



## Crovalimab-akkz (Piasky®)

Requires Step Therapy See “Step Therapy Requirements for Provider Administered Specialty Medications”  
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### IMPORTANT REMINDER

We develop Medical Policies to provide guidance to Members and Providers. This Medical Policy relates only to the services or supplies described in it. The existence of a Medical Policy is not an authorization, certification, explanation of benefits or a contract for the service (or supply) that is referenced in the Medical Policy. For a determination of the benefits that a Member is entitled to receive under his or her health plan, the Member's health plan must be reviewed. If there is a conflict between the medical policy and a health plan or government program (e.g., TennCare), the express terms of the health plan or government program will govern.

### POLICY

#### I. INDICATIONS

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

##### FDA-Approved Indication

Piasky is indicated for the treatment of adult and pediatric patients 13 years and older with paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH) and body weight of at least 40 kg.

All other indications are considered experimental/investigational and not medically necessary.

#### II. DOCUMENTATION

Submission of the following information is necessary to initiate the prior authorization review:

- A. For initial requests: Flow cytometry used to show results of glycosylphosphatidylinositol-anchored proteins (GPI-APs) deficiency.
- B. For continuation requests: Chart notes or medical record documentation supporting positive clinical response.

#### III. CRITERIA FOR INITIAL APPROVAL

##### **Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria**

Authorization of 6 months may be granted for treatment of paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH) when all of the following criteria are met:

- A. Member is 13 years of age or older
- B. Member has a body weight of at least 40 kg
- C. The diagnosis of PNH was confirmed by detecting a deficiency of glycosylphosphatidylinositol-anchored proteins (GPI-APs) (e.g., at least 5% PNH cells, at least 51% of GPI-AP deficient poly-morphonuclear cells)
- D. Flow cytometry is used to demonstrate GPI-APs deficiency
- E. Member has and exhibits clinical manifestations of disease (e.g., LDH > 1.5 ULN, thrombosis, renal dysfunction, pulmonary hypertension, dysphagia)
- F. The requested medication will not be used in combination with another complement inhibitor (e.g., Empaveli, Fabhalta, Soliris, Ultomiris) for the treatment of PNH.

#### IV. CONTINUATION OF THERAPY

##### **Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria**

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for continued treatment in members requesting reauthorization when all of the following criteria are met:

1. There is no evidence of unacceptable toxicity or disease progression while on the current regimen.
2. The member demonstrates a positive response to therapy (e.g., improvement in hemoglobin levels, normalization of lactate dehydrogenase [LDH] levels).
3. The requested medication will not be used in combination with another complement inhibitor (e.g., Empaveli, Fabhalta Soliris, Ultomiris) for the treatment of PNH.

#### **APPLICABLE TENNESSEE STATE MANDATE REQUIREMENTS**

BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee's Medical Policy complies with Tennessee Code Annotated Section 56-7-2352 regarding coverage of off-label indications of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved drugs when the off-label use is recognized in one of the statutorily recognized standard reference compendia or in the published peer-reviewed medical literature.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For appropriate chemotherapy regimens, dosage information, contraindications, precautions, warnings, and monitoring information, please refer to one of the standard reference compendia (e.g., the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®) published by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network®, Drugdex Evaluations of Micromedex Solutions at Truven Health, or The American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information).

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#### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

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