

Clinical Policy Title:	afatinib
Policy Number:	RxA.151
Drug(s) Applied:	Gilotrif®
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Line of Business Policy Applies to:	All lines of business

Background

Afatinib (Gilotrif®) is a kinase inhibitor. It is indicated for:

- First-line treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose tumors have non-resistant epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test.
- Treatment of patients with metastatic squamous NSCLC progressing after platinum-based chemotherapy.

Limitation(s) of Use: The safety and efficacy of Gilotrif have not been established in patients whose tumors have resistant EGFR mutations.

Dosing Information

Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Afatinib (Gilotrif®)	NSCLC	40 mg PO once daily	40 mg/day

Dosage Forms

- Tablets: 20 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg

Clinical Policy

Provider must submit documentation (such as office chart notes, lab results or other clinical information) supporting that member has met all approval criteria.

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of recurrent, advanced or metastatic NSCLC;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age ≥ 18 years;
4. Member meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Disease is positive for a sensitizing EGFR mutation (e.g., exon 19 deletion or insertion; exon 21 point mutation - L858R, L861Q; exon 18 point mutation - G719X; exon 20 point mutation - S768I);
 - b. Squamous cell carcinoma histology with progression after platinum-based chemotherapy (e.g., cisplatin, carboplatin);

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5. Request meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. Dose does not exceed 40 mg (1 tablet) per day;
 - b. Dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (prescriber must submit supporting evidence).

Approval Duration

Commercial: 12 months

Medicaid: 6 months

II. Continued Therapy Approval

A. Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (must meet all):

1. Currently receiving medication that has been authorized by RxAdvance, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Gilotrif for a covered indication and has received this medication for at least 30 days;
2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
3. If request is for a dose increase, request meets one of the following (a or b):
 - a. New dose does not exceed 40 mg (1 tablet) per day;
 - b. New dose is supported by practice guidelines or peer-reviewed literature for the relevant off-label use (prescriber must submit supporting evidence).

Approval Duration

Commercial: 12 months

Medicaid: 12 months

III. Appendices

APPENDIX A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key

EGFR: epidermal growth factor receptor
 FDA: Food and Drug Administration
 NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network
 NSCLC: non-small cell lung cancer

APPENDIX B: Therapeutic Alternatives

This table provides a listing of preferred alternative therapy recommended in the approval criteria. The drugs listed here may not be a formulary agent for all relevant lines of business and may require prior authorization.

Drug Name	Dosing Regimen	Dose Limit/ Maximum Dose
Platinum-based chemotherapy (e.g., cisplatin, carboplatin)	Varies	Varies

Therapeutic alternatives are listed as Brand name® (generic) when the drug is available by brand name only and generic (Brand name®) when the drug is available by both brand and generic.

APPENDIX C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings

- Contraindication(s):
 - None reported
- Boxed Warning(s):
 - None reported

APPENDIX D: General Information

Not applicable

References

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