



## PRIOR AUTHORIZATION POLICY

**POLICY:** Complement Inhibitors – Voydeya Prior Authorization Policy

- Voydeya™ (danicopan tablets – Alexion)

**REVIEW DATE:** 05/21/2025

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

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## CIGNA NATIONAL FORMULARY COVERAGE:

### OVERVIEW

Voydeya, a complement Factor D inhibitor, is indicated as add-on therapy to eculizumab intravenous infusion (Soliris®, biosimilars) or Ultomiris® (ravulizumab-cwvz intravenous infusion) for the **treatment of extravascular hemolysis in adults with paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH)**.

Limitation of use: Voydeya has not been shown to be effective as monotherapy and should only be prescribed as an add-on to eculizumab or Ultomiris.

### Disease Overview

Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH) is a rare, genetic disorder of hematopoietic stem cells.<sup>2,3</sup> The mutation in the X-linked gene phosphatidylinositol glycan class A (PIGA) results in a deficiency in the glycosylphosphatidylinositol (GPI) protein, which is responsible for anchoring other protein moieties to the surface of the erythrocytes. Loss of anchoring of these proteins causes cells to hemolyze and

leads to complications such as hemolytic anemia, thrombosis, and peripheral blood cytopenias. PNH is a clinical diagnosis that should be confirmed with peripheral blood flow cytometry to detect the absence or severe deficiency of GPI-anchored proteins on at least two lineages.<sup>2,5</sup> Prior to the availability of complement inhibitors, only supportive management, in terms of managing the cytopenias and controlling thrombotic risk were available. Supportive measures include platelet transfusion, immunosuppressive therapy for patients with bone marrow failure, use of erythropoietin for anemias, and aggressive anticoagulation.

## **Safety**

Voydeya has a Boxed Warning about serious infections caused by encapsulated bacteria.<sup>1</sup> Voydeya is only available through a restricted access program, Voydeya Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS).

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

Prior Authorization is recommended for prescription benefit coverage of Voydeya. All approvals are provided for the duration noted below. In cases where the approval is authorized in months, 1 month is equal to 30 days. Because of the specialized skills required for evaluation and diagnosis of patients treated with Voydeya as well as the monitoring required for adverse events and long-term efficacy, approval requires Voydeya to be prescribed by or in consultation with a physician who specializes in the condition being treated.

• **Voydeya™ (danicopan tablets – Alexion)**  
**is(are) covered as medically necessary when the following criteria is(are) met for FDA-approved indication(s) or other uses with supportive evidence (if applicable):**

## **FDA-Approved Indication**

**1. Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria.** Approve for the duration noted if the patient meets ONE of the following (A or B):

**A) Initial therapy.** Approve for 3 months if the patient meets ALL of the following (i, ii, iii, and iv):

- i.** Patient is  $\geq 18$  years of age; AND
- ii.** Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria diagnosis was confirmed by peripheral blood flow cytometry results showing the absence or deficiency of glycosylphosphatidylinositol-anchored proteins on at least two cell lineages; AND
- iii.** The medication is prescribed in combination with eculizumab intravenous infusion (Soliris, biosimilars) or Ultomiris (ravulizumab-cwvz intravenous infusion); AND
- iv.** According to the prescriber, patient has clinically significant extravascular hemolysis (while receiving eculizumab or Ultomiris), as evidenced by objective laboratory findings.; AND

Note: Examples of objective laboratory findings include reduction in hemoglobin levels, elevated reticulocyte counts, increased transfusion requirements, transfusion-dependence.

v. The medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist; OR  
**B) Patient is Currently Receiving Voydeya.** Approve for 1 year if the patient meets ALL of the following (i, ii, iii, and iv):

i. Patient is  $\geq 18$  years of age; AND

ii. The medication is prescribed in combination with eculizumab intravenous infusion (Soliris, biosimilars) or Ultomiris (ravulizumab-cwvz intravenous infusion); AND

iii. According to the prescriber, patient is continuing to derive benefit from Voydeya; AND

Note: Examples of benefit include increase in or stabilization of hemoglobin levels, decreased transfusion requirements or transfusion independence, reductions in hemolysis, improvement in Functional Assessment of Chronic Illness Therapy (FACIT)-Fatigue score.

iv. The medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist.

## CONDITIONS NOT COVERED

• **Voydeya™ (danicopan tablets – Alexion)**  
**is(are) considered not medically necessary for ANY other use(s) including the following (this list may not be all inclusive; criteria will be updated as new published data are available):**

**1. Concomitant Use with Empaveli (pegcetacoplan subcutaneous injection), Fabhalta (iptacopan capsules), or PiaSky (crovalimab-akkz intravenous infusion or subcutaneous injection).** There is no evidence to support concomitant use of Voydeya with Empaveli, Fabhalta, or PiaSky.

## REFERENCES

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## HISTORY

Type of Revision	Summary of Changes	Review Date
New Policy	--	05/02/2024
Selected Revision	<b>Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria</b> , Patient is Currently Receiving Voydeya: Criterion regarding patient with clinically significant extravascular hemolysis (while receiving Soliris or Ultomiris) was revised to remove "as defined by hemoglobin level $\leq 9.5$ g/dL and absolute reticulocyte count $\geq 120 \times 10^9/L$ " and the qualifiers "According to the prescriber" and "as evidenced by objective laboratory findings" were added. Examples of objective laboratory findings were added as a Note.	05/22/2024
Annual Revision	<b>Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria:</b> Biosimilars to Soliris were added to criteria where only Soliris was previously noted; Ultomiris subcutaneous injection was removed from criteria since the manufacturer has decided not to market the product. <b>Conditions Not Covered</b> : PiaSky was added to the list of medications that should not be used concomitantly with Voydeya.	05/21/2025

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