

Clinical Policy: Lasmiditan (Reyvow)

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Description

Lasmiditan (Reyvow™) is a serotonin (5-HT) 1F agonist.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Reyvow is indicated for the acute treatment of migraine with or without aura in adults.

Limitation(s) of use: Reyvow is not indicated for the preventive treatment of migraine.

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

I. Initial Approval Criteria**A. Migraines (must meet all):**

1. Diagnosis of migraine headaches;
2. Age ≥ 18 years;
3. Failure of at least TWO formulary generic 5HT_{1B/1D}-agonist migraine medications (e.g., sumatriptan, rizatriptan, zolmitriptan) at up to maximally indicated doses, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated;^
**Prior authorization may be required.*
**For Illinois HIM requests, the step therapy requirements above do not apply as of 1/1/2026 per IL HB 5395*
4. For requests for quantities greater than two doses per month, 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*);*
**For Illinois HIM requests, the step therapy requirements above do not apply as of 1/1/2026 per IL HB 5395*
 - b. Member is being treated by or in consultation with a neurologist, headache, or pain specialist;
5. Dose does not exceed all the following (a, b, and c):
 - a. 200 mg per day;
 - b. 2 tablets per day;
 - c. 4 days per month.

Approval duration:

Medicaid/HIM – 12 months

Commercial – 12 months or duration of request, whichever is less

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. Migraines (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. For dose increase requests for quantities greater than two doses per month, 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*);*
**For Illinois HIM requests, the step therapy requirements above do not apply as of 1/1/2026 per IL HB 5395*
 - b. Member is being treated by or in consultation with a neurologist, headache, or pain specialist;
4. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed all the following (a, b, and c):
 - a. 200 mg per day;
 - b. 2 tablets per day;
 - c. 4 days per month.

Approval duration:

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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

5-HT: serotonin

AAN: American Academy of Neurology

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

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 (Amerge [®])	One tablet (1 or 2.5 mg) PO at onset; can be repeated in 4 hours	5 mg/day
almotriptan (Axert [®])	6.25 to 12.5 mg PO QD May repeat dose in 2 hours	25 mg/day
frovatriptan (Frova [®])	2.5 mg PO QD May repeat dose in 2 hours	7.5 mg/day
sumatriptan (Imitrex [®] nasal spray)	One spray (5 – 20mg) at onset into one nostril; can be repeated in 2 hours	40 mg/day

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
sumatriptan (Imitrex [®])	One tablet (25 -100mg) PO at onset; can be repeated in two hours	200 mg/day
rizatriptan (Maxalt [®] /Maxalt MLT [®])	One tablet (5 or 10 mg) PO at onset of migraine headache; can be repeated in two hours	30 mg/day
eletriptan (Relpax [®])	20 or 40 mg PO QD May repeat dose in 2 hours	40 mg/dose 80 mg/day
zolmitriptan (Zomig [®] /Zomig [®] ZMT)	1.25 or 2.5 mg PO QD May repeat dose in 2 hours	5 mg/dose 10 mg/day
Anticonvulsants such as: divalproex (Depakote [®]), topiramate (Topamax [®]), valproate sodium	Migraine Prophylaxis <i>Refer to prescribing information or Micromedex</i>	<i>Refer to prescribing information or Micromedex</i>
Beta-blockers such as: propranolol (Inderal [®]), metoprolol (Lopressor [®])*, timolol, atenolol (Tenormin [®])*, nadolol (Corgard [®])*	Migraine Prophylaxis <i>Refer to prescribing information or Micromedex</i>	<i>Refer to prescribing information or Micromedex</i>
Antidepressants/tricyclic antidepressants* such as: amitriptyline (Elavil [®]), venlafaxine (Effexor [®])	Migraine Prophylaxis <i>Refer to prescribing information or Micromedex</i>	<i>Refer to prescribing information or Micromedex</i>

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.

**Off-label use*

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

None reported

Appendix D: General Information

- 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.

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Migraines	50 mg, 100 mg, or 200 mg PO, as needed. No more than one dose should be taken in 24 hours. A second dose has not been shown to be effective for the same migraine attack.	200 mg/dose/24 hours

VI. Product Availability

Tablets: 50 mg, 100 mg

VII. References

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
1Q 2021 annual review: no significant changes; references to HIM.PHAR.21 revised to HIM.PA.154; references reviewed and updated.	11.12.20	02.21
RT4: added new dose strength of 200mg tablet	07.01.21	
1Q 2022 annual review: modified Commercial approval duration from length of benefit to 12 months or duration of request, whichever is less; references reviewed and updated.	09.15.21	02.22
Divided up maximum daily dose, quantity per day, and quantity per month into separate criteria for clarity.	06.24.22	
Template changes applied to other diagnoses/indications and continued therapy section.	10.05.22	

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1Q 2023 annual review: no significant changes; removed 200 mg strength per updated PI and revised maximum tablets allowed from 1 to 2 tablets; references reviewed and updated.	01.25.23	02.23
1Q 2024 annual review: added pain specialist prescriber option; clarified redirection should be to <i>generic</i> 5HT _{1B/1D} -agonist migraine medications; add to continuation of therapy similar requirement for dose increase requests for quantities greater than two doses per month as required currently for initial requests; references reviewed and updated.	10.20.23	02.24
1Q 2025 annual review: for requests for quantities greater than two doses per month modified to require both specialist prescribing and use of prophylactic therapy to align with criteria requirements of other acute migraine therapy; references reviewed and updated.	10.22.24	02.25
Added step therapy bypass for IL HIM per IL HB 5395.	09.16.25	

Important Reminder

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Note:

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