

# PHARMACY POLICY STATEMENT

## Georgia Medicaid

<b>DRUG NAME</b>	<b>Fabrazyme (agalsidase beta)</b>
BILLING CODE	J0180
BENEFIT TYPE	Medical
STATUS	Prior Authorization Required

Fabrazyme is an enzyme replacement therapy (ERT) indicated for the treatment of confirmed Fabry disease, to replace the enzyme alpha-galactosidase A (alpha-Gal A). Fabry disease, a lysosomal storage disorder, is a rare genetic disease caused by certain mutations of the GLA gene resulting in deficient alpha-Gal A. Normally this enzyme breaks down certain lipids in lysosomes, such as globotriaosylceramide (GL-3). Without it, GL-3 accumulates in blood vessels, the kidneys, heart, nerves, and other organs. The continuous build-up of GL-3 results in progressive cell damage and subsequent symptoms and manifestations in the affected organ systems.

Fabrazyme (agalsidase beta) will be considered for coverage when the following criteria are met:

### Fabry Disease

For **initial** authorization:

1. Member is at least 2 years of age; AND
2. Medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with a medical geneticist, nephrologist, cardiologist, neurologist, or metabolic specialist; AND
3. Member has a diagnosis of Fabry disease confirmed by genetic testing which identifies a pathogenic mutation of the *GLA* gene; AND
4. Member displays symptoms of Fabry disease (i.e., neuropathic pain, renal disease, cardiac disease, abdominal pain, impaired sweating); NOTE: Exception-- Males 8 years of age or older with "classic" gene variants do not need to be symptomatic to qualify for treatment. Males with "non-classic" gene variants and asymptomatic females may be treated if there is documentation of symptoms noted above that warrant treatment with ERT; AND
5. Fabrazyme will NOT be used in combination with Galafold.
6. **Dosage allowed/Quantity limit:** 1 mg/kg body weight infused every two weeks 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 positive clinical response such as stabilized kidney function (e.g., GFR, proteinuria), reduced plasma or tissue GL-3 levels, or other improved Fabry symptoms.

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

**CareSource considers Fabrazyme (agalsidase beta) 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
06/17/2021	New policy for Fabrazyme created.
11/22/2022	Annual review; added reference.

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