

UnitedHealthcare Pharmacy  
Clinical Pharmacy Programs

Program Number	202 P 1328-6
Program	Prior Authorization/Notification
Medication	Evrysdi® (risdiplam)
P&T Approval Date	9/2020, 9/2021, 7/2022, 8/2023, 7/2024, 12/2024
Effective Date	3/1/2025

**1. Background:**

Evrysdi is a survival of motor neuron 2 (SMN2) splicing modifier indicated for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) in pediatric and adult patients.

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

**A. Initial Authorization**

1. **Evrysdi** will be approved based on **all** of the following criteria:

a. Diagnosis of spinal muscular atrophy (SMA)

**-AND-**

b. Patient is not receiving concomitant chronic survival motor neuron (SMN) modifying therapy [e.g., Spinraza (nusinersen)]

**-AND-**

c. **One** of the following:

(1) Patient has not previously received gene replacement therapy for the treatment of SMA [e.g., Zolgensma (onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi)]

**-OR-**

(2) **Both** of the following:

(a) Patient has previously received gene replacement therapy [e.g., Zolgensma (onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi)] for the treatment of SMA

**-AND-**

(b) Submission of medical records (e.g., chart notes, laboratory values) documenting a decline from pretreatment baseline status following gene replacement therapy [e.g., Zolgensma (onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi)] as demonstrated by a decline in one of the following exams:

i. Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Infant Test of Neuromuscular Disorders (CHOP INTEND)

- ii. Hammersmith Infant Neurological Exam Part 2 (HINE-2)
- iii. Hammersmith Functional Motor Scale Expanded (HFMSSE)
- iv. Revised Upper Limb Module (RULM) Test
- v. Motor Function Measure 32 (MFM-32) Scale

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

**B. Reauthorization**

1. **Evrysdi** will be approved based on **both** of the following criteria:

a. Documentation of positive clinical response to Evrysdi therapy

**-AND-**

b. Patient is not receiving concomitant chronic survival motor neuron (SMN) modifying therapy [e.g., Spinraza (nusinersen)]

**Authorization 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 Rules:**

- 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 and/or Supply limits may be in place.

**4. References:**

1. Evrysdi [package insert]. South San Francisco, CA: Genentech, Inc; September 2024.

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<b>Change Control</b>	
9/2020	New program
9/2021	Annual review with no changes to clinical coverage criteria. Updated reference.
7/2022	Updated criteria to align with new labeled indication in patients of all ages. Added state mandate and updated reference.
8/2023	Annual review. Updated reference.
7/2024	Annual review. Updated reference.
12/2024	Added criteria for patients that have documented decline from

	pretreatment baseline status following administration of gene replacement therapy. Updated reference.
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