- i. Patient had significant intolerance, according to the prescriber; **OR**
- ii. Patient had inadequate efficacy, according to the prescriber; **AND**
- D. Patient has previously tried or currently receiving ONE other treatment for “off” episodes; **AND**
Note: *Examples of treatment for “off” episodes include entacapone, rasagiline, pramipexole, ropinirole, tolcapone, cabergoline, selegiline, Ongentys (opicapone capsules), or Xadago (safinamide tablets).*
- E. The medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist.

Applicable Procedure Codes

Code	Description
J3490	Unclassified drugs
C9399	Unclassified drugs or biologicals

Applicable NDCs

Code	Description
00074-0501-01	Carton containing seven 10-mL vials of Vyalev solution

ICD-10 Diagnoses

Code	Description
G20.A2	Parkinson'S Disease Without Dyskinesia, With Fluctuations
G20.B1	Parkinson'S Disease With Dyskinesia, Without Mention Of Fluctuations
G20.B2	Parkinson'S Disease With Dyskinesia, With Fluctuations

Revision History

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EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	02/06/2025	New Policy

References

1. Vyalev™ subcutaneous injection [prescribing information]. North Chicago, IL: AbbVie; October 2024.