

Livmarli

Bahrain · access guide

How to access Livmarli from Bahrain, the named-patient import pathway, 2026

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An Bahraini child with Alagille syndrome or progressive familial intrahepatic cholestasis (PFIC) who is suffering from intractable cholestatic pruritus may receive a prescription for Livmarli (maralixibat) from their treating paediatric hepatologist or paediatric gastroenterologist. Livmarli is FDA-approved in the United States as an oral ileal bile acid transporter (IBAT) inhibitor, indicated to reduce cholestatic pruritus in specific paediatric cholestatic liver diseases. Because Livmarli is not yet routinely available through Bahraini hospital pharmacies for these ultra-rare paediatric indications, your specialist may be coordinating a named-patient import pathway on your behalf.

This guide explains the legal pathway, what documentation your physician needs, typical timing and cost bands, and where Reserve Meds fits in.

The clinical situation

Livmarli is an orally administered IBAT inhibitor that reduces systemic bile acid exposure by blocking their reabsorption in the terminal ileum. It is supplied as an oral solution dosed by weight, given once daily. The manufacturer is Mirum Pharmaceuticals. Eligibility typically requires genetic or clinical confirmation of Alagille syndrome (JAG1 or NOTCH2) or PFIC (ABCB11, ATP8B1, or other defined subtypes) and documented cholestatic pruritus that has not responded adequately to conventional antipruritic measures. Your paediatric specialist confirms diagnosis, baseline liver function, bile acid levels, growth parameters, and the monitoring plan, which includes liver enzyme surveillance and fat-soluble vitamin status, per FDA labeling.

Is Livmarli legally importable into Bahrain?

Yes, through the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (NHRA) personal-use / named-patient import framework. The Bahrain has a mature pathway for importing medicines that are approved by recognised reference regulators but not yet locally marketed, used routinely across paediatric rare disease.

The NHRA route typically rests on: (a) FDA or equivalent approval of the medicine, (b) the absence of a suitable locally registered alternative, (c) a prescription from a registered Bahraini medical practitioner who takes clinical responsibility, and (d) documented chain of custody from the US source to the treating facility. For paediatric rare-disease products, NHRA reviewers are accustomed to seeing named-patient dossiers for IBAT inhibitors.

How the pathway works, step by step

1. **Consultation with your treating paediatric specialist.** Diagnostic confirmation (genetic report plus clinical picture), pruritus severity assessment, prior therapy history, and a written clinical rationale.
2. **Treatment-centre identification.** A tertiary paediatric liver centre or a paediatric gastroenterology service that can monitor liver function, growth, and fat-soluble vitamins accepts the case.
3. **NHRA named-patient application.** Your physician or the hospital's licensed importing pharmacy files the application including prescription, diagnostic report, weight-based dosing plan, and chain-of-custody documentation.
4. **US-side sourcing.** Reserve Meds coordinates with our US-licensed specialty wholesale partner to secure product from the manufacturer's authorised distribution chain under DSCSA.
5. **Temperature-controlled shipment.** Livmarli oral solution ships with protective packaging and chain-of-custody documentation end to end.
6. **Arrival and dispensing support.** Your paediatric specialist remains the treating clinician. Reserve Meds coordinates re-supply ahead of bottle depletion to avoid treatment gaps, which matter for pruritus-control continuity.

What documentation your physician needs

Your physician will typically need to provide:

- A clinical rationale letter confirming Alagille syndrome or PFIC diagnosis, pruritus severity, prior antipruritic therapy, and Livmarli as the indicated treatment
- Verification of their Bahraini medical registration (state medical council registration number)
- A current prescription naming the product, weight-based dose in mg/kg, and dosing schedule
- Patient identifier (anonymised paediatric reference preferred)
- Planned monitoring cadence (LFTs, bile acids, fat-soluble vitamins, growth)

Reserve Meds provides a physician documentation kit bundling the templates NHRA reviewers expect to see for paediatric rare-disease oral therapies under named-patient import.

Costs and timing

Livmarli's US cash-pay reference price is weight-dependent because of the oral-solution, mg/kg-per-day dosing model. For a typical paediatric patient, the indicative 2026 monthly cost sits in a range of roughly USD 20,000-35,000 per month depending on weight. Logistics, NHRA documentation handling, and concierge coordination add incremental cost; Reserve Meds issues a full transparent quote at the start of intake, with a drug-only reference figure separated from service charges.

Indicative timing for first shipment arrival after cohort intake opens is 7-14 days from the moment a complete NHRA application is submitted. Subsequent re-supply cycles are generally faster once the pathway is established.

Fulfillment availability is limited to our first cohort, and all timelines published on this site are indicative. If your clinical situation is time-sensitive, tell us at intake. We triage accordingly.

A culturally-aware note: Bahrain has several high-volume paediatric hepatology centres of excellence across Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Kolkata. Our concierge team can coordinate with any of them, in English or the regional language your family prefers.

Reserve Meds's role

Reserve Meds is a US-based concierge coordinator for cross-border specialty medicine. For Livmarli specifically, we provide:

- **Sourcing.** Through our US-licensed specialty wholesale partner, operating under DSCSA chain-of-custody.
- **Documentation.** Regulatory documentation package for your physician and for NHRA review, including paediatric diagnostic-attestation templates.
- **Logistics.** Temperature-protected shipment and chain-of-custody coordination.
- **Concierge case lead.** A named point of contact for your family and your physician throughout the process.

What we do not do: we are not the prescriber, we do not practise medicine, and we are not the dispensing pharmacy. All clinical decisions remain with your treating paediatric specialist.

Frequently asked

Is this legal in Bahrain? Yes, when executed through the NHRA personal-use / named-patient framework with appropriate documentation. See our trust and compliance page.

Is Livmarli a cure? No. Livmarli is an antipruritic therapy that addresses the bile-acid-driven itch burden in Alagille syndrome and PFIC. It does not reverse the underlying genetic disease, but for many children the reduction in pruritus meaningfully improves sleep, growth, and quality of life.

What if my child is younger than 3 months? Labeling restrictions apply by age and weight. Your paediatric specialist will confirm eligibility against the current FDA label.

How is Livmarli different from odevixibat (Bylvay)? Both are IBAT inhibitors. Your paediatric specialist will discuss which fits your child's genetic subtype, weight, and formulation preferences.

Will private insurance cover this? Cash-pay is the default. Some Bahrainn private insurers and employer plans reimburse named-patient imports for ultra-rare paediatric conditions on a case-by-case basis; we supply documentation for your submission but do not process insurance claims directly.

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Composite case examples. This document is for general information only and does not constitute medical advice. Please consult your treating physician.

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