

ALASKA MEDICAID  
Prior Authorization Criteria

**Myalept™  
(metreleptin)**

**FDA INDICATIONS AND USAGE**<sup>1</sup>

Myalept™ is a leptin analog indicated as an adjunct to diet as replacement therapy to treat the complications of leptin deficiency in patients with congenital or acquired generalized lipodystrophy.

**APPROVAL CRITERIA**<sup>1,2,3</sup>

1. Patient is 18 years of age or older **AND**;
2. Prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist or cardiologist **AND**;
3. Patient has a diagnosis of either congenital generalized lipodystrophy (CGL) or acquired generalized lipodystrophy (AGL) **AND**;
4. The patient also has at least one of the following additional diagnosis:
  - a. diabetes mellitus **OR**;
  - b. hypertriglyceridemia ( $\geq 200$  mg/dL) **OR**;
  - c. high fasting insulin ( $\geq 30$   $\mu$ U/mL) **AND**;
5. Baseline labs for HbA1C, triglycerides, and fasting insulin have been obtained prior to beginning therapy **AND**;
6. Is being used as an adjunct to diet modification **AND**;
7. Physician must be enrolled in the Myalept Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) Program.

**DENIAL CRITERIA**<sup>1,3</sup>

1. Failure to meet approval criteria **OR**;
2. Patient has HIV-related lipodystrophy **OR**;
3. Patient has partial lipodystrophy **OR**;
4. Patient has liver disease, including non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) **OR**;
5. Patient has general obesity not associated with congenital leptin deficiency.

**CAUTIONS**<sup>1</sup>

- Monitor for anti-metreleptin antibodies with neutralizing activity
- A dose adjustment, including possible large reductions, of insulin or insulin secretagogue may be necessary. Closely monitor blood glucose in patients on concomitant insulin or insulin secretagogue therapy.
- Autoimmune disorder progression has been observed in patients treated with Myalept™. Carefully consider benefits and risks of Myalept™ treatment in patients with autoimmune disease.
- Carefully consider benefits and risks of treatment with Myalept™ in patients with significant hematologic abnormalities and/or acquired generalized lipodystrophy.

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**DURATION OF APPROVAL**

- Initial Approval: up to 3 months
- Reauthorization Approval: up to 6 months if the prescriber documents the patient has had a positive clinical response and continued as an adjunct to dietary modifications.

**QUANTITY LIMIT**

- Maximum dose 10mg/day (up to 1 vial per day)

**REFERENCES / FOOTNOTES:**

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3. Chan JL, Lutz K, Cochran E, et al. Clinical effects of long-term metreleptin treatment in patients with lipodystrophy. Endocr Pract. 2011;17(6):922-932.