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**Kisunla™ (donanemab-azbt)**

**LENGTH OF AUTHORIZATION:** Six months

**REVIEW CRITERIA:**

- Patient must be  $\geq 18$  years of age; **AND**
- Patient has mild cognitive impairment (MCI) due to Alzheimer’s disease (AD) or has mild Alzheimer’s dementia (there is insufficient evidence in moderate or severe AD) as evidenced by **ALL** the following:
  - Clinical Dementia Rating (CDR)-Global Score of 0.5 to 1
  - Memory Box Score of  $\geq 0.5$
  - Objective evidence of cognitive impairment at screening
  - Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE) score between 20 to 28, inclusive
  - Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scan or cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) assessment of amyloid  $\beta$  (A $\beta$  1-42) is positive for amyloid beta plaque; **AND**
- Other conditions mimicking, but of non-Alzheimer’s dementia etiology, have been ruled out (e.g., vascular dementia, dementia with Lewy bodies [DLB], frontotemporal dementia [FTD], normal pressure hydrocephalus); **AND**
- Physician has assessed baseline disease severity utilizing an objective measure/tool (e.g., MMSE, Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale-Cognitive Subscale [ADAS-Cog-13], Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study-Activities of Daily Living Inventory-Mild Cognitive Impairment version [ADCS-ADL-MCI], Clinical Dementia Rating-Sum of Boxes [CDR-SB]); **AND**
  - Patient has been tested prior to treatment to assess apolipoprotein E  $\epsilon 4$  (ApoE  $\epsilon 4$ ) status (e.g., homozygote, heterozygote, or noncarrier), and the prescriber has informed the patient that those who are homozygotes have a higher incidence of developing amyloid related imaging abnormalities (ARIA); **OR**
  - Genotype testing has not been performed, and the prescriber has informed the patient that it cannot be determined if they are ApoE  $\epsilon 4$  homozygotes and, therefore, it also cannot be determined whether they are at higher risk for developing ARIA; **AND**
- Patient has received a baseline brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) prior to initiating; **AND**
- Patient does NOT have a clinically significant and unstable psychiatric illness in the past 6 months; **AND**
- Patient does NOT have a history of alcohol or substance abuse in the preceding year; **AND**
- Medication will NOT be used concurrently with other anti-amyloid immunotherapies (e.g., lecanemab [Leqembi®], aducanumab [Aduhelm®]); **AND**
- Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a specialist in neurology or gerontology.

**CONTINUATION OF THERAPY**

- Patient met initial review criteria; **AND**

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- Patient has responded to therapy compared to pretreatment baseline as evidenced by improvement, stability, or slowing in cognitive and/or functional impairment in  $\geq 1$  of the following (not all-inclusive): ADAS-Cog 13; ADCS-ADL-MCI; MMSE; CDR-SB; **AND**
- Patient will discontinue treatment when reduction of amyloid plaques are reduced to minimal levels on amyloid PET imaging, defined as either of the following:
  - Level is  $< 11$  Centiloids on a single PET scan; **OR**
  - Level is 11 to  $< 25$  Centiloids on 2 consecutive PET scans; **AND**
- Patient has NOT progressed to moderate or severe AD; **AND**
- Patient has undergone MRI prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, AND 7<sup>th</sup> infusion to monitor ARIA with edema (ARIA-E) and ARIA with hemosiderin deposition (ARIA-H) microhemorrhages; **AND**
- Absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug. Examples of unacceptable toxicity include ARIA-E and ARIA-H, intracerebral hemorrhage, and severe infusion-related reactions including anaphylaxis; **AND**
- Dosing is appropriate as per labeling or is supported by compendia.

**DOSING AND ADMINISTRATION:**

- Refer to product labeling at <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/daf/>
- Available as 350 mg/20 mL (17.5 mg/mL) in single-dose vial.