

## PHARMACY COVERAGE GUIDELINE

### SAVAYSA™ (edoxaban tosylate) oral

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#### **This Pharmacy Coverage Guideline (PCG):**

- Provides information about the reasons, basis, and information sources we use for coverage decisions
- Is not an opinion that a drug (collectively “Service”) is clinically appropriate or inappropriate for a patient
- Is not a substitute for a provider’s judgment (Provider and patient are responsible for all decisions about appropriateness of care)
- Is subject to all provisions e.g. (benefit coverage, limits, and exclusions) in the member’s benefit plan; and
- Is subject to change as new information becomes available.

#### **Scope**

- This PCG applies to Commercial and Marketplace plans
- This PCG does not apply to the Federal Employee Program, Medicare Advantage, Medicaid or members of out-of-state Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plans

#### **Instructions & Guidance**

- To determine whether a member is eligible for the Service, read the entire PCG.
- This PCG is used for FDA approved indications including, but not limited to, a diagnosis and/or treatment with dosing, frequency, and duration.
- Use of a drug outside the FDA approved guidelines, refer to the appropriate Off-Label Use policy.
- The “Criteria” section outlines the factors and information we use to decide if the Service is medically necessary as defined in the Member’s benefit plan.
- The “Description” section describes the Service.
- The “Definition” section defines certain words, terms or items within the policy and may include tables and charts.
- The “Resources” section lists the information and materials we considered in developing this PCG
- **We do not accept patient use of samples as evidence of an initial course of treatment, justification for continuation of therapy, or evidence of adequate trial and failure.**
- Information about medications that require precertification is available at [www.azblue.com/pharmacy](http://www.azblue.com/pharmacy). You must fully complete the [request form](#) and provide chart notes, lab workup and any other supporting documentation. The prescribing provider must sign the form. Fax the form to BCBSAZ Pharmacy Management at (602) 864-3126 or email it to [Pharmacyprecert@azblue.com](mailto:Pharmacyprecert@azblue.com).

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#### **Criteria:**

- **Criteria for initial therapy:** Savaysa (edoxaban tosylate) is considered *medically necessary* and will be approved when **ALL** the following criteria are met:
  1. Individual is 18 years of age or older.
  2. Individual has a confirmed diagnosis of **ONE** of the following:
    - a. Non-valvular atrial fibrillation (NVAf)
    - b. Deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolism (PE) following 5-10 days of initial therapy with a parenteral anticoagulant

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3. Documented failure, contraindication per FDA label, intolerance, or not a candidate to **at least TWO** of the following:
  - a. Eliquis (apixaban)
  - b. Pradaxa (dabigatran)
  - c. Xarelto (rivaroxaban)
4. Creatinine clearance (CrCl) between 15-95 mL/minute.
5. Individual does not have **ANY** of the following:
  - a. Mechanical heart valve
  - b. Moderate to severe mitral stenosis
  - c. Triple positive antiphospholipid syndrome (positive for lupus anticoagulant, anticardiolipin antibodies, and anti-beta 2-glycoprotein I antibodies)
  - d. Moderate to severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class B and C)
6. There are **NO** FDA-label contraindications, such as Active pathological bleeding.
7. There are no significant interacting drugs such as:
  - a. Anticoagulants (e.g., heparin, enoxaparin, others)
  - b. Antiplatelets (e.g., aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, others),
  - c. Thrombolytics (e.g., alteplase, reteplase, others)
  - d. Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (e.g., citalopram, fluoxetine, sertraline, others)
  - e. Serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (e.g., duloxetine, venlafaxine, others)
  - f. Rifampin

#### Initial approval duration:

- For NVAf: 12 months
- For DVT and PE: 6 months

- **Criteria for continuation of coverage (renewal request):** Savaysa (edoxaban tosylate) is considered **medically necessary** and will be approved when **ALL** the following criteria are met (**samples are not considered for continuation of therapy**):

1. Individual's condition has responded while on therapy with response defined as **ALL** of the following:
  - a. No embolic events in last 12 months for NVAf
  - b. No embolic events in last 6 months for DVT/PE
2. Individual has been adherent with the medication.
3. Individual has not developed any contraindications or other significant adverse drug effects that may exclude continued use as follow:
  - a. Contraindications as listed in the criteria for initial therapy section
  - b. Significant adverse effect such as severe bleeding
4. There are no significant interacting drugs such as:
  - a. Anticoagulants (e.g., heparin, enoxaparin, others)
  - b. Antiplatelets (e.g., aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, others),
  - c. Thrombolytics (e.g., alteplase, reteplase, others)

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- d. Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (e.g., citalopram, fluoxetine, sertraline, others)
- e. Serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (e.g., duloxetine, venlafaxine, others)
- f. Rifampin

#### **Renewal duration:**

- For NVAf: 12 months
- For DVT and PE: 6 months

- Criteria for a request for non-FDA use or indication, treatment with dosing, frequency, or duration outside the FDA-approved dosing, frequency, and duration, refer to one of the following Pharmacy Coverage Guideline:

1. **Off-Label Use of Non-Cancer Medications**
  2. **Off-Label Use of Cancer Medications**
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#### **Resources:**

Savaysa (edoxaban tosylate) product information, revised by Daiichi Sankyo, Inc. 04-2020. Available at DailyMed <http://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov>. Accessed July 29, 2022.