

**Generic Name:** palbociclib

**Preferred:** N/A

**Therapeutic Class or Brand Name:** Ibrance

**Non-preferred:** N/A

**Applicable Drugs:** N/A

**Date of Origin:** 9/8/2025

**Date Last Reviewed / Revised:** N/A

## PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

(May be considered medically necessary when criteria I to V are met.)

- I. Documentation of the following diagnosis AND must meet all criteria listed under the applicable diagnosis:  
FDA-Approved Indication(s)
  - A. Breast cancer
    - i. Documentation of hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative breast cancer
    - ii. Documentation of advanced or metastatic disease and meets one of the following (1, 2, or 3):
      1. Used with an aromatase inhibitor (ex: anastrozole, letrozole, exemestane) as initial endocrine-based therapy
      2. Used with fulvestrant
        - a. Disease has progressed following endocrine-based therapy
      3. Documentation of PIK3CA-mutation
        - a. Disease has progressed on or after completing adjuvant endocrine therapy
        - b. Used in combination with Itovebi (inavolisib) and fulvestrant
- II. Minimum age requirement: 18 years old.
- III. Treatment must be prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist or hematologist.
- IV. Request is for a medication with the appropriate FDA labeling, or its use is supported by current clinical practice guidelines.
- V. Refer to the plan document for the list of preferred products. If the requested agent is not listed as a preferred product, must have documented treatment failure or contraindication to the preferred product(s).

## EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- The patient has had no prior treatment with a CDK4/6 inhibitor (i.e. Ibrance [palbociclib], Kisqali [ribociclib], or Verzenio [abemaciclib]) resulting in disease progression.

#### OTHER CRITERIA

- Pre/peri-menopausal women treated with the combination of Ibrance plus an aromatase inhibitor or fulvestrant or Ibrance plus Itovebi (inavolisib) plus fulvestrant should be treated with a luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone (LHRH) agonist (ex: Zoladex [goserelin], Lupron [leuprolide], etc.).

#### QUANTITY / DAYS SUPPLY RESTRICTIONS

- Quantities limited to a 28-day supply (21 capsules per 28 days)
- Maximum dose: 125 mg once daily for 21 consecutive days followed by 7 days off

#### APPROVAL LENGTH

- **Authorization:** 1 year
- **Re-Authorization:** An updated letter of medical necessity or progress notes showing current medical necessity criteria are met and does not show evidence of progressive disease.

#### APPENDIX

N/A

#### REFERENCES

1. National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology. Breast Cancer. Version 4.2025. Updated April 17, 2025. Accessed July 10, 2025.  
[www.nccn.org/professionals/physician\\_gls/pdf/breast.pdf](http://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/breast.pdf)
2. Ibrance. Prescribing Information. Pfizer Inc. April 2025. Accessed July 10, 2025.  
[www.access.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2025/207103s020lbl.pdf](http://www.access.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2025/207103s020lbl.pdf)

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