

<b>Clinical Policy Title:</b>	talazoparib
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<b>Drug(s) Applied:</b>	Talzenna®
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<b>Line of Business Policy Applies to:</b>	All lines of business

## Background

Talazoparib (Talzenna®) is a poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase (PARP) inhibitor. It is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with deleterious or suspected deleterious germline BRCA-mutated (gBRCAm) HER2-negative locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer. Select patients for therapy based on an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for Talzenna®.

## Dosing Information

Drug Name	Indication	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Dose
Talazoparib (Talzenna®)	Breast cancer	1 mg PO once daily	1 mg/day

## Dosage Forms

- Capsules: 0.25 mg, 1 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. Breast Cancer (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of locally advanced, or metastatic breast cancer;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist;
3. Age 18 years or more;
4. Documentation of human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative disease;
5. Mutations in the BRCA genes;
6. Dose does not exceed 1 mg (1 capsule) per day.

#### Approval duration

**Commercial:** 12 months

**Medicaid:** 12 months

### II. Continued Therapy Approval

#### A. Breast Cancer (must meet all):

1. Member is currently receiving medication that has been authorized by RxAdvance, or documentation supports that member is currently receiving Talzenna® for a covered indication and has received this

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- medication for at least 30 days;
- 2. Member is responding positively to therapy;
- 3. If request is for a dose increase, new dose does not exceed 1 mg (1 capsule) per day.

**Approval duration**

**Commercial:** 12 months

**Medicaid:** 12 months

**III. Appendices**

**APPENDIX A: Abbreviation/Acronym Key**

ADP: adenosine diphosphate  
BRCA: breast cancer gene  
gBRCAm: mutations in the germline BRCA genes  
FDA: Food and Drug Administration  
HER2: human epidermal growth factor receptor 2  
HR: hormone receptor  
NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network  
PARP: poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase

**APPENDIX B: Therapeutic Alternatives**

Not applicable

**APPENDIX C: Contraindications/Boxed Warnings**

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

**APPENDIX D: General Information**

- The FDA approved indication for talazoparib includes using the diagnostic tool BRAC Analysis CDx™ by Myriad Genetic Laboratories. It is available at <http://www.fda.gov/companiondiagnostics>.
- NCCN recommended uses: Breast cancer, as a single agent for recurrent or stage IV (M1) HER2-negative, BRCA 1/2-germline mutated disease:
  - With symptomatic visceral disease or visceral crisis, or
  - That is hormone receptor-negative, or hormone receptor-positive and endocrine therapy refractory.
- Therapeutic Drug Monitoring:
  - Hemoglobin less than 8 g/dL: Hold talazoparib therapy and monitor blood counts weekly. When hemoglobin recovers to 9 g/dL or higher, reduce the daily dose of talazoparib by 0.25 mg and resume therapy.
  - Neutrophil count less than 1,000 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>: Hold talazoparib therapy and monitor blood counts weekly. When neutrophils recover to 1,500 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> or higher, reduce the daily dose of talazoparib by 0.25 mg and resume therapy.
  - Platelet count less than 50,000 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>: Hold talazoparib therapy and monitor blood counts weekly. When the platelet count recovers to 75,000 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> or higher, reduce the daily dose of talazoparib by 0.25 mg and resume therapy.

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