

Clinical Policy Title:	vadadustat
Policy Number:	RxA.882
Drug(s) Applied:	Vafseo
Original Policy Date:	04/10/2025
Last Review Date:	12/11/2025
Line of Business Policy Applies to:	All lines of business (except Medicare)

Criteria

I. Initial Approval Criteria

A. Anemia due to CKD (must meet all):

1. Diagnosis of anemia due to CKD;
2. Member must have been receiving dialysis ≥ 3 months;
3. Trial and failure of Epogen, Procrit, or Retacrit used for at least 4 weeks, unless contraindicated or clinically adverse effects are experienced;
4. Member has adequate iron stores as indicated by current (within the last 3 months) serum ferritin level ≥ 100 mcg/L or serum transferrin saturation ≥ 20%.

Approval duration

All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 12 months

II. Continued Therapy Approval

1. Auto-approval based on lookback functionality within the past 120 days as a proxy for member responding positively to therapy with RxAdvance initial approval

Approval duration

All Lines of Business (except Medicare): 12 months

References

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2. Toka HR, Bernardo M, Burke SK, et al. Vadadustat Three Times Weekly in Patients With Anemia Due to Dialysis-Dependent CKD. *Am J Kidney Dis*. 2025;85(4):454-464.e1. doi:10.1053/j.ajkd.2024.09.006

Review/Revision History	Review/Revised Date	P&T Approval Date
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