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## Brinsupri

### Description

#### Brinsupri (brensocatib)

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#### Background

Brinsupri (brensocatib) is a competitive, reversible inhibitor of dipeptidyl peptidase 1 (DPP1). DPP1 activates pro-inflammatory neutrophil serine proteases (NSPs) during neutrophil maturation in the bone marrow. Activated NSPs are implicated in the pathogenesis of neutrophil-mediated non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis (NCFB) inflammation. In cell-based assays, DPP1 inhibition by Brinsupri reduces the activity of NSPs including neutrophil elastase, cathepsin G, and proteinase 3 (1).

#### Regulatory Status

FDA-approved indication: Brinsupri is a dipeptidyl peptidase 1 (DPP1) inhibitor indicated for the treatment of non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis in adult and pediatric patients 12 years of age and older (1).

Brinsupri carries warnings for dermatologic adverse reactions, gingival and periodontal adverse reactions, and avoiding use of live attenuated vaccines. Monitor the patient for the development of new rash or skin conditions and refer to a dermatologist for evaluation. Refer patients to dental care services for regular dental checkups while taking Brinsupri and advise patients to perform routine dental hygiene. Concomitant use of Brinsupri and live attenuated vaccines has not been evaluated. The use of live attenuated vaccines should be avoided in patients receiving Brinsupri (1).

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Effective airway clearance, coupled with maintaining good hydration, is an integral component of managing bronchiectasis, both in the long term and in the context of an acute exacerbation. Mucolytics can be used as an adjunct to chest clearance (2).

The safety and effectiveness of Brinsupri in pediatric patients less than 12 years of age have not been established (1).

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## Related policies

### Policy

*This policy statement applies to clinical review performed for pre-service (Prior Approval, Precertification, Advanced Benefit Determination, etc.) and/or post-service claims.*

Brinsupri may be considered **medically necessary** if the conditions indicated below are met.

Brinsupri may be considered **investigational** for all other indications.

## Prior-Approval Requirements

**Age** 12 years of age or older

### Diagnosis

Patient must have the following:

Non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis (NCFB)

**AND ALL** of the following:

1. Diagnosis confirmed by chest computed tomography
2. Patient has had at least 2 documented pulmonary exacerbations in the past 12 months that required the use of antibiotics
3. Patient will be advised to perform routine dental hygiene and schedule regular dental checkups
4. **NOT** given concurrently with live attenuated vaccines

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## Prior – Approval *Renewal* Requirements

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**Age** 12 years of age or older

## Diagnosis

Patient must have the following:

Non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis (NCFB)

**AND ALL** of the following:

1. Patient has had clinical benefit from Brinsupri therapy (e.g., decrease in exacerbations, increase in FEV1)
2. Patient will be advised to perform routine dental hygiene and schedule regular dental checkups
3. **NOT** given concurrently with live attenuated vaccines

## Policy Guidelines

### Pre - PA Allowance

None

### Prior - Approval Limits

**Quantity** 25 mg per day

**Duration** 12 months

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### Prior – Approval *Renewal* Limits

Same as above

## Rationale

### Summary

Brinsupri is a DPP1 inhibitor indicated for the treatment of non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis. Brinsupri carries warnings for dermatologic adverse reactions, gingival and periodontal adverse reactions, and avoiding use of live attenuated vaccines. The safety and effectiveness of Brinsupri in pediatric patients less than 12 years of age have not been established (1).

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Prior approval is required to ensure the safe, clinically appropriate, and cost-effective use of Brinsupri while maintaining optimal therapeutic outcomes.

## References

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## Policy History

Date	Action
September 2025	Addition to PA
December 2025	Annual review. Per SME, added paragraph to regulatory status about the importance of maintaining airway clearance in patients
March 2026	Annual review

## Keywords

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