

Pharmacy Drug Policy & Procedure

Policy Name: Kanuma (sebelipase alfa) Policy #: 2446P

Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish the criteria for coverage of Kanuma (sebelipase alfa).

Statement of the Policy

Health Alliance Medical Plans will approve the use of Kanuma (sebelipase alfa) under the Specialty Medical benefit when the following criteria have been met.

Criteria

1. Coverage Criteria

- 1.1 Documented diagnosis of Wolman's Disease (Lysosomal acid lipase (LAL) deficiency) or Cholesteryl Ester Storage Disease (CESD)
 - Diagnosis must be confirmed by genetic testing showing gene defect in LIPA gene
- 1.2 Prescribed by an endocrinologist (hormone doctor) or geneticist (gene specialist)

2. Approval Period

- 2.1 Initial: 12 months
- 2.2 Reauthorization: 12 months with documented clinical benefit from therapy

CPT Codes	
HCPCS Codes	
J2840	Injection, sebelipase alfa, 1mg (Kanuma)

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