



## PRIOR AUTHORIZATION POLICY

- POLICY:** Oncology – Mektovi Prior Authorization Policy
- Mektovi® (binimetinib tablets – Array BioPharma)

**REVIEW DATE:** 08/14/2024

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## **CIGNA NATIONAL FORMULARY COVERAGE:**

### **OVERVIEW**

Mektovi, a kinase inhibitor, is indicated for the following uses: <sup>1</sup>

- **Melanoma**, in combination with Braftovi® (encorafenib capsules) for the treatment of patients with unresectable or metastatic disease with a *BRAF V600E* or *V600K* mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test.
- **Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)**, in combination with Braftovi, for the treatment of adult patients with metastatic NSCLC with a *BRAF V600E* mutation, as detected by an FDA-approved test.

### **Guidelines**

National Comprehensive Cancer Network guidelines support use of Mektovi in the following cancers.

- **Histiocytic Neoplasms:** Guidelines (version 2.2024 – July 19, 2024) recommend Cotellic® (cobimetinib tablets) "Preferred" or Mektovi as one of the "Other Recommended Regimens" (category 2A) for histiocytic neoplasms (if there is a MAP kinase pathway mutation, or no detectable mutation, or testing is not available) for the following types: Langerhans cell histiocytosis (including multisystem, pulmonary, or central nervous system lesions).<sup>3</sup>
- **Melanoma, Cutaneous:** Guidelines (version 2.2024 – April 3, 2024) recommend BRAF/MEK inhibitor combinations among the "Preferred" therapies

for first-line (category 1) and subsequent treatment (category 2A) of metastatic or unresectable melanoma with a *V600* activating mutation.<sup>2</sup> This combination is also recommended for adjuvant treatment (category 2B). Mektovi as a single agent is a category 2B recommendation for NRAS-mutated tumors (for progression following immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy). While combination BRAF/MEK inhibition is preferred, if a combination is contraindicated, monotherapy with a BRAF inhibitor is an option, especially in patients who are not appropriate candidates for checkpoint immunotherapy.

- **Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer:** Guidelines (version 7.2024 – June 26, 2024) recommend Braftovi + Mektovi and Tafinlar® (dabrafenib capsules) + Mekinist® (trametinib tablets) for first-line “Preferred” regimens and as subsequent therapies (both category 2A) for *BRAF V600E* mutation-positive disease.<sup>4</sup> Zelboraf® (vemurafenib tablets) or Tafinlar monotherapy is also recommended under “Useful in Certain Circumstances” (both category 2A).

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

Prior Authorization is recommended for prescription benefit coverage of Mektovi. All approvals are provided the duration noted below.

- **Mektovi® (binimetinib tablets – Array BioPharma)**

**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 Indications**

- 1. Melanoma.** Approve for 1 year if the patient meets ALL of the following (A, B, C, and D):
  - A)** Patient is  $\geq 18$  years of age; AND
  - B)** Patient has unresectable, advanced, or metastatic melanoma; AND
  - C)** Patient has *BRAF V600* mutation-positive disease; AND
  - D)** The medication will be used in combination with Braftovi (encorafenib capsules).
- 2. Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer.** Approve for 1 year if the patient meets ALL of the following (A, B, and C):
  - A)** Patient is  $\geq 18$  years of age; AND
  - B)** Patient has *BRAF V600E* mutation-positive metastatic disease; AND
  - C)** The medication will be taken in combination with Braftovi (encorafenib capsules).

### **Other Uses with Supportive Evidence**

- 3. Histiocytic Neoplasm.** Approve for 1 year if the patient meets BOTH of the following (A and B):
  - A)** Patient is  $\geq 18$  years of age; AND

- B) Patient has Langerhans cell histiocytosis and meets ONE of the following (i, ii, or iii):
- i. Multisystem disease; OR
  - ii. Pulmonary disease; OR
  - iii. Central nervous system lesions.

## CONDITIONS NOT COVERED

- **Mektovi® (binimetinib tablets – Array BioPharma)**

**is(are) considered experimental, investigational or unproven for ANY other use(s) including the following; criteria will be updated as new published data are available.**

## REFERENCES

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## HISTORY

Type of Revision	Summary of Changes	Review Date
Annual Revision	No criteria changes	07/19/2023
Selected Revision	<b>Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer:</b> Added new FDA-approved indication and criteria	10/18/2023
Annual Revision	No criteria changes	08/14/2024

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