

Berinert® (C1 esterase inhibitor [human])

When requesting Berinert (C1 esterase inhibitor [human]), the individual requiring treatment must be diagnosed with the following FDA-approved indication or approved compendial use and meet the specific coverage guidelines for the covered indications.

FDA-approved Indication

Berinert is indicated for the treatment of acute attacks of Hereditary Angioedema (HAE).

Approved Off-label Compendial Use

Prophylaxis against Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) attacks.

Coverage Guidelines

Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) Due to C1 Inhibitor (C1-INH) Deficiency – Prophylaxis and Treatment

The individual must meet **all** of the following criteria for initial authorization:

- Has HAE type I or type II as confirmed by the following diagnostic criteria:
 - Has low levels of functional C1-INH protein (less than 50% of normal) at baseline, as defined by the laboratory reference values; AND
 - Has lower than normal serum C4 levels at baseline, as defined by the laboratory reference values;
- Medication is prescribed by or in consultation with an allergist/immunologist or a physician that specializes in the treatment of HAE or related disorders.

Approval duration: 12 months

The individual must meet **all** of the following criteria for reauthorization:

Note: An individual who is currently on therapy but has not been previously approved via eviCore coverage determination is reviewed under criteria for initial therapy.

- Is currently receiving Berinert for HAE type I or type II prophylaxis or has previously received Berinert for acute attacks;
- Has had a favorable clinical response defined as one of the following:
 - Decrease in the duration of HAE attacks, quick onset of symptom relief, complete resolution of symptoms, decrease in HAE acute attack frequency or severity with Berinert treatment; OR
 - Decrease in number of HAE acute attack frequency, decrease in HAE attack severity, decrease in duration of HAE attacks since initiating Berinert prophylactic therapy compared with baseline (i.e., prior to initiation of prophylactic therapy);
- Medication is prescribed by or in consultation with an allergist/immunologist or a physician that specializes in the treatment of HAE or related disorders.

Approval duration: 12 months

Dosing Recommendation

Administer 20 IU/kg of body weight intravenously, no more frequently than once daily.

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