

PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT North Carolina Marketplace

DRUG NAME	Naglazyme (galsulfase)
BILLING CODE	J1458
BENEFIT TYPE	Medical
SITE OF SERVICE ALLOWED	Home/Office/Outpatient
STATUS	Prior Authorization Required

Naglazyme is an enzyme replacement therapy that was approved by the FDA in 2005 for treating Mucopolysaccharidosis VI, also known as MPS VI or Maroteaux-Lamy syndrome. MPS VI is a rare, genetic lysosomal storage disease. Pathogenic mutations of the ARSB gene cause the enzyme arylsulfatase B (ASB) (also known as N-acetylgalactosamine-4-sulfatase) to be deficient or absent. Usually this lysosomal enzyme breaks down glycosaminoglycans (GAGs) (previously known as mucopolysaccharides) but when it is reduced in MPS VI, the GAG substrate dermatan sulfate accumulates throughout the body to cause progressive multi-systemic damage and dysfunction. Clinically, Naglazyme has been shown to improve walking and stair-climbing capacity.

Naglazyme (galsulfase) will be considered for coverage when the following criteria are met:

Mucopolysaccharidosis VI (MPS VI; Maroteaux-Lamy syndrome)

For **initial** authorization:

1. Medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with a geneticist, metabolic specialist, or pediatrician experienced with managing mucopolysaccharidoses; AND
2. Member has a diagnosis of MPS VI confirmed by at least one of the following:
 - a) ASB enzyme activity is less than 10% of the lower limit of normal AND activity of a second sulfatase is normal (to exclude Multiple Sulfatase Deficiency), and/or
 - b) Molecular genetic analysis identifying mutations of the ARSB gene; AND
3. Chart notes must include baseline urinary GAG (uGAG) levels showing elevated dermatan sulfate.
4. **Dosage allowed/Quantity limit:** 1 mg/kg once weekly as an IV infusion

If all the above requirements are met, the medication will be approved for 6 months.

For **reauthorization**:

1. Chart notes must show improvement or stabilized signs and symptoms of disease such as improved endurance (e.g. walk test or stair climb) and/or reduced uGAG levels.

If all the above requirements are met, the medication will be approved for an additional 12 months.

CareSource considers Naglazyme (galsulfase) not medically necessary for the treatment of conditions that are not listed in this document. For any other indication, please refer to the Off-Label policy.

DATE	ACTION/DESCRIPTION
07/09/2021	New policy for Naglazyme created.

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