

Clinical Policy: Rifapentine (Priftin)

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Description

Rifapentine (Priftin[®]) is a cyclopentyl rifamycin antimycobacterial agent.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Priftin is indicated for:

- Patients 12 years of age and older for the treatment of active pulmonary tuberculosis (TB) caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (*M. tuberculosis*) in combination with one or more anti-tuberculosis drugs to which the isolate is susceptible
- The treatment of latent tuberculosis infection (LTBI) caused by *M. tuberculosis* in combination with isoniazid in patients 2 years of age and older at high risk of progression to TB disease.

Limitation(s) of use:

- Do not use Priftin monotherapy in either the initial or the continuation phases of active antituberculous treatment. Priftin should not be used once-weekly in the continuation phase regimen in combination with isoniazid in HIV-infected patients with active TB because of a higher rate of failure and/or relapse with rifampin-resistant organisms. Priftin has not been studied as part of the initial phase treatment regimen in HIV-infected patients with active pulmonary tuberculosis
- Active tuberculosis disease should be ruled out before initiating treatment for latent tuberculosis infection. Priftin must always be used in combination with isoniazid as a 12-week once-weekly regimen for the treatment of latent tuberculosis infection. Priftin in combination with isoniazid is not recommended for individuals presumed to be exposed to rifamycin- or - isoniazid resistant *M. tuberculosis*.

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

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Active Pulmonary Tuberculosis Infection (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of TB;
2. Age \geq 12 years;

3. Prescribed by or in consultation with an infectious disease specialist, pulmonologist, or expert in the treatment of tuberculosis (e.g., state or county public health department, specialists affiliated with TB Centers of Excellence as designated by the CDC, infectious disease specialists managing TB clinics);
4. Prescribed in combination with one or more anti-tuberculosis drugs (e.g., isoniazid, rifampin, pyrazinamide, ethambutol);
5. If request is for the 4 month daily Priftin regimen, prescribed in combination with isoniazid, moxifloxacin, and pyrazinamide (off-label);
6. If member is HIV-positive, both of the following (a and b):
 - a. Request is for the 4 month daily Priftin regimen (off-label);
 - b. Recent (within the last 30 days) CD4 count ≥ 100 cells/mm³;
7. Dose does not exceed one of the following (a or b):
 - a. For 6 month regimen, both of the following (i and ii):
 - i. Induction phase of treatment: 600 mg twice weekly for 2 months;
 - ii. Continuation phase: 600 mg (4 tablets) once weekly for 4 months;
 - b. For 4 month regimen (off-label): 1,200 mg (8 tablets) per day for 119 doses.

Approval duration: 6 months

B. Latent Tuberculosis Infection (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of LTBI;
2. Age ≥ 2 years;
3. Prescribed in combination with isoniazid;
4. Dose does not exceed one of the following (a or b):
 - a. 900 mg (6 tablets) per week;
 - b. For member with HIV, 600 mg (4 tablets) per day for 4 weeks.

Approval duration: 12 weeks

C. 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.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.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.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

II. Continued Therapy

A. Active Pulmonary Tuberculosis (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 has not received more than 6 months of therapy;
3. Prescribed in combination with one or more anti-tuberculosis drugs (e.g., isoniazid, rifampin, pyrazinamide, ethambutol);
4. If request is for the 4 month daily Priftin regimen, prescribed in combination with isoniazid, moxifloxacin, and pyrazinamide (off-label);
5. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed one of the following (a or b):
 - a. For 6 month regimen, both of the following (i and ii):
 - i. Induction phase of treatment: 600 mg twice weekly for 2 months;
 - ii. Continuation phase: 600 mg (4 tablets) once weekly for 4 months;
 - b. For 4 month regimen (off-label): 1,200 mg (8 tablets) per day for 119 doses.

Approval duration: Up to 6 months of total treatment

B. Latent Tuberculosis Infection (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 has not received more than 12 weeks of therapy;
3. Prescribed in combination with isoniazid;
4. Dose does not exceed 900 mg (6 tablets) per week.

Approval duration: Up to 12 weeks of total treatment

C. 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.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.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.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.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

FDA: Food and Drug Administration
HIV: human immunodeficiency virus
INH: isoniazid
LTBI: latent tuberculosis infection

M. tuberculosis: Mycobacterium tuberculosis
DOT: directly observed therapy
RIF: rifampin

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 and may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
isoniazid	5 mg/kg up to 300 mg daily in a single dose or 15 mg/kg up to 900 mg/day, two or three times/week PO or IM	300 mg/day daily or 900 mg/day for twice weekly therapy

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.

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s): history of hypersensitivity of rifamycins
- Boxed warning(s): none reported

Appendix D: General Information

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Centers of Excellence for TB:
https://www.cdc.gov/tb-programs/php/about/tb-coe.html?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/tb/education/tb_coe/default.htm

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Active Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Initial: 600 mg twice weekly for two months as directly observed therapy (DOT), with no less than 72 hours between doses, in combination with other anti- tuberculosis drugs for 2 months Continuation: 600 mg once-weekly for 4 months as DOT with isoniazid or another appropriate anti- tuberculosis agent for 4 months	900 mg/ dose

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Latent Tuberculosis Infection	In combination with isoniazid once-weekly for 12 weeks as directly observed therapy or self administration Adults and children ≥ 12 years: Priftin (based on weight, see table below) and isoniazid 15 mg/kg (900 mg maximum) Children 2–11 years: Priftin (based on weight, see table below) and isoniazid 25 mg/kg (900 mg maximum) HIV, 4 week regimen – weight-based rifapentine in combination with isoniazid 300 mg and pyridoxine 25-50 mg PO QD: < 35 kg: 300 mg PO QD 35-45 kg: 450 mg PO QD >45 kg: 600 mg PO QD	12 week regimen: 900 mg/dose 4 week regimen: 600 mg/day

Weight Range	Priftin Dose	Number of Priftin tablets
10–14 kg	300 mg	2
14.1–25 kg	450 mg	3
25.1– 32 kg	600 mg	4
32.1–50 kg	750 mg	5
> 50 kg	900 mg	6

VI. Product Availability

Tablet: 150 mg

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Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
1Q 2021 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	11.03.20	02.21
1Q 2022 annual review: for latent TB modified isoniazid trial duration from 9 to 6 months per CDC and WHO treatment guidelines; references reviewed and updated.	09.23.21	02.22
Template changes applied to other diagnoses/indications and continued therapy section.	09.19.22	
1Q 2023 annual review: for active pulmonary TB per updated CDC/WHO recommendations added requirements for optional 4 month daily Priftin regimen prescribed in combination with isoniazid, moxifloxacin, and pyrazinamide as well as maximum dosing requirements, also added option for HIV-positive use requiring CD4 count ≥ 100 cells/mm ³ ; added requirement for specialist prescribing by or in consultation with an infectious disease specialist, pulmonologist, or expert in the treatment of tuberculosis; references reviewed and updated.	10.25.22	02.23
For latent TB, removed redirection to isoniazid per CDC Latent TB guidelines.	03.27.23	08.23
1Q 2024 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	10.20.23	02.24

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1Q 2025 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	10.22.24	02.25

Important Reminder

This clinical policy has been developed by appropriately experienced and licensed health care professionals based on a review and consideration of currently available generally accepted standards of medical practice; peer-reviewed medical literature; government agency/program approval status; evidence-based guidelines and positions of leading national health professional organizations; views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas affected by this clinical policy; and other available clinical information. The Health Plan makes no representations and accepts no liability with respect to the content of any external information used or relied upon in developing this clinical policy. This clinical policy is consistent with standards of medical practice current at the time that this clinical policy was approved. “Health Plan” means a health plan that has adopted this clinical policy and that is operated or administered, in whole or in part, by Centene Management Company, LLC, or any of such health plan’s affiliates, as applicable.

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