

Specialty Guideline Management-FEHB

Lupron Depot-PED

Products Referenced by this Document

Drugs that are listed in the following table include both brand and generic and all dosage forms and strengths unless otherwise stated. Over-the-counter (OTC) products are not included unless otherwise stated.

Brand Name	Generic Name
Lupron Depot-PED	leuprolide acetate depot suspension

Indications

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

FDA-Approved Indication¹

Lupron Depot-PED is indicated for the treatment of pediatric patients with central precocious puberty (CPP).

Compendial Uses⁷⁻⁹

Gender dysphoria (also known as transgender and gender diverse [TGD] persons)

All other indications are considered experimental/investigational and not medically necessary.

Documentation

Submission of the following information is necessary to initiate the prior authorization review: For central precocious puberty, laboratory report or medical record of a pubertal response to a gonadotropin

releasing hormone (GnRH) agonist test or a pubertal level of a third-generation luteinizing hormone (LH) assay.

Coverage Criteria

Central Precocious Puberty (CPP)^{1-6,10}

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of CPP when all of the following criteria are met:

- The diagnosis of CPP has been confirmed by a pubertal response to a gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH) agonist test or a pubertal level of a third-generation luteinizing hormone (LH) assay.
- The assessment of bone age versus chronological age supports the diagnosis of CPP.
- The member meets either of the following criteria:
 - The member is a female and was less than 8 years of age at the onset of secondary sexual characteristics.
 - The member is a male and was less than 9 years of age at the onset of secondary sexual characteristics.
- The pathologic cause of CPP has been assessed (e.g., imaging screening for intracranial tumors, genetic testing for familial CPP [e.g., MKRN3 or DLK1 mutations]).

Gender Dysphoria^{7-9,13}

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for gender transition when all of the following criteria are met:

- The member has a diagnosis of gender dysphoria.
- Member is at least 19 years of age or older.
- The member is able to make an informed decision to engage in treatment.
- The member will receive the requested medication concomitantly with gender-affirming hormones.
- The member's comorbid conditions are reasonably controlled.
- The member has been educated on any contraindications and side effects to therapy.
- The member has been informed of fertility preservation options.

Continuation of Therapy

Central Precocious Puberty (CPP)^{2,4,10}

Authorization of up to 12 months may be granted for continued treatment for CPP when the member meets all of the following criteria:

- The member is currently receiving the requested medication through a paid pharmacy or medical benefit.
- The member is either a female less than 12 years of age or a male less than 13 years of age.
- The member is not experiencing treatment failure (e.g., clinical pubertal progression, lack of growth deceleration, continued excessive bone age advancement).

Gender Dysphoria^{11,13}

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for continued treatment for gender transition in members requesting reauthorization when all of the following criteria are met:

- The member has a diagnosis of gender dysphoria.
- Member is at least 19 years of age or older.
- The member is able to make an informed decision to engage in treatment.
- The member will receive the requested medication concomitantly with gender-affirming hormones.
- The member's comorbid conditions are reasonably controlled.
- The member has been educated on any contraindications and side effects to therapy.
- Before the start of therapy, the member has been informed of fertility preservation options.

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