Mass General Brigham
Health Plan

T-Cell Lymphoma Agents
Beleodaq (belinostat)
Istodax (romidepsin lyophilized)
Poteligeo (mogamulizumab-kpkc)
romidepsin (non- lyophilized)
Effective 06/01/2025

Plan	☒ MassHealth UPPL ☐Commercial/Exchange	**Program Type**	☒ Prior Authorization ☐ Quantity Limit ☐ Step Therapy
Benefit	☐ Pharmacy Benefit ☒ Medical Benefit		
Specialty Limitations	N/A		
Contact Information	**Medical and Specialty Medications** All Plans | Phone: 877-519-1908 | Fax: 855-540-3693		
	Non-Specialty Medications All Plans | Phone: 800-711-4555 | Fax: 844-403-1029		
Notes	Additional agents from this class are available through the pharmacy benefit. Please see the MassHealth Drug List for coverage and criteria.		

Overview
Beleodaq is a histone deacetylase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of patients with relapsed or refractory peripheral T-cell lymphoma (PTCL).

Istodax (romidepsin) is a histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitor indicated for the treatment of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) in patients who have received at least one prior systemic therapy.

Poteligeo is a humanized monoclonal antibody that is directed against CC chemokine receptor type 4 (CCR4), which is frequently expressed on leukemic cells of certain hematologic malignancies. It is indicated for the treatment of two types of CTCL, mycosis fungoides and Sézary syndrome.

Coverage Guidelines
Authorization may be reviewed on a case by case basis for members who are new to the plan currently receiving treatment with requested medication excluding when the product is obtained as samples or via manufacturer's patient assistance programs.
OR
Authorization may be granted for members when all the following criteria are met, and documentation is provided:

Istodax (romidepsin lyophilized)
Romidepsin (non-lyophilized)
1. Diagnosis of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma
2. Prescriber is an oncologist, hematologist, or dermatologist
3. Appropriate dosing (current weight and height required)

Poteligeo (mogamulizumab)

1. Diagnosis of **ONE** of the following:
    a. Sézary syndrome
    b. Mycosis fungoides and **ONE** of the following:
        i. Stage IA disease with documentation that member is refractory to skin-directed therapy (e.g., topical corticosteroids, topical chemotherapy, topical retinoids, phototherapy, local radiation, and total skin electron beam therapy)
        ii. Stage IB to III disease
2. Prescriber is an oncologist or hematologist
3. Appropriate dosing

Beleodaq (belinostat)

1. Diagnosis of peripheral T-cell lymphoma
2. Prescriber is an oncologist or hematologist
3. Inadequate response or adverse reaction to **ONE** or contraindication to ALL second line treatment options (see appendix)
4. Appropriate dosing

Off-Label Indications

Istodax (romidepsin lyophilized)
Romidepsin (non-lyophilized)

1. Diagnosis of peripheral T-cell lymphoma
2. Prescriber is an oncologist or hematologist
3. Inadequate response or adverse reaction to **ONE** or contraindication to **ALL** second line treatment options (see appendix)
4. Appropriate dosing

Continuation of Therapy

Reauthorization by physician will infer a positive response to therapy.

Limitations

1. Initial approvals will be granted for 2 months.
2. Reauthorizations will be granted for 6 months.

Appendix

Second-line treatment options may include:

- Clinical trial enrollment (preferred)
- Single agents (alphabetical order)
    - brentuximab vedotin
    - pralatrexate
    - romidepsin
- Combination regimens (alphabetical order)
    - DHAP (dexamethasone, cisplatin, cytarabine)
    - DHAX (dexamethasone, cytarabine, oxaliplatin)
    - ESHAP (etoposide, methylprednisolone, cytarabine, cisplatin)
    - GDP (gemcitabine, dexamethasone, cisplatin)
    - GemOx (gemcitabine, oxaliplatin)

    - ICE (ifosfamide, carboplatin, etoposide)
- Alternative regimens (alphabetical order) o alemtuzumab
    - bendamustine
    - bortezomib (category 2B)
    - cyclophosphamide and/or etoposide
    - duvelisib
    - gemcitabine
    - GVD (gemcitabine, vinorelbine, liposomal doxorubicin)
    - lenalidomide
    - radiation therapy

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Review History

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