

Hemgenix (etranacogene dezaparovec)

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Summary

Hemophilia B is a type of bleeding disorder caused by low levels of clotting factor IX (factor IX deficiency), preventing blood from clotting properly. Because factor IX genes are on the X chromosome, severe hemophilia is most common in males because males have only one X chromosome. While females can also get hemophilia, it is usually milder. The severity of hemophilia B is classified based on clotting factor activity level detected in blood and bleeding severity:

- Mild disease:
 - Clotting factor activity level more than 5% but less than 40% of normal (more than 5 but less than 40 units/dL)
 - Frequency of bleeding episodes varies from once a year to once a decade (usually after major trauma)
- Moderate disease:
 - Clotting factor activity level 1% to 5% of normal (1-5 units/dL)
 - Frequency of bleeding episodes varies from one per month to one per year (usually after trauma or minor injury)

- Severe disease:
 - Clotting factor activity level less than 1% of normal (less than 1 unit/dL)
 - Frequent spontaneous bleeding episodes (e.g., 2-5 per month) and after minor injury

Treatment depends on how severe the condition is, and usually involves replacing the missing clotting factor through factor replacement therapy. Factor replacement therapy is given mainly to prevent bleeding or to treat a bleed when it happens. Hemgenix (etranacogene dezaparvovec) is an adeno-associated virus vector-based gene therapy indicated for the treatment of adults with Hemophilia B (congenital Factor IX deficiency) who:

- Currently use Factor IX prophylaxis therapy; **or**
- Have current or historical life-threatening hemorrhage; **or**
- Have repeated, serious spontaneous bleeding episodes.

Definitions

“**Congenital**” means a condition present from birth.

“**Endogenous**” refers to factors made inside the body.

“**Hemophilia**” is a condition in which blood doesn't clot normally due to missing a protein. There are two main types, hemophilia A (factor VIII is missing or very low) or hemophilia B (factor IX is missing or very low).

“**Hemorrhage**” is the medical term for bleeding.

“**Prophylaxis**” is to prevent a disease from occurring.

“**Spontaneous**” is to happen without cause or involuntarily.

Medical Necessity Criteria for Authorization

The Plan considers **Hemgenix (etranacogene dezaparvovec)** medically necessary when **ALL** of the following criteria are met:

1. Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist; **AND**
2. The member meets **ALL** of the following:
 - a. is a male 18 years of age or older; **and**

- b. has a diagnosis of congenital hemophilia B and documentation of at least **ONE** of the following:
 - i. Known severe or moderately severe factor IX deficiency (defined as less than or equal to (\leq) 2% of normal circulating endogenous factor IX); **or**
 - ii. Is on continuous routine factor IX prophylaxis; **or**
 - iii. Have current or historical life-threatening hemorrhage; **or**
 - iv. Have repeated, serious spontaneous bleeding episodes; **AND**
- 3. The member does **NOT** have ANY of the following:
 - a. Advanced hepatic impairment, including cirrhosis or advanced liver fibrosis (suggestive of or equal to METAVIR Stage 3 disease; e.g., a FibroScan score of ≥ 9 kPa is considered equivalent); **or**
 - b. History of factor IX inhibitors or positive test result for human factor IX inhibitors; **or**
 - c. Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) not controlled with anti-viral therapy (as shown by CD4+ counts $\leq 200/\mu\text{L}$); **or**
 - d. Prior treatment with gene therapy; **or**
 - e. Uncontrolled Hepatitis B or C.

Experimental or Investigational / Not Medically Necessary

Hemgenix (etranacogene dezaparovec) for any other indication is *not covered* by the Plan, as it is considered experimental or investigational. Non-covered indications include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Use in individuals whose sex is not male, unless the prescriber is able to provide information that the requested agent is medically appropriate for the patient's sex.
- Use in males less than 18 years of age. The safety and efficacy of Hemgenix (etranacogene dezaparovec) in pediatric patients have not been established.
- Re-treatment [Hemgenix (etranacogene dezaparovec) is indicated for one-time single-dose intravenous use only].

Applicable Billing Codes (HCPCS/CPT Codes)

Service(s) name	
CPT/HCPCS Codes considered medically necessary if criteria are met:	
<i>Code</i>	<i>Description</i>

96365	Intravenous infusion, for therapy, prophylaxis, or diagnosis (specify substance or drug); initial, up to 1 hour
96366	Intravenous infusion, for therapy, prophylaxis, or diagnosis (specify substance or drug); each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
J1411	Injection, etranacogene dezaparvovec-drlb, per therapeutic dose
ICD-10 codes considered medically necessary if criteria are met:	
<i>Code</i>	<i>Description</i>
D67	Hereditary factor IX deficiency

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