

Clinical Policy: Omadacycline (Nuzyra)

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Description

Omadacycline (Nuzyra™) is a tetracycline class antibacterial.

FDA Approved Indication(s)

Nuzyra is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with the following infections caused by susceptible microorganisms:

- Community-acquired bacterial pneumonia (CABP)
 - *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Staphylococcus aureus* (methicillin-susceptible isolates), *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Haemophilus parainfluenzae*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Legionella pneumophila*, *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*, and *Chlamydia pneumoniae*
- Acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections (ABSSSI)
 - *Staphylococcus aureus* (methicillin-susceptible and -resistant isolates), *Staphylococcus lugdunensis*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Streptococcus anginosus* grp. (includes *S. anginosus*, *S. intermedius*, and *S. constellatus*), *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Enterobacter cloacae*, and *Klebsiella pneumoniae*

To reduce the development of drug-resistant bacteria and maintain the effectiveness of Nuzyra and other antibacterial drugs, Nuzyra should be used only to treat or prevent infections that are proven or strongly suspected to be caused by susceptible bacteria.

Policy/Criteria

Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

It is the policy of health plans affiliated with Centene Corporation® that Nuzyra is **medically necessary** when the following criteria are met:

I. Initial Approval Criteria**A. Acute Bacterial Skin and Skin Structure Infections, Community-Acquired Bacterial Pneumonia (must meet all):**

1. Diagnosis of ABSSSI or CABP;
2. Age ≥ 18 years;
3. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Request is for continuation of therapy initiated in an acute care hospital from which member was discharged;

- b. Both of the following (i and ii):
 - i. Culture and sensitivity (C&S) report for the current infection shows isolated pathogen is an organism susceptible to omadacycline, unless provider submits documentation that obtaining a C&S report is not feasible;
 - ii. Member meets one of the following (a, b, or c):*
**For Illinois HIM requests, the step therapy requirements below do not apply as of 1/1/2026 per IL HB 5395*
 - a) Failure of ≥ 2 formulary antibiotics to which the isolated pathogen is susceptible (if available) per C&S report, unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated;
 - b) C&S report shows resistance or lack of susceptibility of the isolated pathogen to all formulary antibiotics FDA-approved for member's diagnosis;
 - c) If provider documents that obtaining a C&S report is not feasible: Failure of ≥ 2 formulary antibiotics indicated for member's diagnosis (if available), unless clinically significant adverse effects are experienced or all are contraindicated;
- 4. Dose does not exceed one of the following (a or b):
 - a. ABSSSI (i and ii):
 - i. Loading dose: 200 mg IV (2 vials) on Day 1 or 450 mg PO (3 tablets) per day on Days 1 and 2;
 - ii. Maintenance dose: 100 mg IV (1 vial) per day or 300 mg PO (2 tablets) per day;
 - b. CABP (i and ii):
 - i. Loading dose: 200 mg IV (2 vials) or 600 mg PO (4 tablets) on Day 1;
 - ii. Maintenance dose: 100 mg IV (1 vial) per day or 300 mg PO (2 tablets) per day.

Approval duration: Up to 14 days of total treatment

B. Other diagnoses/indications (must meet 1 or 2):

- 1. If this drug has recently (within the last 6 months) undergone a label change (e.g., newly approved indication, age expansion, new dosing regimen) that is not yet reflected in this policy, refer to one of the following policies (a or b):
 - a. For drugs on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the no coverage criteria policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.33 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.255 for Medicaid; or
 - b. For drugs NOT on the formulary (commercial, health insurance marketplace) or PDL (Medicaid), the non-formulary policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.190 for commercial, HIM.PA.103 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.16 for Medicaid; or
- 2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

II. Continued Therapy

A. Acute Bacterial Skin and Skin Structure Infections, Community-Acquired Bacterial Pneumonia (must meet all):

1. Member meets one of the following (a, b, or c):
 - a. Currently receiving medication via Centene benefit or member has previously met initial approval criteria;
 - b. Member is currently receiving medication and is enrolled in a state and product with continuity of care regulations (*refer to state specific addendums for CC.PHARM.03A and CC.PHARM.03B*);
 - c. Request is for continuation of therapy initiated in an acute care hospital from which member was discharged;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. Member has not received ≥ 14 days of therapy for current infection;
4. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed one of the following (a or b):
 - a. 100 mg IV (1 vial) per day;
 - b. 300 mg PO (2 tablets) per day.

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2. If the requested use (e.g., diagnosis, age, dosing regimen) is NOT specifically listed under section III (Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized) AND criterion 1 above does not apply, refer to the off-label use policy for the relevant line of business: CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace, and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid.

III. Diagnoses/Indications for which coverage is NOT authorized:

- ### **A. Non-FDA approved indications, which are not addressed in this policy, unless there is sufficient documentation of efficacy and safety according to the off label use policies –**
- CP.CPA.09 for commercial, HIM.PA.154 for health insurance marketplace and CP.PMN.53 for Medicaid or evidence of coverage documents.

IV. Appendices/General Information

Appendix A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

ABSSSI: acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections

CABP: community-acquired bacterial pneumonia

C&S: culture and sensitivity

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

Appendix B: Therapeutic Alternatives

This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent for all relevant lines of business and may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
Therapeutic alternatives include formulary antibiotics that are indicated for member's diagnosis and have sufficient activity against the offending pathogen at the site of the infection.		

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name® (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name®) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

Appendix C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s): known hypersensitivity to omadacycline, tetracycline-class antibacterial drugs or any of the excipients in Nuzyra
- Boxed warning(s): none reported

V. Dosage and Administration

Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
CABP	Loading dose: Day 1: 200 mg IV over 60 minutes <i>OR</i> 100 mg IV over 30 minutes twice <i>OR</i> 300 mg PO twice Maintenance dose: 100 mg IV over 30 minutes QD <i>OR</i> 300 mg PO QD Total duration of treatment: 7-14 days	See regimen
ABSSSI	Loading dose: Day 1: 200 mg IV over 60 minutes <i>OR</i> 100 mg IV over 30 minutes twice <i>OR</i> Day 1 and Day 2: 450 mg PO QD Maintenance dose: 100 mg IV over 30 minutes QD <i>OR</i> 300 mg PO QD Total duration of treatment: 7-14 days	See regimen

VI. Product Availability

- Single dose vial: 100 mg omadacycline (equivalent to 131 mg omadacycline tosylate)
- Tablet: 150 mg omadacycline (equivalent to 196 mg omadacycline tosylate)

VII. References

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Coding Implications

Codes referenced in this clinical policy are for informational purposes only. Inclusion or exclusion of any codes does not guarantee coverage. Providers should reference the most up-to-date sources of professional coding guidance prior to the submission of claims for reimbursement of covered services.

HCPCS Codes	Description
J0121	Injection, omadacycline, 1 mg
J8499	Prescription drug, oral, non chemotherapeutic, nos

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
1Q 2021 annual review: no significant changes; references to HIM.PHAR.21 revised to HIM.PA.154; added coding implications; references reviewed and updated.	11.11.20	02.21
1Q 2022 annual review: added initial Day 1 oral dosing and quantity limits for CABP per updated prescribing information; references reviewed and updated.	09.27.21	02.22
Template changes applied to other diagnoses/indications and continued therapy section.	10.05.22	
1Q 2023 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	10.05.22	02.23
3Q 2023 annual review: no significant changes; added HCPCS code J8499; references reviewed and updated.	04.12.23	08.23
3Q 2024 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	05.09.24	08.24
3Q 2025 annual review: no significant changes; references reviewed and updated.	06.26.25	08.25

Reviews, Revisions, and Approvals	Date	P&T Approval Date
Added step therapy bypass for IL HIM per IL HB 5395.		

Important Reminder

This clinical policy has been developed by appropriately experienced and licensed health care professionals based on a review and consideration of currently available generally accepted standards of medical practice; peer-reviewed medical literature; government agency/program approval status; evidence-based guidelines and positions of leading national health professional organizations; views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas affected by this clinical policy; and other available clinical information. The Health Plan makes no representations and accepts no liability with respect to the content of any external information used or relied upon in developing this clinical policy. This clinical policy is consistent with standards of medical practice current at the time that this clinical policy was approved. “Health Plan” means a health plan that has adopted this clinical policy and that is operated or administered, in whole or in part, by Centene Management Company, LLC, or any of such health plan’s affiliates, as applicable.

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Note:

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