

Policy Name:	Carbaglu (carglumic acid)	Policy #:	1781P
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Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish the criteria for coverage of Carbaglu.

Statement of the Policy

Health Alliance Medical Plans and Health Alliance Northwest will approve the use of Carbaglu under the Specialty Pharmacy benefit when the following criteria have been met.

Criteria

1. Coverage Criteria

- 1.1 Documented diagnosis of one of the following:
 - N-acetylglutamate synthase (NAGS) deficiency confirmed by enzyme essays which demonstrate a deficiency of NAGS enzyme activity or by DNA testing
 - Methylmalonic acidemia (MMA)
 - Propionic academia (PA)
- 1.2 Medication is ordered by a physician experienced in metabolic disorders
- 1.3 Coverage of brand Carbaglu requires trial or clinical contraindication to generic carglumic acid tablets

2. Approval Period

- 2.1 12 months

CPT Codes

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HCPCS Codes

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