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## **Evenity**

### Description

## Evenity (romosozumab-aqqg)

#### **Background**

Evenity inhibits the action of sclerostin, a regulatory factor in bone metabolism. Evenity increases bone formation and, to a lesser extent, decreases bone resorption. Animal studies showed that Evenity stimulates new bone formation on trabecular and cortical bone surfaces by stimulating osteoblastic activity resulting in increases in trabecular and cortical bone mass and improvements in bone structure and length (1).

#### **Regulatory Status**

FDA-approved indications: Evenity is a sclerostin inhibitor indicated for the treatment of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women at high risk for fracture, defined as a history of osteoporotic fracture, or multiple risk factors for fracture; or patients who have failed or are intolerant to other available osteoporosis therapy (1).

#### Limitations of Use:

Limit duration of use to 12 monthly doses. If osteoporosis therapy remains warranted, continued therapy with an anti-resorptive agent should be considered (1).

Evenity has a boxed warning regarding the potential to increase risk of myocardial infarction, stroke, and cardiovascular death. It should not be initiated in patients who have had a myocardial infarction or stroke within the preceding year. If a patient experiences a myocardial infarction or stroke during therapy, Evenity should be discontinued (1).

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Pre-existing hypocalcemia must be corrected prior to initiating therapy with Evenity and patients must adequately supplement with calcium and vitamin D (1).

Evenity may increase risks for osteonecrosis of the jaw, hypocalcemia, and atypical femoral fracture (1).

The safety and effectiveness of Evenity in pediatric patients less than 18 years of age have not been established (1).

#### Related policies

Parathyroid Hormone Analogs, Prolia, Xgeva

### **Policy**

This policy statement applies to clinical review performed for pre-service (Prior Approval, Precertification, Advanced Benefit Determination, etc.) and/or post-service claims.

Evenity may be considered **medically necessary** if the conditions indicated below are met.

Evenity may be considered **investigational** for all other indications.

## **Prior-Approval Requirements**

**Age** 18 years of age or older

#### **Diagnosis**

Patient must have the following:

Postmenopausal women with osteoporosis

#### **AND ALL** of the following:

- a. Inadequate treatment response, intolerance, or contraindication to bisphosphonate therapy **OR** Prolia (denosumab)
- b. Pre-existing hypocalcemia must be corrected prior to initiating therapy
- c. Patient has T-score below -2.5 **OR** patient is at high risk for bone fracture(s) (prior osteoporotic fracture or multiple risk factors for fracture)
- d. **NO** myocardial infarction or stroke within the preceding year
- e. **NO** cumulative therapy with Evenity for longer than 12 months

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f. **NO** concurrent therapy with another Prior Authorization (PA) medication for osteoporosis (see Appendix 1)

## Prior - Approval Renewal Requirements

None

## **Policy Guidelines**

#### Pre - PA Allowance

None

## **Prior - Approval Limits**

**Quantity** 6 prefilled syringes per 90 days

**Duration** 12 months

## Prior - Approval Renewal Limits

None

### Rationale

#### **Summary**

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Prior authorization is required to ensure the safe, clinically appropriate, and cost-effective use of Evenity while maintaining optimal therapeutic outcomes.

#### References

1. Evenity [package insert]. Thousand Oaks, CA: Amgen Inc.; April 2024.

## **Policy History**

Date Action

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April 2019 Addition to PA June 2019 Annual review

September 2019 Annual review. Changed requirement to trial and failure of bisphosphonate

or Prolia and changed requirement to T-score below -2.5 or high risk for

fracture per SME

December 2020 Annual review and reference update

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## **Appendix 1 - List of PA Osteoporosis Medications**

Generic Name	Brand Name
abaloparatide	Tymlos
denosumab	Prolia
romosuzumab-aqqg	Evenity
teriparatide	Bonsity
teriparatide	Forteo
teriparatide	Teriparatide