

# Drug Policy: Fruzaqla™ (fruquintinib)

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<b>CMS REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>STATE/FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS</b>		<b>APPLICABLE LINES OF BUSINESS</b> Commercial, Exchange, Medicaid	

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## I. PURPOSE

To define and describe the accepted indications for Fruzaqla (fruquintinib) usage in the treatment of cancer, including FDA approved indications, and off-label indications.

Evolut is responsible for processing all medication requests from network ordering providers. Medications not authorized by Evolut may be deemed as not approvable and therefore not reimbursable.

The use of this drug must be supported by one of the following: FDA approved product labeling, CMS-approved compendia, National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) clinical guidelines, or peer-reviewed literature that meets the requirements of the CMS Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15.

## II. INDICATIONS FOR USE/INCLUSION CRITERIA

**A. Continuation requests for a not-approvable medication shall be exempt from this Evolut policy provided:**

1. The member has not experienced disease progression on the requested medication **AND**

2. The requested medication was used within the last year without a lapse of more than 30 days of having an active authorization **AND**
3. Additional medication(s) are not being added to the continuation request.

**B. Colorectal Cancer**

1. Fruzaqla (fruquintinib) may be used for the treatment of adult members with metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC) who have been previously treated with fluoropyrimidine-, oxaliplatin-, and irinotecan-based chemotherapy, an anti-VEGF therapy, and, if RAS wild-type, an anti-EGFR therapy. Member may or may not have received prior therapy with Lonsurf and/or Stivarga.

**III. EXCLUSION CRITERIA**

- A. Disease progression while taking Fruzaqla (fruquintinib).
- B. Concurrent use with other anticancer therapies.
- C. Dosing exceeds single dose limit of Fruzaqla (fruquintinib) 5 mg.
- D. Treatment with Fruzaqla (fruquintinib) exceeds the maximum limit of 84 (1 mg) and 21 (5 mg) capsules/month.
- E. Investigational use of Fruzaqla (fruquintinib) with an off-label indication that is not sufficient in evidence or is not generally accepted by the medical community. Sufficient evidence that is not supported by CMS recognized compendia or acceptable peer reviewed literature is defined as any of the following:
  1. Whether the clinical characteristics of the patient and the cancer are adequately represented in the published evidence.
  2. Whether the administered chemotherapy/biologic therapy/immune therapy/targeted therapy/other oncologic therapy regimen is adequately represented in the published evidence.
  3. Whether the reported study outcomes represent clinically meaningful outcomes experienced by patients. Generally, the definitions of Clinically Meaningful outcomes are those recommended by ASCO, e.g., Hazard Ratio of < 0.80 and the recommended survival benefit for OS and PFS should be at least 3 months.
  4. Whether the experimental design, considering the drugs and conditions under investigation, is appropriate to address the investigative question. (For example, in some clinical studies, it may be unnecessary or not feasible to use randomization, double blind trials, placebos, or crossover).
  5. That non-randomized clinical trials with a significant number of subjects may be a basis for supportive clinical evidence for determining accepted uses of drugs.
  6. That case reports are generally considered uncontrolled and anecdotal information and do not provide adequate supportive clinical evidence for determining accepted uses of drugs.
  7. That abstracts (including meeting abstracts) without the full article from the approved peer-reviewed journals lack supporting clinical evidence for determining accepted uses of drugs.

**IV. CODING INFORMATION**

<b>HCPSC Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
C9399	fruquintinib

## V. MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

- A. Please refer to the FDA label/package insert for details regarding these topics.

## VI. APPROVAL AUTHORITY

- A. Review – Utilization Management Department
- B. Final Approval – Utilization Management Committee

## VII. ATTACHMENTS

- A. None

## VIII. REFERENCES

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