GENETIC TESTING FOR LYSOSOMAL ACID LIPASE DEFICIENCY (LAL-D)

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The section identified as “Description” defines or describes a service, procedure, medical device or drug and is in no way intended as a statement of medical necessity and/or coverage.

The section identified as “Criteria” defines criteria to determine whether a service, procedure, medical device or drug is considered medically necessary or experimental or investigational.

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Description:

Lysosomal Acid Lipase Deficiency (LAL-D): LAL-D is a rare autosomal recessive genetic disorder caused by a deleterious mutation to the LIPA gene responsible for encoding the enzyme lysosomal lipase resulting in a marked decrease or loss of LAL enzyme activity. The defective enzyme activity results in a progressive accumulation of cholesteryl esters and triglycerides in hepatocytes, adrenal glands, intestines, and cells of the macrophage-monocyte system. LAL-D may manifest from infancy to adulthood as 1 of 2 phenotypes, Wolman disease (WD) or Cholesteryl ester storage disease (CESD). Both presentations have come to be known as LAL-D. Diagnosis of LAL deficiency is confirmed by identification of either biallelic pathogenic variants in the LIPA gene or deficient LAL enzyme activity.

Cholesteryl Ester Storage Disease (CESD): The late onset phenotype of LAL-D has been reported in individuals who are less than 1 year to more than 60 years of age. They can present as a wide range of phenotypes. Individuals with CESD can be asymptomatic into adulthood and have life-threatening conditions similar to WD in infancy. Individuals typically have lipid abnormalities, hepatomegaly, splenomegaly, and gastrointestinal symptoms.

Lysosomal Acid Lipase Deficiency Testing: Diagnosis is confirmed by identification of deficient LAL enzyme activity in peripheral blood leukocytes, fibroblasts, or dried blood spots. Molecular testing approaches can include single-gene testing or use of a multi-gene panel. For single-gene testing, sequence analysis of the LIPA gene is performed first. Gene targeted deletion/duplication analysis is considered if only one pathogenic variant is identified. A multi-gene panel to include the LIPA gene may be considered. The exon 8 splice site mutation (E8SJM) is the most common variant identified. Greater than 40 mutations in the LIPA gene have been reported.

Wolman Disease (WD): The early onset phenotype and most progressive form of LAL-D occurs during early infancy. WD typically presents in the first weeks of life resulting in multi-organ failure seldom living beyond 6 months of age. Individuals typically have prominent hepatosplenomegaly, diarrhea, vomiting, malabsorption, growth failure, and liver failure.
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Definitions:

Genetic Testing:
Analysis of DNA, RNA, chromosomes, proteins and certain metabolites in order to detect alterations related to an inherited disorder.

Gene:
A hereditary unit consisting of segments of DNA that occupies a specific location on chromosomes. Genes undergo mutation when their DNA sequence changes.

Genetic Counseling:
Instruction that provides interpretation of genetic tests and information about courses of action that are available for the care of an individual with a genetic disorder or for future family planning.

Affected Individual:
An individual displaying signs or symptoms characteristic of a suspected or specific inherited disorder.

Unaffected Individual:
An individual who displays no signs or symptoms characteristic of a suspected or specific inherited disorder.

Screening:
Genetic screening is the testing of an individual with no symptoms for a specific inherited disorder to determine if the individual carries an abnormal gene. Screening can be used to predict risk or potential risk for the individual or their offspring.

Criteria:

For treatment of lysosomal acid lipase deficiency with Kanuma™, see BCBSAZ Medical Coverage Guideline #O992, “Kanuma™ (sebelipase alfa)”.

Genetic Testing for Lysosomal Acid Lipase Deficiency will be reviewed by the medical director(s) and/or clinical advisor(s).

- Genetic testing and/or counseling of an unaffected individual, regardless of risk factors is considered screening and not eligible for coverage.

- Genetic testing and/or counseling of an affected individual to confirm a disease when confirmation of the diagnosis would not impact the care and/or management is considered not medically necessary and not eligible for coverage.
Criteria: (cont.)

- Genetic testing and/or counseling for LAL-D is considered medically necessary for an affected individual to identify the causative LIPA gene mutation with documentation that a definitive diagnosis was not confirmed by ONE of the following:
  1. LDL-C concentration of 4.7 mmol/L or greater and family history evaluation establishes an autosomal dominant pattern of inheritance
  2. LDL-C concentration of 4.7 mmol/L or greater and family history evaluation establishes a recessive pattern of inheritance and documentation of ALL of the following:
    - THREE or more of the following:
      a. ALT level greater than 1.5 of the upper limit of normal
      b. HDL-C level less than 1.3 mmol/L
      c. Body mass index of 30 kg/m² or more
      d. Liver biopsy suggestive of microvesicular steatosis
      e. Hepatomegaly
    - ONE of the following:
      a. Dried blood spot test results positive for LAL activity
      b. Dried blood spot test results borderline for LAL activity and ONE of the following genetic testing results:
        - Positive for the Exon 8 splice site mutation (E8SJM)
        - Negative for the E8SJM and genetic testing of the LIPA gene identified the causative mutation for LAL-D
  3. Prescribed by a physician with experience in the care of individuals with LAL-D

- Genetic testing and/or counseling for LAL-D for all other indications not previously listed or if above criteria not met is considered experimental or investigational based upon:
  1. Insufficient scientific evidence to permit conclusions concerning the effect on health outcomes, and
  2. Insufficient evidence to support improvement of the net health outcome, and
  3. Insufficient evidence to support improvement of the net health outcome as much as, or more than, established alternatives.
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Resources:

Literature reviewed 08/15/17. We do not include marketing materials, poster boards and non-published literature in our review.


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If you believe that BCBSAZ has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex, you can file a grievance with: BCBSAZ’s Civil Rights Coordinator, Attn: Civil Rights Coordinator, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, P.O. Box 13466, Phoenix, AZ 85002-3466, (602) 864-2288, TTY/TDD (602) 864-4823, crc@azblue.com. You can file a grievance in person or by mail or email. If you need help filing a grievance BCBSAZ’s Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you. You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf, or by mail or phone at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201, 1–800–368–1019, 800–537–7697 (TDD). Complaint forms are available at http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html

Multi-Language Interpreter Services:

Spanish: Si usted, o alguien a quien usted está ayudando, tiene preguntas acerca de Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, tiene derecho a obtener ayuda e información en su idioma sin costo alguno. Para hablar con un intérprete, llame al 602-864-4884.

Navajo: Díí kweé’ étah níñíngíí Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona haada yit’éego bina’idiłkidgo éí doodago Háida bíjá anilyeeđigíí t’áaddo le’é yina’idiłkidgo beehaz’äänii hóló díí t’áá hazaadk’éhii háká a’dowolgo bee haz’a doo bąąch ilíñígoó. Aта’ halne’ìígíí kójí bích’ì’ hôdílníni 877-475-4799.

Chinese: 如果您，或是您正在協助的對象，有關於插件項目的名稱 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona 方面的問題，您有權利免費以您的母語得到幫助和訊息。洽詢一位翻譯員，請撥電話 在此插入數字 877-475-4799。

Vietnamese: Nếu quý vị, hay người mà quý vị đang giúp đỡ, có câu hỏi về Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona quý vị sẽ có quyền được giúp và có thể thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của mình miễn phí. Để nói chuyện với một thợ dịch viễn, xin gọi 877-475-4799.

Arabic: إن كان لديك أو لدى شخص تساعده رسالة بخصوص Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona الضرورية بلغتك من دون اية تكلفة للتحدث مع مرجم الصلب ب. 877-475-4799.
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Tagalog: Kung ikaw, o ang iyong tinutuuanan, ay may mga katanungan tungkol sa Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, may karapatan na makakuhang tungkol at impartasyon sa iyong wika ng walang gastos. Upang makausap ang isang tagasalin, tumawag sa 877-475-4799.

Korean: 만약 귀하 또는 귀하의 동료가 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona에 관해 의문이 있다면 귀하의 동료 또는 귀하의 동료로 비용 부담없이 알 수 있는 권리가 있습니다. 그렇게 할지 않으시면 877-475-4799로 전화하십시오.

French: Si vous, ou quelqu'un que vous êtes en train d'aider, a des questions à propos de Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, vous avez le droit d'obtenir de l'aide et l'information dans votre langue à aucun coût. Pour parler à un interprète, appelez 877-475-4799.

German: Falls Sie oder jemand, dem Sie helfen, Fragen zum Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona haben, haben Sie das Recht, kostenlose Hilfe und Informationen in Ihrer Sprache zu erhalten. Um mit einem Dolmetscher zu sprechen, rufen Sie bitte die Nummer 877-475-4799 an.

Russian: Если у вас или у кого-либо, кому вы помогаете, есть вопросы по поводу Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, вы имеете право на бесплатное получение помощи и информации на вашем языке. Для разговора с переводчиком позвоните по телефону 877-475-4799.

Japanese: ご本人様、またはお客様の身の回りの方でも、Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizonaについてご質問がございましたら、ご希望の言語でサポートを受けたり、情報を入手したりすることができます。料金はかかりません。通訳とお話される場合、877-475-4799までお電話ください。

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Assyrian: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona گی، یکمی شما به او کمک می‌کنید، سوالی می‌ورده‌اند که Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona اطلاعات به زبان خود را به طور رایگان دریافت کنند، 877-475-4799 می‌توانید باهم حامل نشینید.

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Thai: หากคุณ หรือผู้ที่คุณช่วยเหลือท่านประสบปัญหา Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona คุณสามารถขอความช่วยเหลือและข้อมูลภาษาของคุณได้โดยโทรไปยัง 877-475-4799.