



UnitedHealthcare Pharmacy  
Clinical Pharmacy Programs

Program Number	2023 P 1212-7
Program	Prior Authorization/Notification
Medication	Afstyla <sup>®</sup> (antihemophilic factor [recombinant], single chain)
P&T Approval Date	3/2017, 3/2018, 3/2019, 3/2020, 3/2021, 3/2022, 3/2023
Effective Date	6/1/2023; Oxford only: N/A

**1. Background:**

Afstyla<sup>®</sup> [Antihemophilic Factor (Recombinant), single chain] is a recombinant antihemophilic factor indicated in adults and children with hemophilia A (congenital Factor VIII deficiency) for:<sup>1</sup>

- On-demand treatment and control of bleeding episodes
- Perioperative management of bleeding
- Routine prophylaxis to reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes

Limitation of use:

Afstyla is not indicated for the treatment of von Willebrand disease.

**2. Coverage Criteria<sup>a</sup>:**

**A. Initial Authorization:**

1. **Afstyla** will be initially approved based on both of the following criteria:<sup>1-3</sup>

a. Diagnosis of hemophilia A

**-AND-**

b. **One** of the following:

- (1) Treatment of bleeding episodes
- (2) Prevention of bleeding in surgical interventions or invasive procedures (e.g., surgical prophylaxis)
- (3) Prevention of bleeding episodes (i.e., routine prophylaxis)

**Authorization of therapy will be issued for 12 months.**

**B. Reauthorization**

1. **Afstyla** will be approved based on the following criterion:

a. Documentation of positive clinical response to **Afstyla** therapy.

**Authorization of therapy will be issued for 12 months.**

<sup>a</sup> State mandates may apply. Any federal regulatory requirements and the member specific benefit plan coverage may also impact coverage criteria. Other policies and utilization management programs may apply.



**3. Additional Clinical Programs:**

- Notwithstanding Coverage Criteria, UnitedHealthcare may approve initial and re-authorization based solely on previous claim/medication history, diagnosis codes (ICD-10) and/or claim logic. Use of automated approval and re-approval processes varies by program and/or therapeutic class.
- Medical necessity may be in place.

**4. References:**

1. Afstyla® [package insert]. Kankakee, IL: CSL Behring, LLC., April 2021.
2. Hoots WK, Shapiro AD. Treatment of bleeding and perioperative management in hemophilia A and B. In: UpToDate, Waltham, MA, 2022.
3. MASAC Recommendations Concerning Products Licensed for the Treatment of Hemophilia and Other Bleeding Disorders. Med Bulletin #272, April 2022.

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<b>Change Control</b>	
3/2017	New program.
3/2018	Annual review with no changes to coverage criteria.
3/2019	Annual review with no changes to coverage criteria. Updated reference.
3/2020	Annual review with no changes to coverage criteria. Updated reference.
3/2021	Annual review with no changes to coverage criteria. Updated references.
3/2022	Annual review with no changes to coverage criteria. Updated references.
3/2023	Annual review with no changes to coverage criteria. Added state mandate and updated references.