

Medical Policy:

Onapgo (apomorphine), subcutaneous injection

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Definitions

Onapgo is indicated for the treatment of motor fluctuations in adults with advanced Parkinson's disease.

Length of Authorization

Coverage will be provided for 12 months

Dosing Limits [Medical Benefit]

(98 mg per 20 mL with Onapgo pump): Initial: 1 mg/hour; adjust dose based on response and tolerability in 0.5 to 1 mg/hour increments at intervals ≥ 1 day up to a maximum continuous dosage of 6 mg/hour. Maximum total daily dose (including continuous infusion and extra doses): 98 mg/day administered over the waking day (eg, 16 hours).

Guideline

1. Diagnosis of idiopathic, advanced Parkinson’s Disease (PD)

A. Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a neurologist; **AND**

B. Physician attestation or documentation that the patient is experiencing persistent motor fluctuations despite

- optimized carbidopa/levodopa (CD/LD) therapy (including a minimum of 3 hours of “off” time per day); **AND**
- C. Patient is ≥ 30 years of age; **AND**
- D. Patient’s PD is Levodopa (LD)-responsive with clearly defined “on” periods; **AND**
- E. Patient is experiencing unsatisfactory motor control despite optimized treatment with available therapies (including a stable regimen of daily Levodopa (LD)-based therapy) and at least **ONE** of the following:
- i. COMT inhibitor (e.g. entacapone, opicapone)
 - ii. MAO-B inhibitor (e.g. rasagiline, selegiline, safinamide)
 - iii. Dopamine agonists (e.g. pramipexole, ropinirole)
 - iv. Amantadine

Applicable Procedure Codes

Code	Description
C9399	Unclassified drugs or biologicals
J3490	Unclassified drugs

Applicable NDCs

Code	Description
27505-0006-xx	Onapgo 98mg/20mL

ICD-10 Diagnoses

Code	Description
G20.A2	Parkinson's disease without dyskinesia, with fluctuations
G20.B2	Parkinson's disease with dyskinesia, with fluctuations

Revision History

Company(ies)	DATE	REVISION
EmblemHealth & ConnectiCare	04/30/2025	New Policy

References

1. Grafapex™ intravenous infusion [prescribing information]. Chicago, IL: Medexus; January 2025.