

Reblozyl

Abu Dhabi · access guide

How to access Reblozyl from Abu Dhabi, the named-patient import pathway, 2026

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A Abu Dhabi patient with transfusion-dependent beta-thalassemia or lower-risk myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) with ring sideroblasts or SF3B1 mutation may receive a prescription for Reblozyl (luspatercept-aamt) from their treating haematologist. Reblozyl is FDA-approved for anaemia in adults with beta-thalassemia requiring regular red-blood-cell transfusions and for anaemia in lower-risk MDS who require transfusions, and it is manufactured by Bristol Myers Squibb. It is a first-in-class erythroid maturation agent, a fusion protein that binds TGF- β superfamily ligands and promotes late-stage red-blood-cell maturation, reducing transfusion burden in appropriately selected patients. Beta-thalassemia has a meaningful disease burden in parts of Abu Dhabi, which is why Reblozyl is often specifically considered for transfusion-dependent patients. In Abu Dhabi, Reblozyl may not yet be broadly registered for every indication, which is why your haematologist may be navigating a named-patient import pathway with you.

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

The clinical situation

Reblozyl is administered as a subcutaneous injection every three weeks, weight-based. Eligibility requires the specific approved indications: transfusion-dependent beta-thalassemia in adults, or anaemia in lower-risk MDS (ring sideroblasts or SF3B1 mutation for the original indication, with newer data supporting a broader first-line indication in lower-risk MDS). Your treating haematologist confirms diagnosis (molecular and transfusion-dependence evidence), baseline labs, and the dosing plan per FDA labeling. Reblozyl carries warnings related to thromboembolism in beta-thalassemia and hypertension.

Is Reblozyl legally importable into the Abu Dhabi?

Yes, through the UAE Ministry of Health and Prevention (MoHAP) named-patient import framework. The pathway allows a the Abu Dhabi-licensed (under DoH) physician to request import of a medicine not broadly registered locally when: (a) the medicine is approved by a recognised reference authority (FDA qualifies), (b) no locally registered alternative is clinically equivalent for the patient, (c) the physician takes clinical responsibility, and (d) chain of custody is documented through a licensed importing entity.

For luspatercept specifically, the application is relatively routine as a subcutaneously administered biologic, no REMS or complement-inhibitor-style vaccination gating applies.

How the pathway works, step by step

1. **Consultation with your treating haematologist.** Diagnosis confirmation (beta-thalassemia genotype and transfusion dependence, or MDS with ring sideroblasts / SF3B1 mutation), baseline labs, and the clinical rationale for Reblozyl.
2. **MoHAP named-patient application.** Your physician files the application including clinical letter, patient identifier, and product details.
3. **US-side sourcing.** Reserve Meds coordinates with our US-licensed specialty wholesale partner to secure the product from the manufacturer's authorised distribution chain.
4. **Cold-chain shipment.** Reblozyl ships at 2-8°C with continuous temperature monitoring.
5. **Arrival and subcutaneous dosing.** The treating centre administers the subcutaneous injection every three weeks; dose titration is guided by response and transfusion burden.

What documentation your physician needs

Your physician will typically need to provide:

- Clinical rationale letter confirming diagnosis (beta-thalassemia or lower-risk MDS), transfusion history, baseline labs, and Reblozyl as the indicated treatment
- Verification of the DoH medical licence (Abu Dhabi emirate)
- Patient identifier
- Planned three-weekly subcutaneous dosing schedule
- Plan for transfusion-burden monitoring and response assessment

Reserve Meds provides a physician documentation kit that bundles the templates MoHAP reviewers expect to see for erythroid-maturation-agent therapy.

Costs and timing

Reblozyl's US cash-pay drug-only reference price sits in a broad indicative range, the annualised treatment cost varies substantially with weight-based dosing but typically falls in the USD 150,000-300,000 range in US list pricing. International cold-chain logistics, MoHAP documentation, and concierge coordination add incremental cost; Reserve Meds issues a full transparent quote at the start of intake. Indicative range.

Indicative timing for the first dose after cohort intake opens is 7-14 days from the moment a complete application is submitted.

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.

Reserve Meds's role

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

- **Sourcing.** Through our US-licensed specialty wholesale partner, operating under DSCSA chain-of-custody.
- **Documentation.** Regulatory package for your physician and for MoHAP review.
- **Logistics.** Cold-chain, temperature-monitored shipment.
- **Concierge case lead.** A named point of contact.

What we do not do: We are not the prescriber. We do not practise medicine. We are not the dispensing pharmacy. All clinical decisions remain with your treating haematologist.

Frequently asked

Is this legal in Abu Dhabi? Yes, when executed through the MoHAP named-patient framework with appropriate documentation.

Beta-thalassemia is common in our region, how does Reblozyl change care? The goal of Reblozyl in transfusion-dependent beta-thalassemia is reduction of transfusion burden, which translates into fewer hospital visits, lower iron burden (with the corresponding reduction in chelation need), and improved quality of life. Clinical-trial data showed meaningful reductions in transfusion requirement in responders; not every patient responds, and response is typically assessed over several dose cycles.

What about thrombosis risk? Beta-thalassemia patients have an elevated baseline thrombotic risk, and Reblozyl has been associated with thromboembolic events in this population. Your haematologist manages thromboprophylaxis decisions individually.

How does Reblozyl compare with chronic transfusion alone? Chronic transfusion remains the backbone of care for transfusion-dependent beta-thalassemia, with iron chelation to manage iron overload. Reblozyl is an add-on therapy that aims to reduce, not replace, transfusion frequency; patients continue under standard-of-care management.

Will private insurance cover this? Cash-pay is the default. Some Abu Dhabi private insurers reimburse thalassemia and MDS therapy on escalated review; we supply documentation but do not process insurance claims directly.

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