

UnitedHealthcare Pharmacy  
Clinical Pharmacy Programs

Program Number	2025 P 2169-8
Program	Prior Authorization/Medical Necessity
Medication	Vyndaqel® (tafamidis meglumine) and Vyndamax™ (tafamidis)
P&T Approval Date	6/2019, 2/2020, 2/2021, 2/2022, 2/2023, 9/2023, 9/2024, 1/2025
Effective Date	4/1/2025

**1. Background:**

Vyndaqel (tafamidis meglumine) and Vyndamax™ (tafamidis) are transthyretin stabilizers indicated for the treatment of the cardiomyopathy of wild type or hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis in adults to reduce cardiovascular mortality and cardiovascular-related hospitalization.

**2. Coverage Criteria<sup>a</sup>:**

**A. Transthyretin (ATTR)-mediated amyloidosis with cardiomyopathy (ATTR-CM)**

**1. Initial Authorization**

a. **Vyndaqel/Vyndamax** will be approved based on **all** of the following criteria:

- (1) Diagnosis of transthyretin (ATTR)-mediated amyloidosis with cardiomyopathy (ATTR-CM)

**-AND-**

- (2) **One** of the following:

- (a) Documentation that the patient has a pathogenic TTR mutation (e.g., V30M)

**-OR-**

- (b) Cardiac or noncardiac tissue biopsy demonstrating histologic confirmation of ATTR amyloid deposits

**-OR-**

- (c) **All** of the following:

- i. Echocardiogram or cardiac magnetic resonance imaging suggestive of amyloidosis

**-AND-**

- ii. Radionuclide imaging (<sup>99m</sup>Tc-DPD, <sup>99m</sup>Tc-PYP, or <sup>99m</sup>Tc-HMDP) showing grade 2 or 3 cardiac uptake\*

-AND-

iii. Absence of light chain amyloidosis

-AND-

(3) Patient has New York Heart Association (NYHA) Functional Class I, II, or III heart failure

-AND-

(4) Physician attests that the patient has an N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide (NT-proBNP) level that, when combined with signs and symptoms, is considered definitive for a diagnosis of ATTR-CM

-AND-

(5) **One** of the following:

(a) History of heart failure, with at least one prior hospitalization for heart failure

-OR-

(b) Presence of clinical signs and symptoms of heart failure (e.g., dyspnea, edema)

-AND-

(6) Prescribed by or in consultation with a cardiologist

-AND-

(7) Patient is not receiving Vyndaqel/Vyndamax in combination with an RNA-targeted therapy for ATTR amyloidosis [i.e., Amvuttra (vutrisiran), Attruby (acoramadis), Onpattro (patisiran), Tegsedi (inotersen), or Wainua (eplontersen)]

**Authorization will be issued for 12 months.**

## 2. **Reauthorization**

a. **Vyndaqel/Vyndamax** will be approved based on **all** of the following criteria:

(1) Documentation that the patient has experienced a positive clinical response to Vyndaqel/Vyndamax (e.g., improved symptoms, quality of life, slowing of disease progression, decreased hospitalizations, etc.)

-AND-

(2) Documentation that patient continues to have New York Heart Association (NYHA) Functional Class I, II, or III heart failure

-AND-

(3) Prescribed by or in consultation with a cardiologist

-AND-

(4) Patient is not receiving Vyndaqel/Vyndamax in combination with an RNA-targeted therapy for ATTR amyloidosis [i.e., Amvuttra (vutrisiran), Attriby (acoramadis), Onpattro (patisiran), Tegsedi (inotersen), or Wainua (eplontersen)]

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<sup>a</sup> State mandates may apply. Any federal regulatory requirements and the member specific benefit plan coverage may also impact coverage criteria. Other policies and utilization management programs may apply.

\*May require prior authorization and notification

### 3. Additional Clinical Programs:

- Notwithstanding Coverage Criteria, UnitedHealthcare may approve initial and re-authorization based solely on previous claim/medication history, diagnosis codes (ICD-10) and/or claim logic. Use of automated approval and re-approval processes varies by program and/or therapeutic class.
- Supply limits may be in place.

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<b>Change Control</b>	
6/2019	New program.
2/2020	Updated program to address potential combination amyloidosis treatment.
2/2021	Annual review with no change to coverage criteria. Updated references.
2/2022	Annual review with no change to clinical criteria. Updated references.
2/2023	Annual review with no change to coverage criteria.
9/2023	Added reference to support requirement that Vyndamax/Vyndaqel are not used in combination with another agent for cardiac amyloidosis.
9/2024	Annual review. Renamed and added examples of RNA-targeted therapies for ATTR amyloidosis. Updated and added references.
1/2025	Annual review. Updated clinical criteria for diagnosis of ATTR cardiac amyloidosis. Removed criteria allowing for temporary combination therapy. Added examples of RNA-targeted therapy. Updated references.