

# Priority Health Choice, Medicaid PA Criteria

This document contains information regarding Priority Health Medicaid pharmacy prior authorizations.

Prior authorization criteria for medications covered on Priority Health Choice Medicaid, Medicaid CSHCS, and Healthy MI plans is listed below. The criteria listed in this document is approved by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), via the Medicaid Common Formulary.

## What is a prior authorization?

When a medication requires prior authorization, it means that certain criteria must be met before the medication can be covered.

## How to know when a medication requires prior authorization

The best way to know when a medication requires prior authorization is to use the [Medicaid Approved Drug List \(ADL\)](#) tool. If a drug is listed as non-formulary, or not at all, prescribers can use the Medicaid Pharmacy Authorization form to request a formulary exception.

## How to use this criteria document

This criteria document is meant to be used alongside the [Medicaid Approved Drug List](#) (also known as the drug formulary) and the Medicaid Pharmacy Prior Authorization form. For approval of a brand-name drug where a generic is available, the patient must meet dispense as written (DAW) criteria.

## Not all medications are covered by this plan

The certificate of coverage (COC) for this plan includes a list of medications excluded from coverage by Medicaid. Carve Out medications are excluded from coverage under this Priority Health Medicaid plan but may be covered by the Fee For Service Medicaid plan. For more information on Fee For Service Medicaid coverage and authorizations, providers and beneficiaries should contact Prime Therapeutics:

<https://mi.primetherapeutics.com/>



DRUG	CRITERIA
acitretin	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderate to severe psoriasis</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial authorization: 12 months</li> <li>Continuation authorization: 12 months</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> none</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> none</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must have completed, at minimum, a 90-day trial of methotrexate resulting in clinical failure</li> <li>Must have minimum 90-day trial of high dose topical steroid (example: augmented betamethasone, clobetasol)</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation showing the patient has experienced symptomatic improvement or maintained stable clinical status.</li> <li>Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy.</li> </ul>
Attruby	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wild-type ATTR-CM</li> <li>Hereditary ATTR-CM</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial authorization: 1 year</li> <li>Continuation authorization: 1 year</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with (notes must be submitted), a cardiologist</li> </ul> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> none</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation confirming diagnosis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ATTR-CM must be confirmed by genetic testing, tissue biopsy, or radionuclide imaging (99mTcPYP, 99mTc- DPD, or 99mTc-HMDP scan); <b>AND</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Medical history of heart failure that includes one of the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at least one prior hospitalization of heart failure <b>OR</b></li> <li>clinical evidence of heart failure <b>AND</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Must not currently have, or have history of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New York Heart Association (NYHA) Class 4 heart failure</li> <li>Primary (light-chain) amyloidosis</li> <li>Prior liver or heart transplant or an implanted cardiac device <b>AND</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Will not be used concurrently with Amvuttra, Onpattro, Wainua, Vyndaqel, or Vyndamax</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation that the patient has experienced a positive clinical response to Vyndaqel/Vyndamax compared to baseline (i.e. reduced cardiovascular-related hospitalizations, improved function, improved quality of life); <b>AND</b></li> <li>Patient is not receiving Attruby in combination with Vyndaqel, Vyndamax, Amvuttra, Wainua or Onpattro.</li> <li>Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy <b>OR</b> no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Austedo</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chorea associated with Huntington’s disease</li> <li>• Tardive Dyskinesia secondary to use of a dopamine antagonist</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial authorization: 1 year</li> <li>• Continuation authorization: 1 year</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a neurologist or psychiatrist</li> </ul> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> 18 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation confirming diagnosis of Chorea associated with Huntington’s disease or Tardive Dyskinesia secondary to current or past use of a dopamine antagonist (e.g. antipsychotic, metoclopramide, prochlorperazine, droperidol, promethazine, etc.); <b>AND</b></li> <li>• For tardive dyskinesia, attestation that a baseline AIMS test has been completed</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attestation of patient’s improvement in symptoms associated with their condition; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• For tardive dyskinesia, attestation that a follow-up AIMS test has been completed <b>AND</b> there has been a positive response to therapy</li> </ul>
<p><b>benznidazole</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chagas disease (American trypanosomiasis) due to Trypanosoma cruzi</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial authorization: 60 days</li> <li>• Continuation authorization: N/A</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> none</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> none</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have a confirmed diagnosis of Chagas disease (American trypanosomiasis) due to Trypanosoma cruzi</li> </ul>

<p><b>Beyfortus</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevention of RSV lower respiratory tract disease in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neonates and infants born during or entering their first RSV season</li> <li>Children up to 24 months of age who remain vulnerable to severe RSV disease through their second RSV season</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For planned cardiac surgery with cardiopulmonary bypass: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 doses, to include 1 dose before surgery and 1 dose after surgery</li> </ul> </li> <li>All other requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 dose</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> none</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> Patient must be age 24 months or younger</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mother did not receive vaccination against RSV in the 2nd or 3rd trimester; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Patient is &lt; 8 months of age and born during (or entering) their first respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) season and has not received a previous dose of Beyfortus; <b>OR</b></li> <li>Patient is up to 24 months of age entering their second RSV season and is at increased risk of severe RSV disease such as but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>patient has chronic lung disease (CLD) and they required medical support during the 6-month period before the start of the second RSV season; <b>OR</b></li> <li>patient has congenital heart disease (CHD); <b>OR</b></li> <li>patient is immunocompromised; <b>OR</b></li> <li>patient has neuromuscular disorder; <b>OR</b></li> <li>patient has cystic fibrosis with manifestations of severe lung disease (previous hospitalization for pulmonary exacerbation in the first year of life or abnormalities on chest imaging that persist when stable) or weight for length &lt; 10th percentile; <b>OR</b></li> <li>patient is Alaska Native; <b>OR</b></li> <li>patient is American Indian; <b>AND</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Patient has not received 5 doses of palivizumab (Synagis®) for the current RSV season</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bronchitol</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cystic fibrosis</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial authorization: 1 year</li> <li>Continuation authorization: up to 1 year</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be prescribed by a Pulmonologist</li> </ul> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> 18 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation confirming diagnosis of cystic fibrosis; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Attestation that the Bronchitol Tolerance Test (BTT) has been performed to confirm the patient is suitable for Bronchitol therapy; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Documentation of trial and failure of hypertonic saline; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Documentation that Bronchitol will be used as add-on maintenance therapy to improve pulmonary function</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attestation that the member has had positive response to treatment; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Patient did not experience event of hemoptysis (coughing up blood)</li> </ul>

<p><b>budesonide EC 3mg</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crohn’s disease (mild to moderate)</li> <li>• Microscopic (lymphocytic and collagenous) colitis</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis of Crohn’s disease (mild to moderate) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Initial authorization: up to 8 months</li> <li>○ Continuation authorization: N/A</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Diagnosis of Microscopic (lymphocytic and collagenous) colitis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Initial authorization: up to 3 months</li> <li>○ Continuation authorization: N/A</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be prescribed by, or in collaboration with, a gastroenterologist</li> </ul> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> none</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <p><u>Crohn’s disease (mild to moderate)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have active Crohn’s disease; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Must have an intolerance to, or history of, unacceptable side effects to prednisone (or other systemic steroids)</li> </ul> <p><u>Microscopic (lymphocytic and collagenous) colitis</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation confirming diagnosis via endoscopic evaluation and biopsy of the colonic mucosa; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Must have active microscopic colitis (<math>\geq 3</math> stools or <math>\geq 1</math> watery stool per day); <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Must have diarrhea that persists despite the use of antidiarrheals</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Information:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budesonide EC 3mg caps are covered for a total of 570 capsules per year; up to 16 weeks at 9mg once daily, up to 3 months at 6mg once daily, and up to 1 month at 3mg once daily.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Calcitriol ointment</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis of psoriasis</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial authorization: 6 months</li> <li>• Continuation authorization: 1 year</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> none</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> 2 years and older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescribed to treat an FDA approved indication for Topical Vitamin D analogs; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Documented trial, failure, or intolerance of at least one high potency or very high potency topical steroid; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Documented trial, failure, or intolerance of one low or medium potency topical steroid and justification for avoidance of a higher potency topical steroid; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Topical steroid avoidance due to pediatric age</li> </ul> <p><b>Quantity Limit:</b> Appropriate amount to cover affected area for up to 34 days based on provider estimate or body surface area (BSA) estimate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 7 years and older: max recommended is 200 grams/week</li> <li>• Age 2-6 years: max recommended is 100 grams/week</li> <li>• <b>Prescriber must provide clinical justification for exceeding safe limit</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescriber attests to positive clinical response or stable disease</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Information:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred within 6 months of therapy initiation.</li> </ul>

**Camzyos**

**Approved Diagnosis:**

- Diagnosis of symptomatic New York Heart Association (NYHA) class II or III obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM)

**Approval Timeframe:**

- Initial authorization: 6 months
- Continuation authorization: 1 year

**Prescriber Specialty Requirement:**

- Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a cardiologist

**Age Limitation: ≥ 18 years or older**

**Initial Criteria:**

- Documentation confirming diagnosis must be submitted; **AND**
- Member has a left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) of ≥ 55%; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that the member will not be prescribed disopyramide, ranolazine, or combination therapy of beta blocker and calcium channel blocker, while the member is receiving Camzyos; **AND**
- For females of childbearing potential, a pregnancy test is performed and is negative before starting therapy; **AND**
- Attestation provided of patient, provider, and pharmacy enrollment in Camzyos Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) Program

**Continuation Criteria:**

- Prescriber attests to positive clinical response or stable disease; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that the member will not be prescribed disopyramide, ranolazine, or combination therapy of beta blocker and calcium channel blocker, while the member is receiving Camzyos; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that the member is not pregnant; **AND**
- LVEF is ≥ 50%

**Additional Information:**

- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.

**cinacalcet**

**Approved Diagnosis:**

- Treatment of severe hypercalcemia in adult patients with primary hyperparathyroidism for who parathyroidectomy would be indicated on the bases of serum calcium levels, but who are unable to undergo parathyroidectomy
- Treatment of secondary hyperparathyroidism in adult patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD) on dialysis
- Treatment of hypercalcemia in adult patients with parathyroid carcinoma

**Approval Timeframe:**

- Initial authorization: 3 months
- Continuation authorization: 6 months

**Prescriber Specialty Requirement:**

- Must be prescribed by a nephrologist, endocrinologist, or an oncologist by parathyroid carcinoma

**Age Limitation:** 18 years or older

**Initial Criteria:**

- Documentation confirming diagnosis must be submitted

Treatment of secondary hyperparathyroidism in adult patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD) on dialysis

- Must submit current labs for all the following:
  - iPTH - iPTH level must be > 300 (biPTH >160) to initiate therapy
  - calcium - calcium must be > 8.4 to initiate therapy
  - renal function
  - serum phosphorous calcium
- Must have a documented 3-month trial with subsequent clinical failure, or intolerance to both of the following:
  - an approved formulary phosphate binder
  - calcitriol or Vitamin D analogs

Treatment of parathyroid carcinoma (PC):

- Confirmation that the patient has hypercalcemia as defined by baseline serum calcium (Ca) > 10mg/dL (corrected for albumin)

Treatment of primary hyperparathyroidism:

- Confirmation the patient is eligible for, but unable to undergo parathyroidectomy
- Severe hypercalcemia as defined by baseline (pre-treatment) serum calcium (Ca) >12 mg/dL (corrected for albumin)

**Continuation Criteria:**

- Documentation showing absence of unacceptable toxicity from the drug (e.g. hypocalcemia, seizures, hypotension, worsening heart failure, arrhythmia, adynamic bone disease); **AND**

Treatment of secondary hyperparathyroidism in adult patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD) on dialysis

- Adequate documentation of disease response as indicated by improvement of intact parathyroid hormone (iPTH) levels from baseline; **AND**
- Current intact parathyroid hormone (iPTH) >150 pg/ml; **AND**
- Current serum calcium (Ca) >7.5 mg/dL

Treatment of parathyroid carcinoma (PC)

- Adequate documentation of disease response as indicated by improvement of serum calcium (Ca) from baseline; **AND**
- Current serum calcium (Ca) > 8.4 mg/dL

Treatment of primary hyperparathyroidism

- Adequate documentation of disease response as indicated by improvement of serum calcium (Ca) from baseline; **AND**
- Current serum calcium (Ca) > 8.4 mg/dL

**Additional Information:**

- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.

**dalfampridine**

**Approved Diagnosis:**

- For treatment to improve walking in patients with Multiple Sclerosis (MS)

**Approval Timeframe:**

- Initial authorization: 6 months
- Continuation authorization: 12 months

**Prescriber Specialty Requirement:** none

**Age Limitation:** Patient must be between ages 18 to 70 years old.

**Initial Criteria:**

- Must be receiving immunomodulatory therapy (unless immunomodulatory therapy is not indicated for patient's MS type)
- Must have significant and continuous walking impairment that impairs ability to complete normal daily activities (such as meal preparation, household chores, etc.) attributable to ambulation or functional status despite optimal treatment for MS
- Must have creatinine clearance greater than 50 mL/minute
- Must have one of the following:
  - Baseline timed 25-foot walk test (T25FW) is completed within 8-45 seconds, *OR*
  - Expanded Disability Status Scale (EDSS) score that is greater than or equal to 4.5 but less than 7
- Patient must not have:
  - history of seizures
  - require the use of a wheelchair (bilateral assistance is acceptable, such as a brace, cane, or crutch, as long as the patient can walk 20 meters without resting)
  - a spinal cord injury
  - myasthenia gravis
  - demyelinating peripheral neuropathies (such as Guillain-Barre syndrome)
  - Alzheimer's disease
  - Lambert Eaton myasthenic syndrome

**Continuation Criteria:**

- Patient must currently meet all the initial therapy criteria listed above
- Must maintain an 85% adherence rate to therapy, which will be verified based on Priority Health's medication fill history for the patient.
- The patient's functional impairment must resolve as a result of increased speed of ambulation resulting in the member being able to complete instrumental activities (meal preparation, household chores, etc.)
- Requires at least a 20% improvement in timed walking speed as documented by the T25FW test from pre-treatment baseline.

**desmopressin**

**Approved Diagnosis:**

- Arginine Vasopressin Disorder (formally known as Central Diabetes Insipidus)

**Approval Timeframe:**

- Initial authorization: 1 year
- Continuation authorization: for up to 1 year

**Prescriber Specialty Requirement:** Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, an endocrinologist

**Age Limitation:** 4 years or older

**Initial Criteria:**

- Must provide clinical documentation of Arginine Vasopressin Disorder/Central Diabetes Insipidus; **AND**
- Must provide clinical documentation of inadequate response to a 3-month trial of a maximum tolerated dose of Desmopressin tablets; **OR**
- Must include clinical documentation of contraindication to Desmopressin tablets; **OR**
- Prescriber attests that the patient is unable to swallow tablets; **AND**
- Prescriber attests the patient has been counseled on symptoms associated with hyponatremia; **AND**
- Prescriber attests the patient has a confirmed absence of all contraindications to desmopressin nasal spray, including:
  - hypersensitivity to desmopressin acetate or product components
  - existing or history of hyponatremia; **OR**
  - renal impairment defined as CrCl <50 mL/min.

**Continuation Criteria:**

- Clinical documentation of symptom improvement since initiating the requested drug, such as reduction in polyuria, nocturia, and/or polydipsia; **AND**
- Prescriber attests the patient has a confirmed absence of all contraindications to desmopressin nasal spray, including: hypersensitivity to desmopressin acetate or product components, existing or history of hyponatremia, or Renal impairment defined as CrCl <50 mL/min.

**dronabinol**

**Approved Diagnosis:**

- Appetite stimulation in AIDS patients
- Chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting

**Approval Timeframe:**

- Initial authorization:
  - Appetite stimulation in AIDS patients: 3 months
  - Chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting: duration of chemotherapy treatment
- Continuation authorization:
  - Appetite stimulation in AIDS patients: 12 months
  - Chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting: to be determined by clinical reviewer based on treatment plan

**Prescriber Specialty Requirement:** none

**Age Limitation:** none

**Initial Criteria:**

Appetite stimulation in AIDS patients

- Must have AIDS with anorexia associated with weight loss
- Must have documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to megestrol

Chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting

- Patient must be currently receiving chemotherapy
- Must have documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to an emetic regimen consistent with NCCN guidelines, including:
  - Ondansetron
  - Granisetron
  - Dexamethasone
  - Promethazine
  - Prochlorperazine
- Treatment plan must be included with request

**Continuation Criteria:**

- Documentation showing the patient has experienced a positive response to therapy must be submitted
  - Appetite stimulation in AIDS patients: patients weight must have stabilized
  - Chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting: decreased episodes of nausea and vomiting
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.

## Enspryng

### **Approved Diagnosis:**

- Neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder

### **Approval Timeframe:**

- Initial authorization: 12 months
- Continuation authorization: 12 months

### **Prescriber Specialty Requirement:**

- Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a neurologist or other provider who specializes in the treatment of NMOSD

**Age Limitation:** Patient must be age 18 years or older

### **Initial Criteria:**

- Member has a diagnosis of anti-aquaporin-4 (AQP4) antibody positive NMOSD; **AND**
- Clinical evidence of at least 1 documented relapse (including first attack) in last 12 months; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that the member has been assessed for the following baseline values prior to first dose:
  - Hepatitis B virus
  - Tuberculosis
  - Liver transaminase levels
  - Neutrophil Count; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that the member has or will avoid vaccinations within recommended time frames prior to initiation of Enspryng (see below); **AND**
- Documented trial and failure or medical contraindication to one of the following:
  - Rituximab
  - Azathioprine
  - Mycophenolate mofetil

### **Continuation Criteria:**

- Documentation that the prescriber has evaluated the member and recommends continuation of therapy (clinical benefit); **AND**
- Request is for an FDA approved/medically accepted dose

### **Additional Information:**

- Prescriber attests that member has not received (or will not receive) live or attenuated-live virus vaccines within 4 weeks prior to initiation of Enspryng and non-live vaccines at least 2 weeks prior to initiation of therapy

<p><b>Eohilia</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eosinophilic esophagitis</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial authorization: 3 months</li> <li>Continuation authorization: N/A</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist or an allergist</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> Patient must be age 11 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The patient has at least 15 eosinophils/high-power field (hpf) in the esophagus as confirmed by a biopsy; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Patient did not respond clinically to treatment with a topical glucocorticosteroid or proton pump inhibitor</li> </ul>
<p><b>Exservan</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial authorization: 1 year</li> <li>Continuation authorization: 1 year</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> Patient must be age 18 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation that the patient cannot swallow tablets</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation showing the patient has experienced clinical benefit from therapy</li> </ul>

**Hyftor**

**Approved Diagnosis:**

- facial angiofibroma associated with tuberous sclerosis

**Approval Timeframe:**

- Initial authorization: 3 months
- Continuation authorization: 1 year

**Prescriber Specialty Requirement:**

- Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, either a dermatologist or neurologist

**Age Limitation:** Must be at least 6 years old

**Initial Criteria:**

- Documentation must be submitted confirming diagnosis of facial angiofibroma associated with tuberous sclerosis

**Continuation Criteria:**

- Prescriber attests to positive symptom improvement based on size and redness of facial angiofibroma

**Additional Information**

- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.
- Quantity Limit:
  - Age 6-11 years: 2 tubes (20gm) is covered every 30 days
  - Age 12 years and older: 3 tubes (30gm) is covered every 30 days

## Increlex

### **Approved Diagnosis:**

- Severe primary IGF-1 deficiency:
  - Mutation in the GH-receptor
  - Mutation in the post-GHR signaling pathway
  - IGF-1 gene defects
- Growth hormone gene deletion and have developed neutralizing antibodies to growth hormone

### **Approval Timeframe:**

- Initial authorization: 12 months
- Continuation authorization: 12 months

### **Prescriber Specialty Requirement:**

- Must be prescribed by, or in consultation (consultation notes must be submitted) with a pediatric endocrinologist

**Age Limitation:** Must be at least age 2 years, but not older than age 17 years

### **Initial Criteria:**

Documentation must be provided for each of the following:

- Current height measurement at less than the 3rd percentile for age and sex
- IGF-1 level greater than or equal to 3 standard deviations below normal (based on lab reference range for age and sex)
- Epiphyses must be confirmed as open for members age 10 and older (submit radiograph report).
- Parental height (height of each parent, if available, or explanation of why not available – such as child adopted, or one parent no longer involved and is unavailable for measurement)
- Clinically determined growth failure as defined by abnormally low growth rate velocity
  - Prescriber must submit the member's height and weight measurements:
    - These measurements must be logged in a table and plotted on standard CDC growth chart.
    - Height and weight measurements must cover at least a one-year timespan.  
*\*Exception: If a member is in puberty, bone age may be advancing secondary to sex hormone production. If previous growth data cannot be found to provide the "one-year" or longer time-span of data, then sexual maturity rating (Tanner Staging) and measurement of sex hormones may be submitted with only 6 months of growth data.*
  - Abnormal growth velocity is defined by the following:
    - A history of lower than normal growth velocity, as shown by growth charts spanning at least 6 months of time, **and**
    - Height: Baseline height must be < the 3rd percentile or > 2 standard deviations [SD] below the mean for gender and age, a measure of the degree of short stature.

### Primary IGFD

- Normal or elevated growth hormone levels (stimulation testing is not required when levels are normal to high)

### Growth hormone gene deletion

- Documentation of prior treatment with growth hormone (typically 3-6 month trial) and subsequent antibody development

### **Continuation Criteria:**

- Epiphyses are open; **AND**
- Rate of growth with Increlex is greater than pretreatment rate of growth

### **Additional Information**

- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.
- Member must not be receiving concurrent growth hormone therapy **or** pharmacologic doses of corticosteroids.

<p><b>Ingrezza</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tardive Dyskinesia secondary to use of a dopamine antagonist</li> <li>• Chorea associated with Huntington's</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial authorization: 1 year</li> <li>• Continuation authorization: 1 year</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a neurologist or psychiatrist</li> </ul> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> 18 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation confirming diagnosis of chorea associated with Huntington's disease; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Documentation confirming diagnosis of Tardive Dyskinesia secondary to use of a dopamine antagonist (i.e., antipsychotic, metoclopramide, prochlorperazine, droperidol, promethazine, etc.); <b>AND</b></li> <li>• For tardive dyskinesia, attestation that a baseline AIMS test has been completed</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attestation of patient's improvement in symptoms associated with their condition; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• For tardive dyskinesia, attestation that a follow-up AIMS test has been completed <b>AND</b> there has been a positive response to therapy</li> </ul>
<p><b>isotretinoin</b> Amnesteem Claravis Isotretinoin Zenatane</p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For treatment of moderate or severe acne</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial authorization: 5 months</li> <li>• Continuation authorization: will be determined by clinical reviewer</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be prescribed by a dermatologist</li> </ul> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> Patient must be age 12 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For diagnosis of severe acne, documentation must be submitted showing that the patient has severe acne as demonstrated by one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Visually prominent acne consisting of many comedones, inflamed papules, or pustules</li> <li>○ Presence of large, inflamed papules or nodules (lesions &gt;5 mm in diameter)</li> <li>○ Associated scarring; <b>OR</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• For diagnosis of moderate acne, the patient must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Documentation of trial, and subsequent clinical failure or intolerance, with one oral antibiotic taken consistently for a duration of at least 3 consecutive months; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Documentation of trial, and subsequent clinical failure or intolerance, with at least one topical retinoid product consistently for a duration of at least 3 consecutive months; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Documentation of trial, and subsequent clinical failure or intolerance, with benzoyl peroxide consistently for a duration of at least 3 consecutive months</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation showing the patient has experienced improvement or maintained stable clinical status.</li> <li>• Continuation of therapy requests will be reviewed for coverage after that patient has been off therapy for a period of 2 months or more, and if warranted by persistent or recurring moderate to severe acne.</li> <li>• Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.</li> </ul>

**Ivabradine**

**Approved Diagnosis:**

- Heart Failure

**Approval Timeframe:**

- Initial authorization: 12 months
- Continuation authorization: 12 months

**Prescriber Specialty Requirement:** none

**Age Limitation:** none

**Initial Criteria:**

- Diagnosis of stable symptomatic chronic heart failure (NYHA class II, III or IV); **AND**
- Left ejection fraction  $\leq 35\%$ ; **AND**
- The patient is in sinus rhythm; **AND**
- Patient has a resting heart rate  $>70$  beats per minute; **AND**
- One of the following:
  - Patient is on maximum tolerated doses of beta-blockers (e.g., carvedilol, metoprolol succinate, bisoprolol);**OR**
  - Patient has a contraindication to or intolerance to beta-blocker therapy;

**OR**

For pediatric patients ages 6 months and older:

- Diagnosis of stable symptomatic heart failure due to dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM); **AND**
- Patient is in sinus rhythm; **AND**
- Patient has an elevated heart rate for age

**Continuation Criteria:**

- Attestation that the patient has experienced positive clinical response to therapy

**Kerendia**

**Approved Diagnosis:**

- Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) with Type 2 Diabetes
- Symptomatic chronic heart failure

**Approval Timeframe:**

- Initial authorization: 1 year
- Continuation authorization: 1 year

**Prescriber Specialty Requirement:** none

**Age Limitation:** Patient must be age 18 years or older

**Initial Criteria:**

**Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) with Type 2 Diabetes**

- Documentation showing member is currently receiving a maximally tolerated dosage of an angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor or angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) OR has a contraindication to ACE inhibitor or ARB therapy; **AND**
- Member is not taking any strong CYP3A4 inhibitors; **AND**
- At baseline, member meets all of the following:
  - Estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR)  $\geq$  25ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>; **AND**
  - Urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio  $>$ 30mg/g; **AND**
  - Serum potassium level  $<$ 5.0mEq/L

**Symptomatic Chronic Heart Failure**

- Have a diagnosis of chronic heart failure (NYHA Class II-IV); **AND**
- Patient is at least 18 years of age; **AND**
- Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with (notes must be submitted), a cardiologist; **AND**
- Patient has been using at least 2 of the following HF medications at goal doses for HF treatment or maximally tolerated dosing:
  - ACE inhibitor, ARB, or Entresto
  - Beta blocker (e.g., Bisoprolol, carvedilol, or sustained release metoprolol)
  - Spironolactone
  - Oral diuretic (e.g., furosemide); **AND**
- Documented LVEF of  $\geq$ 40% assessed within the previous 12 months; **AND**
- At baseline, members meet all the following:
  - Estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR)  $\geq$  25ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>; **AND**
  - Serum potassium level  $<$ 5.0mEq/L

**Continuation Criteria:**

- Documentation showing both of the following:
  - Member has eGFR  $\geq$  25ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>; **AND**
  - Member serum potassium level  $<$ 5.0mEq/L

<p><b>L-Glutamine</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sickle Cell Disease</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial authorization: 12 months</li> <li>• Continuation authorization: 12 months</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a hematologist or other specialist with expertise in the diagnosis and management of sickle cell disease</li> </ul> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> Patient must be age 5 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation confirming diagnosis must be submitted; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Documentation of an inadequate response to a maximally tolerated dose of hydroxyurea OR justification must be provided regarding intolerance, contraindication, or patient/family refusal to the use of hydroxyurea; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Request must be for an FDA approved dose/frequency</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provider attestation that member is tolerating current therapy; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient must continue on an FDA approved dose</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lidocaine 5% patch</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-Herpetic Neuralgia (PHN)</li> <li>• Diabetic Neuropathic Pain</li> <li>• Peripheral polyneuropathy</li> <li>• SUD related concerns</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial authorization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PHN: up to 90 days</li> <li>○ Neuropathic pain: initially 2 months</li> <li>○ Pain with SUD related concerns: up to 6 months</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Continuation authorization: up to 12 months</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> none</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> none</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation confirming diagnosis; <b>AND</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Diabetic Neuropathic Pain</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have documented trial and failure, or contraindication to, with TWO of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Gabapentin</li> <li>○ tricyclic antidepressant</li> <li>○ nerve block</li> <li>○ trigger point injection</li> <li>○ SNRIs</li> <li>○ TENS unit</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Peripheral Polyneuropathy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient must have history of substance use disorder (SUD) or SUD related concerns</li> <li>• Patient’s peripheral polyneuropathy must not be due to post-herpetic neuralgia, diabetes, or cancer</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires documentation of positive response to the use of the patch</li> </ul>

<p><b>Litfulo</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Severe alopecia areata</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial authorization: 6 months</li> <li>• Continuation authorization: up to 1 year</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> Prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> patient must be 12 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation must be submitted confirming the patient’s diagnosis; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Severity of Alopecia Tool (SALT) score of <math>\geq 50</math> (range: 0 to 100, with 0 representing no scalp hair loss and 100 complete scalp hair loss); <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Current AA episode lasting at least 6 months without spontaneous regrowth; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Documentation of inadequate response to a 3-month trial of at least one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ intralesional corticosteroid therapy; <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ prescription topical corticosteroid therapy (e.g., betamethasone dipropionate); <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ systemic immunomodulator therapy (e.g., corticosteroids, methotrexate, cyclosporine)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provider documentation of clinical improvement in hair regrowth as indicated by improvement in post-treatment SALT score; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not covered for patients with a diffuse hair loss pattern or other forms of alopecia such as androgenetic alopecia (Hamilton-Norwood classification system grade IV or greater) or chemotherapy-induced hair loss</li> <li>• Cannot be used in combination with other JAK inhibitors, biologic immunomodulators, cyclosporine, or other potent immunosuppressants (e.g., methotrexate, azathioprine)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Octreotide</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <p>To treat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acromegaly</li> <li>• Symptoms associated with metastatic vasoactive intestinal peptide tumors</li> <li>• Side effects of chemotherapy/radiation</li> <li>• HIV/AIDS-associated diarrhea</li> <li>• Symptoms of metastatic carcinoid tumors</li> <li>• Symptoms associated with carcinoid tumors</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial authorization: 6 months</li> <li>• Continuation authorization: 1 year</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> none</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> none</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation must be submitted confirming the patient’s diagnosis.</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation showing the patient has experienced improvement or maintained stable clinical status.</li> <li>• Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Ohtuvayre</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• moderate to severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial authorization: 6 months</li> <li>• Continuation authorization: for up to 12 months</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a pulmonologist</li> </ul> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> patient must be 18 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation must be submitted confirming diagnosis; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Documentation of spirometry demonstrating FEV1/FVC ratio &lt;0.7; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Documentation of post-bronchodilator FEV1 ≥30% and ≤ 80% of predicted normal; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Documentation of modified Medical Research Council (mMRC) dyspnea score of ≥ 2 <b>OR</b> COPD Assessment Test (CAT) score of ≥ 10; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient had inadequate response after a 3-month trial of either a LAMA/LABA dual-maintenance therapy <b>OR</b> LAMA/LABA/ICS triple-maintenance therapy; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient will continue LAMA/LABA dual therapy <b>OR</b> LAMA/LABA/ICS triple therapy in combination with Ohtuvayre unless not tolerated or contraindicated; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Member does not have a diagnosis of asthma; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Prescriber attests Ohtuvayre will not be used in combination with roflumilast</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation showing member demonstrated a decrease in symptoms and/or COPD exacerbations vs baseline; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Member will continue use of dual or triple therapy that includes (LABA/LAMA) in conjunction with Ohtuvayre; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Prescriber attests Ohtuvayre will not be used in combination with roflumilast</li> </ul>
<p><b>Orlynvah</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• uncomplicated urinary tract infections (uUTI)</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial authorization: 5 days</li> <li>• Continuation authorization: N/A</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> none</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> patient must be 18 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is female</li> <li>• Documentation must be submitted confirming diagnosis of uncomplicated urinary tract infection (uUTI) caused by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Escherichia Coli, Klebsiella pneumoniae, or Proteus mirabilis</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The diagnosis must exclude cUTI (or as step-down treatment after IV antibacterial treatment of cUTI) or UTI caused by non-designated microorganisms</li> <li>• Patient has limited or no alternative ORAL antibacterial treatment options</li> <li>• Documentation must be submitted of culture demonstrating the uUTI is caused by bacteria with sensitivity to sulopenem or ertapenem <b>AND</b> resistance to all alternatives such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ TMP-SMX, nitrofurantoin, fosfomycin, penicillins, cephalosporins, fluoroquinolones, etc. - unless contraindicated</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>Oxbryta</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sickle-cell disease</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial authorization: 12 months</li> <li>• Continuation authorization: 12 months</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be prescribed by, or in consultation, with a hematologist or other specialist with expertise in the diagnosis and management of sickle cell disease</li> </ul> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxbryta 500mg tablet: patient must be age 12 years or older</li> <li>• Oxbryta 300mg tablets and tablet for suspension: patient must be age 4 years or older</li> </ul> <p><b>Initial Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseline hemoglobin level between 5.5 g/dL and 10.5g/dL</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient must show an increase in hemoglobin level from initial baseline; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Provider attests to other positive clinical response</li> </ul>
<p><b>Oxervate</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neurotrophic keratitis</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial authorization: 56 days per affected eye</li> <li>• Continuation authorization: N/A</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be prescribed by, or in consultation, with an ophthalmologist</li> </ul> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> Patient must be age 2 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attestation that the patient or caregiver has been counseled on proper administration technique</li> <li>• Documentation that the member has a diagnosis of stage 2 (recurrent/persistent epithelial defect) or stage 3 (corneal ulcer) neurotrophic keratitis in affected eye(s)</li> <li>• Documentation that the member has tried and failed at least two conventional non-surgical treatments (e.g. preservative-free artificial tears, lubricant eye ointment, topical antibiotic eye drops, therapeutic contact lenses)</li> </ul>

## Palforzia

### **Approved Diagnosis:**

- Peanut Allergy

### **Approval Timeframe:**

- Initial authorization: 1 year
- Continuation authorization: 1 year

### **Prescriber Specialty Requirement:**

- Must be prescribed by an
  - Allergy specialist
  - Immunology specialist

### **Age Limitation:** Patient must be age 1 to 17 years of age

- Patients who start therapy prior to 18 years of age may continue therapy

### **Initial Criteria**

- Documented clinical history of allergy to peanuts or peanut-containing foods
- A confirmed peanut diagnosis based on one of the following:
  - Peanut skin prick test >8mm
  - Serum IgE to peanut  $\geq 14$  kUA/L
  - A reaction that required epinephrine or ED visit
- Used in conjunction with a peanut-avoidant diet
- Patient has been prescribed and/or has a refill history of epinephrine auto-injector
- Prescriber, health care setting, pharmacy, patient must meet manufacturer's REMS requirements

### **Continuation Criteria**

- Positive response to treatment as documented by at least ONE (1) of the following compared to pre-treatment:
  - Reduction in severe allergic reactions
  - Reduction in epinephrine use
  - Reduction in physician/clinic visits due to peanut allergy (physician office/ER visits/hospitalizations)
  - Improvement in quality of life or productivity

### **Additional Information**

- Palforzia is not indicated for patients with the following
  - History of severe or life-threatening episode of anaphylaxis or anaphylactic shock within 60 days
  - Uncontrolled asthma
  - History of eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE); other eosinophilic gastrointestinal disease; chronic, recurrent, or severe gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD); symptoms of dysphagia or recurrent gastrointestinal symptoms of undiagnosed etiology
  - History of a mast cell disorder, including mastocytosis, urticarial pigmentosa, and hereditary or idiopathic angioedema
  - History of cardiovascular disease, including uncontrolled or inadequately controlled hypertension

<p><b>Pretomanid</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuberculosis that is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pulmonary extensively drug resistant (XDR)</li> <li>○ Treatment intolerant or nonresponsive multidrug-resistant (MDR)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial authorization: 6 months</li> <li>• Continuation authorization: if needed, 1 month intervals</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with (notes must be submitted), an <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ infectious disease specialist</li> <li>○ pulmonologist</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> Patient must be age 5 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is concomitantly taking bedaquiline and linezolid (with a medical necessity PA approval as needed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bedaquiline</li> <li>○ Enter approval for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Weeks 1 to 2: 400mg once daily</li> <li>▪ Weeks 3 to 24: 200mg 3 times weekly</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Baseline complete blood counts and electrocardiogram should be obtained</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation Requirements: Ongoing labs and ECG should be documented.</li> <li>• Patient must continue to meet the above criteria; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient has demonstrated clinical improvement in response to treatment; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient has not developed any contraindications or other exclusions to its continued use.</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pretomanid is not indicated for patients with the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Drug-sensitive (DS) tuberculosis</li> <li>○ Latent infection due to mycobacterium tuberculosis</li> <li>○ Extra-pulmonary infection due to M. tuberculosis</li> <li>○ MDR-TB that is not treatment-intolerant or nonresponsive to standard therapy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Pulmozyme</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cystic Fibrosis</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial authorization: 1 year</li> <li>• Continuation authorization: 1 year</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be prescribed by a doctor with one of the following specialties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pulmonologist</li> <li>○ Infectious Disease Specialist</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> Patient must be age 5 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation confirming diagnosis must be submitted</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must provide documentation showing stabilization of disease</li> <li>• Must provide documentation supporting decreased incidence of respiratory infections</li> </ul>

<p><b>Pyrimethamine</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treatment of toxoplasmosis</li> <li>• Secondary prevention of toxoplasmosis in patients with HIV</li> <li>• Prevention of pneumocystis pneumonia (PCP) in patients with HIV</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial authorization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ toxoplasmosis: 6 weeks</li> <li>○ pneumocystis: 3 months</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Continuation authorization: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ toxoplasmosis: 6 months</li> <li>○ pneumocystis: 3 months</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> none</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> none</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation confirming patient’s diagnosis must be submitted</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria:</b></p> <p>For continuation when used for toxoplasmosis prophylaxis, patient must have met ONE of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient remains symptomatic</li> <li>• Patient is not receiving antiretroviral therapy</li> <li>• Patient has a detectable HIV viral load</li> <li>• Patient has maintained a CD4 count &gt; 200 cells/microliter for less than six months</li> </ul> <p>For continuation when used for pneumocystis prophylaxis, patient must have met ONE of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CD4 count &lt;200 cells/microliter</li> <li>• Oropharyngeal candidiasis</li> <li>• CD4 count percentage &lt;14</li> <li>• CD4 cell count between 200 and 250 cells/microliter IF frequent monitoring (eg, every three months) of CD4 cell counts is not possible</li> </ul>
<p><b>Radicava ORS</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “definite” or “probable” amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial authorization: 6 months</li> <li>• Continuation authorization: 6 months</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> Patient must be age 20-75 years</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical documentation confirming diagnosis of “definite” or “probable” amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) as defined by the revised El Escorial World Federation of Neurology/Arlic House criteria</li> <li>• Living independently</li> <li>• Baseline ALS functional rating scale (ALSFRS-R); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Completed copy of ALSFRS-R must be included with request</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Forced vital capacity (FVC) ≥ 80%</li> <li>• Must be used in combination with riluzole unless there is documentation of intolerance or contraindication to riluzole</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation that the patient has experienced a positive clinical response compared to baseline (e.g., slowing of disease progression)</li> <li>• FCV of greater than or equal to 30%, does not require tracheostomy/artificial ventilation, and is not on continuous Bilevel Positive Airway Pressure (BiPAP)</li> <li>• Ambulatory (able to walk with or without assistance)</li> <li>• Able to self-feed</li> <li>• Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy OR no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.</li> </ul>

<p><b>ranolazine ER</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chronic Stable Angina</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial authorization: 1 year</li> <li>Continuation authorization: 1 year</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> none</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> Patient must be age 18 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria</b></p> <p>ranolazine ER (generic for RANEXA®)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation confirming diagnosis must be submitted <b>AND</b></li> <li>Must have documented trials of at least 1 anti-anginal agent from ALL 3 of the following drug classes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beta blocker: acebutolol, atenolol, carvedilol, metoprolol, nadolol, or propranolol</li> <li>Calcium channel blocker (CCB): amlodipine, felodipine, or nifedipine</li> <li>Long acting (LA) nitrate: isosorbide dinitrate, isosorbide mononitrate, nitroglycerin patch <b>AND</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Documentation that ranolazine will be used in addition (add-on) to another anti-anginal medication or patient has contraindication to beta-blockers, calcium channel blockers, and long-acting nitrates. <b>AND</b></li> <li>Must not have creatinine clearance less than 60 ml/min <b>AND</b></li> <li>Must not be combined with a strong inhibitor or inducer of CYP3A (i.e. ketoconazole, itraconazole, ritonavir, rifampin, phenytoin, carbamazepine, etc).</li> </ul> <p>Aspruzyo Sprinkle® (ranolazine)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation confirming diagnosis must be submitted <b>AND</b></li> <li>Must have documented trials of at least 1 anti-anginal agent from ALL 3 of the following drug classes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beta blocker: acebutolol, atenolol, carvedilol, metoprolol, nadolol, or propranolol</li> <li>Calcium channel blocker (CCB): amlodipine, felodipine, or nifedipine</li> <li>Long acting (LA) nitrate: isosorbide dinitrate, isosorbide mononitrate, nitroglycerin patch <b>AND</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Documentation that ranolazine will be used in addition (add-on) to another anti-anginal medication or patient has contraindication to beta-blockers, calcium channel blockers, and long-acting nitrates. <b>AND</b></li> <li>Must not have creatinine clearance less than 60 ml/min <b>AND</b></li> <li>Must not be combined with a strong inhibitor or inducer of CYP3A (i.e. ketoconazole, itraconazole, ritonavir, rifampin, phenytoin, carbamazepine, etc).<b>AND</b></li> <li>Contraindication to ranolazine (Ranexa) ER tablets due to swallowing difficulties <b>OR</b></li> <li>Administration via nasogastric (NG) or gastric tube</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See initial criteria</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sirturo</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB)</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial authorization: 6 months</li> <li>Continuation authorization: N/A</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> none</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> none</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation confirming diagnosis</li> <li>Patient must be under observed therapy</li> </ul>

**sodium oxybate solution**

**Approved Diagnosis:**

- Type 1 Narcolepsy (cataplexy in narcolepsy)
- Type 2 Narcolepsy [narcolepsy without cataplexy; excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) in narcolepsy]

**Approval Timeframe:**

- Initial authorization: 3 months
- Continuation authorization: up to 6 months

**Prescriber Specialty Requirement:**

- Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with (notes must be submitted), a board-certified;
  - Sleep medicine specialist
  - Neurologist
  - Pulmonologist
  - Psychiatrist

**Age Limitation:** Patient must be age 7 years or older

**Initial Criteria**

- Documentation confirming diagnosis; **AND**
- Documentation of current weight. Patient must weigh at least 21kg; **AND**
- Have excessive daytime sleepiness daily for at least 3 months (AASM ICSD-3 Criteria), **AND**
- Provide documentation of nocturnal polysomnography (PSG) confirmation [to rule out other conditions and confirm adequate sleep before first Multiple Sleep Latency Test (MSLT)]
- Provide documentation of a positive Multiple Sleep Latency Test (MSLT) including:
  - Mean Sleep latency  $\leq$  8 minutes, **AND**
  - 2 or more sleep onset rapid eye movement (REM) periods  $<$  15 minutes
- **EXCEPTION** to positive MSLT test for Type 1 Narcolepsy (cataplexy in narcolepsy): Hypocretin-1  $\leq$  110 pg/mL (or  $<$  1/3 of mean normal control values) may be alternative to MSLT sleep study
- Member is not currently on a sedative hypnotic agent (examples include but are not limited to: Lunesta (eszopiclone), Ambien (zolpidem), Sonata (zaleplon), Restoril (temazepam), Halcion (triazolam), or Belsomra (suvorexant))
- Member is not currently on other prescription or non-prescription sedatives, including but not limited to excessive alcohol or marijuana use.
- Metabolic and psychiatric causes have been evaluated and ruled out; if present, attestation that treatment has been optimized.
- Provider attests that patient is enrolled in the sodium oxybate/Xywav/Xyrem REMS program.

**Type 1 Narcolepsy**

- Member has cataplexy defined as more than one episode of generally brief (less than 2 minutes) usually bilaterally symmetrical, sudden loss of muscle tone with retained consciousness
- Member did not achieve treatment goals or experienced inadequate clinical response after an adherent trial at maximum therapeutic dose, persistent intolerable adverse effects, or contraindication to at least ONE medication from **BOTH** of the following categories:
  - Tricyclic Antidepressants (TCA) OR Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs) or Serotonin-norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor (SNRI):
    - TCA: imipramine, nortriptyline, protriptyline, clomipramine, etc
    - SSRI/SNRI: fluoxetine, venlafaxine, atomoxetine, etc
  - Non-amphetamine stimulant OR Amphetamine-based stimulant or a methylphenidate-based stimulant:
    - Non-amphetamine stimulant: modafanil (Provigil) or armodafanil (Nuvigil);
    - Non-amphetamine stimulant: modafanil (Provigil) or armodafanil (Nuvigil)
    - Amphetamine-based products: amphetamine/dextroamphetamine mixed salts; amphetamine/dextroamphetamine mixed salts extended-release; dextroamphetamine extended-release
    - Methylphenidate-based products: methylphenidate, methylphenidate extended-release, dexmethylphenidate

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Type 2 Narcolepsy

- Other conditions that cause EDS have been ruled out or treated, including (but not limited to): shift work, the effects of substances or medications or their withdrawal, sleep phase disorder, effects of sedating medications, idiopathic hypersomnolence, insufficient sleep at night (sleep deprivation), obstructive sleep apnea, central sleep apnea, periodic limb movement disorder (including restless legs syndrome), depression, Circadian rhythm disorders (including delayed sleep phase syndrome), and sedating medications.
- Member did not achieve treatment goals or experienced inadequate clinical response after a documented adherent trial at maximum therapeutic dose, persistent intolerable adverse effects or contraindication to at least ONE medication from ALL of the following categories:
  - Non-amphetamine stimulant: modafanil (Provigil), armodafanil (Nuvigil)
  - Amphetamine-based stimulant: amphetamine/dextroamphetamine mixed salts; amphetamine/dextroamphetamine mixed salts extended-release; dextroamphetamine extended-release
  - Methylphenidate based stimulants: o methylphenidate, methylphenidate extended-release dexmethylphenidate
  - Dopamine and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (DNRI): Sunosi (solriamfetol)
  - Histamine-3 (H3) receptor antagonist/inverse agonist: Wakix (pitolisant)

**Continuation Criteria**

- Consultation notes must be submitted for initial request and for continuation of treatment requests at least ONCE annually
- Patient must be adherent to therapy at least 85% of the time, including;
  - adherence to the prescribed medication regimen
  - tolerance to therapy
  - no severe adverse reactions or drug toxicity
- Documentation of efficacy and positive response to therapy as evidenced by response of decreasing cataplexy events and improvement in score for appropriate test (e.g. Epworth Sleepiness Scale, Clinical Global Impression of Change, etc.) for EDS [ALL APPLICABLE]
  - Decrease or reduction in the frequency of cataplexy events/attacks associated with therapy for Type 1 Narcolepsy
  - Decrease or reduction in symptoms of excessive daytime sleepiness associated with therapy
  - For excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS): Improvement in the Epworth Sleepiness Scale (ESS), Clinical Global Impression of Change or Maintenance of Wakefulness Test (MWT) for Type 1 and 2 Narcolepsy
- Patient must have a documented attempt to decrease dose or step down to alternative drugs

**Additional Information**

- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy **OR** no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.
- Must not be administered with alcohol or CNS depressant anxiolytics, sedatives, hypnotics, or other sedative CNS depressant drugs
- Patient must not have uncontrolled hypertension

## Synagis

### **Approved Diagnosis:**

- Prematurity
- Chronic Lung Disease
- Heart Disease
- Neuromuscular Disease, congenital airway anomaly, or pulmonary abnormality
- Immunocompromised

### **Approval Timeframe:**

- Initial authorization: maximum of 5 doses per RSV season (typically October 1 to May 1, this must be confirmed on an annual basis)
- Continuation authorization: will be determined by clinical reviewer

### **Prescriber Specialty Requirement:** none

### **Age Limitation:** Patient must be age 24 months or younger

### **Initial Criteria: For patients age 0 to 12 months:**

- Children who have not had a dose of Beyfortus™ (nirsevimab) in the current RSV season; **AND**
- Mother did not receive vaccination against RSV in the 2nd or 3rd trimester; **AND**

#### Prematurity

- Documentation confirming that patient was born at 28 weeks, 6 days gestation or earlier during their first RSV season

#### Chronic Lung Disease

- Documentation confirming that patient was born at 31 weeks, 6 days gestation or earlier
- Documentation confirming that patient required more than 21% oxygen for at least 28 days after birth
- NICU discharge summary must be included

#### Heart Disease

- Documentation confirming that patient has hemodynamically significant cyanotic Congenital Heart Disease
- Documentation confirming that patient has acyanotic Congenital Heart Disease and is receiving medication for CHF
- NICU discharge summary must be included

#### Neuromuscular Disease / Congenital Airway Anomaly / Pulmonary Abnormality

- Documentation confirming that disease impairs patient's ability to clear secretions from the lower airways
- Please note, routine use in cystic fibrosis and Down Syndrome is not recommended

#### Immunocompromised

- Documentation confirming that patient will be profoundly immunocompromised because of chemotherapy or other conditions during the RSV season.

### **Initial Criteria: For patients age 12 to 24 months:**

- Children who have not had a dose of Beyfortus™ (nirsevimab) in the current RSV season; **AND**

#### Chronic Lung Disease

- Documentation confirming that patient was born at 31 weeks, 6 days gestation or earlier
- Documentation confirming that patient required 28+ days of supplemental oxygen after birth
- Documentation that the patient continues to require medical support (supplemental oxygen, chronic corticosteroids, or diuretic therapy) within 6 months of the start of their second RSV season

#### Immunocompromised

- Documentation confirming that patient will be profoundly immunocompromised because of chemotherapy or other conditions during the RSV season.

### **Continuation Criteria: all ages**

- Considered in a case-by-case basis. If any infant or young child receiving monthly Synagis prophylaxis experiences a breakthrough RSV hospitalization, monthly prophylaxis should be discontinued because of the extremely low likelihood of a second RSV hospitalization in the same season (<0.5%)

### **Additional Information**

- The recommended dose of Synagis is 15mg/kg body weight administered intramuscularly.
- This medication may be approved under either the pharmacy benefit or the medical benefit (not both)

<p><b>Tazarotene cream and gel</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• psoriasis</li> <li>• acne vulgaris</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial authorization: 6 months</li> <li>• Continuation authorization: up to 1 year</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> none</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treatment of acne vulgaris: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Must be age ≥12 years</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Treatment of psoriasis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cream: must be age ≥18 years</li> <li>○ Gel: must be age ≥12 years</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Initial Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescribed to treat an FDA approved indication for Tazarotene; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• For the treatment of <b>psoriasis</b>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Documented trial, failure, or intolerance to at least one high potency or very high potency topical steroid; <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ Documented trial, failure, or intolerance of one low or medium potency topical steroid <b>and</b> justification for avoidance of a higher potency topical steroid; <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ Topical steroid avoidance due to pediatric age; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Documented trial, failure or intolerance to a topical vitamin D analogue (i.e. calcipotriene or calcitriol) or a clinical reason why both cannot be used</li> </ul> </li> <li>• For the treatment of <b>acne vulgaris</b>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Documented trial, failure or intolerance to one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Topical adapalene</li> <li>▪ Topical tretinoin</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attestation that tazarotene has contributed to a positive response or patient is stable on therapy</li> <li>• Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy <b>OR</b> no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tiglutik</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial authorization: 1 year</li> <li>• Continuation authorization: 1 year</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> Patient must be age 18 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation that the patient cannot swallow tablets</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation showing the patient has experienced clinical benefit from therapy</li> </ul>

<p><b>tolvaptan</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease (ADPKD)</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial authorization: 1 year</li> <li>Continuation authorization: 1 year</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> Nephrologist</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> Patient must be age 18 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting documentation must be submitted confirming patient has a diagnosis of autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease (ADPKD) confirmed via imaging; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Attestation of baseline ALT, AST, and bilirubin tests within normal limits; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Patient must have an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) of <math>\geq 25\text{mL}/\text{min}/1.73\text{m}^2</math>; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Patient's disease must be is rapidly progressing or likely to rapidly progress as evidenced by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total kidney volume (TKV) of at least 750mL; <b>OR</b></li> <li>Rapid loss of eGFR of at least 2.5mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> per year</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attestation that baseline ALT, AST, and bilirubin tests continue to be within normal limits</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tryvio</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resistant Hypertension despite concurrent use of 3 or more antihypertensive drug classes</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial authorization: 1 year</li> <li>Continuation authorization: 1 year</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a specialist with experience in the treatment of RH such as a cardiologist, nephrologist or endocrinologist</li> </ul> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> Must be age 18 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinical documentation demonstrating failure to reach blood pressure goal despite concurrent use of 3 or more antihypertensive drug classes; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Clinical documentation demonstrating failure to reach blood pressure goal despite addition of a mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist (i.e., spironolactone OR eplerenone) to the current 3 drug regimen; <b>OR</b></li> <li>Contraindication (i.e. hyperkalemia, renal impairment, etc.) or drug to drug interaction (i.e. CYP3A4 Inhibitors, potassium-sparing diuretics, etc.) preventing the use of both spironolactone and eplerenone; <b>AND</b></li> <li>For patients who can become pregnant, the prescriber attests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>patient is not pregnant or lactating</li> <li>patient has been counseled on the risk of major birth defects AND to use acceptable methods of contraception before treatment with TRYVIO, during treatment with TRYVIO, and for one month after treatment discontinuation</li> <li>treatment discontinuation</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For patients who can become pregnant, prescriber attests patient is not pregnant or lactating</li> <li>Clinical documentation demonstrates blood pressure improvement compared to baseline</li> <li>Prescriber attests that patient has not experienced unacceptable adverse effects from TRYVIO therapy (i.e. hepatotoxicity, clinically significant anemia, clinically significant edema)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Vemlidy</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chronic Hepatitis B</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial authorization: 6 months</li> <li>Continuation authorization: 12 months</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> none</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> Must be age 6 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation confirming diagnosis of Chronic Hepatitis B infection with compensated liver disease; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Documented trial, clinical failure, or contraindication to Entecavir; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Trial of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate unless one of the following conditions are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History of osteoporosis or osteopenia</li> <li>Renal impairment defined by creatinine clearance (CrCl) &lt; 50 mL/min or history of chronic renal disease</li> <li>Trial of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate is inappropriate.; <b>OR</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Persistent viremia or breakthrough infection while taking lamivudine or adefovir (<b>NOTE: lamivudine and adefovir are no longer recommended in current guidelines</b>); <b>AND</b></li> <li>Attestation confirming no HIV risk or negative HIV status</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation confirming patient has had positive clinical response; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Confirmation of continued monitoring according to available guidelines (i.e. HBV DNA, ALT, etc.); <b>AND</b></li> <li>CrCl remains ≥ 15 mL/min</li> <li>Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy <b>OR</b> no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Verquvo</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Symptomatic chronic heart failure</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial authorization: 6 months</li> <li>Continuation authorization: 12 months</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with (notes must be submitted), a cardiologist</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> Must be age 18 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation that member has chronic heart failure, New York Heart Association [NYHA] Class II-IV who has had a decompensation while on standard therapy for heart failure</li> <li>Documentation of a left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) of less than 45%</li> <li>Documentation that member is currently taking or has a contraindication to <b>ALL</b> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACE inhibitor, ARB, or Entresto</li> <li>Beta blocker</li> <li>Oral diuretic (not applicable if member had IV diuretics in previous 3 months)</li> </ul> </li> <li>History of hospitalization for heart failure in the previous 6 months or required outpatient IV diuretics for heart failure in the previous 3 months.</li> <li>Prescriber attestation that member is not or will not be using Verquvo concomitantly with other soluble guanylate cyclase (sGC) stimulators (e.g. riociguat) or PDE-5 inhibitors (e.g. sildenafil, tadalafil, vardenafil and avanafil).</li> <li><b>For female patients of childbearing potential:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation of a negative pregnancy test in the previous 30 days and provider attestation that member has been counseled on the risks and advised to use contraception throughout treatment with and one month following Verquvo administration.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation that member has had no intolerable adverse effects from treatment</li> <li>Documentation that member is responding positively to treatment demonstrated by improvement or slowing of decline in signs and symptoms of heart failure.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Voquezna</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erosive esophagitis</li> <li>Non-erosive gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial authorization: 8 months</li> <li>Continuation authorization: 6 months</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b> none</p> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b> Patient must be age 18 years or older</p> <p><b>Initial Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation confirming diagnosis of erosive esophagitis; <b>OR</b></li> <li>Diagnosis of non-erosive gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD); <b>AND</b></li> <li>Clinical documentation must be provided that demonstrates patient had a therapeutic failure after one-month trial with one preferred proton pump inhibitor (PPI)</li> <li><b>For treatment of H.pylori infection, refer to the "H. pylori Treatment" PDL criteria</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinical documentation must be submitted that demonstrates patient has had significant improvement in signs and symptoms of erosive esophagitis or non-erosive gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)</li> <li>Provider attests that continuation beyond the FDA-approved duration of therapy is medically necessary</li> <li>Provider attests risks vs. benefits of continuation have been weighed and discussed with the patient (i.e. Risks of C. difficile-associated infection, fractures, fundic gland polyps, hypomagnesemia, tubulointerstitial nephritis, vitamin B12 deficiency, etc.)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Vtama</b></p>	<p><b>Approved Diagnosis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plaque psoriasis</li> <li>Atopic dermatitis</li> </ul> <p><b>Approval Timeframe:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial authorization: 6 months</li> <li>Continuation authorization: 1 year</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescriber Specialty Requirement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a dermatologist</li> </ul> <p><b>Age Limitation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For plaque psoriasis, patient must be age 18 years or older</li> <li>For atopic dermatitis, patient must be age 2 years or older</li> </ul> <p><b>Initial Criteria</b></p> <p><b>Plaque Psoriasis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation confirming treatment of plaque psoriasis; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Documented trial, failure, or intolerance to at least one high potency <b>or</b> very high potency topical steroid; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Documented trial, failure, or intolerance to topical calcipotriene, calcitriol, tazarotene, or combination products containing prior stated ingredients; <b>OR</b></li> <li>Clinical documentation as to why therapies listed above are not appropriate; <b>AND</b></li> <li>For quantities greater than 60 grams per 30 days, prescriber must attest that the volume of drug is necessary for adequate treatment of the patient</li> </ul> <p><b>Atopic Dermatitis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prescribed to treat atopic dermatitis; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Documented trial, failure, or intolerance to at least one topical steroid; <b>OR</b></li> <li>Clinical documentation as to why topical steroid therapy is not appropriate; <b>AND</b></li> <li>For quantities greater than 60 grams per 30 days, prescriber must attest that the volume of drug is necessary for adequate treatment of the patient</li> </ul> <p><b>Continuation Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attestation that topical tapinarof has contributed to a positive response or patient is stable on therapy.</li> <li>Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy <b>OR</b> no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.</li> </ul>

**Vyndamax  
Vyndaqel**

**Approved Diagnosis:**

- Wild-type ATTR-CM
- Hereditary ATTR-CM

**Approval Timeframe:**

- Initial authorization: 1 year
- Continuation authorization: 1 year

**Prescriber Specialty Requirement:**

- Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with (notes must be submitted), a cardiologist

**Age Limitation:** none

**Initial Criteria**

- Documentation confirming diagnosis
  - ATTR-CM must be confirmed by genetic testing, tissue biopsy, or radionuclide imaging (99mTcPYP, 99mTc-DPD, or 99mTc-HMDP scan); **AND**
- Medical history of heart failure that includes one of the following
  - at least one prior hospitalization of heart failure
  - clinical evidence of heart failure
- Must not currently have, or have history of:
  - New York Heart Association (NYHA) Class 4 heart failure
  - Primary (light-chain) amyloidosis
  - Prior liver or heart transplant or an implanted cardiac device
- Will not be used concurrently with Amvuttra, Onpattro, Wainua or Attriby

**Continuation Criteria**

- Documentation that the patient has experienced a positive clinical response to Vyndaqel/Vyndamax compared to baseline (i.e. reduced cardiovascular-related hospitalizations, improved function, improved quality of life); **AND**
- Patient is not receiving tafamidis (Vyndaqel, Vyndamax) in combination with Amvuttra, Attriby, Wainua or Onpattro.
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy **OR** no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.

## Xywav

### Approved Diagnosis:

- Type 1 Narcolepsy (cataplexy in narcolepsy)
- Type 2 Narcolepsy [narcolepsy without cataplexy; excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) in narcolepsy]
- Idiopathic Hypersomnia

### Approval Timeframe:

- Initial authorization: 3 months
- Continuation authorization: up to 6 months

### Prescriber Specialty Requirement:

- Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with (notes must be submitted), a board-certified;
  - Sleep medicine specialist
  - Neurologist
  - Pulmonologist
  - Psychiatrist

### Age Limitation: Patient must be

- Narcolepsy (Type 1 & 2): Patient must be age 7 years or older; **OR**
- Idiopathic Hypersomnia: Patient must be age 18 years or older

### Initial Criteria

- Rationale for lower sodium needed for approval of Xywav except when the indication is for idiopathic hypersomnia in adults
- Documentation confirming diagnosis; **AND**
- Documentation of current weight. Patient must weigh at least 21kg; **AND**
- Have excessive daytime sleepiness daily for at least 3 months (AASM ICSD-3 Criteria), **AND**
- Provide documentation of nocturnal polysomnography (PSG) confirmation [to rule out other conditions and confirm adequate sleep before first Multiple Sleep Latency Test (MSLT)]
- Provide documentation of a positive Multiple Sleep Latency Test (MSLT) including:
  - Mean Sleep latency  $\leq$  8 minutes, **AND**
  - 2 or more sleep onset rapid eye movement (REM) periods < 15 minutes
- EXCEPTION to positive MSLT test for:
  - Type 1 Narcolepsy (cataplexy in narcolepsy): Hypocretin-1  $\leq$  110 pg/mL (or < 1/3 of mean normal control values) may be alternative to MSLT sleep study
  - Idiopathic Hypersomnia: the number of sleep-onset rapid eye movement sleep periods (SOREMPs) is less than two
- Member is not currently on a sedative hypnotic agent (examples include but are not limited to: Lunesta (eszopiclone), Ambien (zolpidem), Sonata (zaleplon), Restoril (temazepam), Halcion (triazolam), or Belsomra (suvorexant))
- Member is not currently on other prescription or non-prescription sedatives, including but not limited to excessive alcohol or marijuana use.
- Metabolic and psychiatric causes have been evaluated and ruled out; if present, attestation that treatment has been optimized.
- Provider attests that patient is enrolled in the Xywav/Xyrem REMS program.

### Type 1 Narcolepsy

- Member has cataplexy defined as more than one episode of generally brief (less than 2 minutes) usually bilaterally symmetrical, sudden loss of muscle tone with retained consciousness
- Member did not achieve treatment goals or experienced inadequate clinical response after an adherent trial at maximum therapeutic dose, persistent intolerable adverse effects, or contraindication to at least ONE medication from BOTH of the following categories:
  - Tricyclic Antidepressants (TCA) OR Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs) or Serotonin-norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitor (SNRI):
    - TCA: imipramine, nortriptyline, protriptyline, clomipramine, etc
    - SSRI/SNRI: fluoxetine, venlafaxine, atomoxetine, etc
  - Non-amphetamine stimulant OR Amphetamine-based stimulant or a methylphenidate-based stimulant:
    - Non-amphetamine stimulant: modafanil (Provigil) or armodafanil (Nuvigil);
    - Non-amphetamine stimulant: modafanil (Provigil) or armodafanil (Nuvigil)
    - Amphetamine-based products: amphetamine/dextroamphetamine mixed salts; amphetamine/dextroamphetamine mixed salts extended-release; dextroamphetamine extended-release
    - Methylphenidate-based products: methylphenidate, methylphenidate extended-release, dexmethylphenidate

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#### Type 2 Narcolepsy

- Other conditions that cause EDS have been ruled out or treated, including (but not limited to): shift work, the effects of substances or medications or their withdrawal, sleep phase disorder, effects of sedating medications, idiopathic hypersomnolence, insufficient sleep at night (sleep deprivation), obstructive sleep apnea, central sleep apnea, periodic limb movement disorder (including restless legs syndrome), depression, Circadian rhythm disorders (including delayed sleep phase syndrome), and sedating medications.
- Member did not achieve treatment goals or experienced inadequate clinical response after a documented adherent trial at maximum therapeutic dose, persistent intolerable adverse effects or contraindication to at least ONE medication from ALL of the following categories:
  - Non-amphetamine stimulant: modafanil (Provigil), armodafanil (Nuvigil)
  - Amphetamine-based stimulant: amphetamine/dextroamphetamine mixed salts; amphetamine/dextroamphetamine mixed salts extended-release; dextroamphetamine extended-release
  - Methylphenidate based stimulants: o methylphenidate, methylphenidate extended-release dexmethylphenidate
  - Dopamine and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (DNRI): Sunosi (solriamfetol)
  - Histamine-3 (H3) receptor antagonist/inverse agonist: Wakix (pitolisant)

#### Idiopathic Hypersomnia

- Documentation confirming diagnosis; **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist or sleep medicine specialist; **AND**
- Must rule out all the following diagnoses:
  - Narcolepsy of cataplexy
  - Narcolepsy of EDS
  - Insufficient sleep syndrome

#### Continuation Criteria

- Consultation notes must be submitted for initial request and for continuation of treatment requests at least ONCE annually
- Patient must be adherent to therapy at least 85% of the time, including:
  - adherence to the prescribed medication regimen
  - tolerance to therapy
  - no severe adverse reactions or drug toxicity
- Documentation of efficacy and positive response to therapy as evidenced by response of decreasing cataplexy events and improvement in score for appropriate test (e.g. Epworth Sleepiness Scale, Clinical Global Impression of Change, etc.) for EDS [ALL APPLICABLE]
  - Decrease or reduction in the frequency of cataplexy events/attacks associated with therapy for Type 1 Narcolepsy
  - Decrease or reduction in symptoms of excessive daytime sleepiness associated with therapy
  - For excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS): Improvement in the Epworth Sleepiness Scale (ESS), Clinical Global Impression of Change or Maintenance of Wakefulness Test (MWT) for Type 1 and 2 Narcolepsy
- Patient must have a documented attempt to decrease dose or step down to alternative drugs

#### Additional Information

- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy **OR** no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.
- Must not be administered with alcohol or CNS depressant anxiolytics, sedatives, hypnotics, or other sedative CNS depressant drugs
- Patient must not have uncontrolled hypertension

## Yorvipath

### **Approved Diagnosis:**

- Hypoparathyroidism

### **Approval Timeframe:**

- Initial authorization: 6 months
- Continuation authorization: 12 months

### **Prescriber Specialty Requirement:**

- Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, an endocrinologist

**Age Limitation:** Must be age 18 years or older

### **Initial Criteria**

- Provider attests that the patient is currently receiving conventional therapy, including: active vitamin D (calcitriol) and elemental calcium, and that patient's disease cannot be adequately controlled on conventional therapy alone.
- Documentation must be submitted for current labs (within 60 days of request) for the following:
  - Albumin-corrected serum calcium (must be > 7.8mg/dL to start therapy)
  - Serum vitamin D level (must be greater than or equal to 20 ng/mL to start therapy)
- Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose (maximum dose of 30mcg once daily).

### **Continuation Criteria**

- Documentation must be submitted of a recent albumin-corrected serum calcium in the lower-half of the normal reference range or just below the normal reference range (~8–9 mg/dL) **AND**
- Patient no longer requires active vitamin D or therapeutic doses of elemental calcium greater than 600 mg per day; **OR**
- Patient has had a significant reduction in required dosages of active vitamin D or therapeutic doses of elemental calcium and is still actively titrating doses of Yorvipath **AND**
- Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose

## Zoryve

### Approved Diagnosis:

- Plaque Psoriasis (Zoryve 0.3% Cream, Zoryve Foam)
- Mild to moderate atopic dermatitis (Zoryve 0.15% **and** 0.05% Cream)
- Seborrheic Dermatitis (Zoryve Foam)

### Approval Timeframe:

- Initial authorization: 6 months
- Continuation authorization: 1 year

### Prescriber Specialty Requirement:

- Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a dermatologist

### Age Limitation:

- Zoryve 0.05% cream: Must be age 2 years or older
- Zoryve 0.15% and 0.3% cream: Must be age 6 years or older
- Zoryve foam:
  - Must be age 9 years or older for Seborrheic Dermatitis
  - Must be 12 years or older for Plaque Psoriasis

### Initial Criteria

- Documentation confirming treatment of an FDA approved indication for topical Roflumilast; **AND**
- Prescribed volume is appropriate for treating the estimated body surface area affected or prescriber attests that the volume is necessary for up to a 34-day supply per fill; **AND**

#### Plaque Psoriasis

- Documented trial, failure, or intolerance to at least one high potency **or** very high potency topical steroid; **AND**
- Documented trial, failure, or intolerance to topical calcipotriene, calcitriol, tazarotene, or combination products containing prior stated ingredients; **OR**
- Clinical documentation as to why therapies listed above are not appropriate

#### Seborrheic Dermatitis

- Documented trial, failure, or intolerance to at least one topical steroid; **AND**
- Documented trial, failure, or intolerance to at least one topical antifungal; **OR**
- Clinical documentation as to why prerequisite therapies listed above are not appropriate.

#### Mild to Moderate Atopic Dermatitis

- Documented trial, failure, or intolerance to at least one topical steroid; **OR**
- Clinical documentation as to why prerequisite therapies listed above are not appropriate

### Continuation Criteria

- Attestation that topical roflumilast has contributed to a positive response or patient is stable on therapy.
- Therapy may be discontinued if patient is noncompliant with medical or pharmacologic therapy **OR** no demonstrable clinically significant improvement in condition has occurred after initiation of drug therapy.

PDL DRUG CLASS	CRITERIA
ACE Inhibitors	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required (except enalapril solution)</i>  Benazepril/ benazepril-HCT  enalapril/ enalapril-HCT  enalapril solution (generic Epaned)  lisinopril/ lisinopril HCT  ramipril</p> <p><b>Preferred Agent Medication-specific criteria below:</b>  <u>ENALAPRIL SOLUTION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient has difficulty swallowing</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i>  Accupril®  Accuretic®  Altace®  captopril/ captopril HCT  Epaned®  fosinopril/ fosinopril HCT  Lotensin®/ Lotensin HCT®  moexipril  Monopril® / Monopril HCT®  perindopril  Qbrelis®  quinapril / quinapril HCT  trandolapril  Zestril® / Zestoretic®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Patient is clinically stable and switching would cause a deterioration in condition; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure on one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>EPANED® (enalapril solution)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient has difficulty swallowing</li> </ul> <p><u>QBRELIS®</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PDL criteria may be bypassed if patient is unable to swallow tablets</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>Alpha Adrenergic Agents</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  clonidine  clonidine ER  clonidine transdermal  guanfacine  methyldopa  Nexiclon XR®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i>  methyldopa / HCTZ</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>▪ Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>▪ History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>▪ Therapeutic failure on one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Alzheimer's Dementia</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  donepezil tabs, ODT  Exelon® patch  galantamine immediate release  memantine immediate release  rivastigmine capsules</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i>  Adlarity®  donepezil 23 mg®  galantamine ER caps, solution  memantine ER  Namenda®  Namenda XR®  Namzaric®  rivastigmine patch  Zunveyl</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one-month trial of one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

**Androgenic Agents  
(topical)**

**Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.*  
testosterone gel 1.62% pump (generic for Androgel)

**Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Serum testosterone levels <300 ng/dL
- For requests submitted for gender dysphoria

**INITIAL REQUEST**

- Patient has had an initial evaluation completed by a health care provider experienced in gender dysphoria that specializes in treatment and evaluation of gender disorders (including health history, physical exam, desired treatment goals and relevant lab testing); **AND**
- Persistent well documented gender dysphoria; **AND**
- Patient has the ability to make a fully informed decision and consent of treatment; **AND**
- Prior consent for treatment including potential adverse health effects, expected benefits/effects including future body image changes and potential effects on fertility; **AND**
- No significant medical or mental health concerns and, if so, they been addressed and been deemed to not be a contraindication to therapy

**RENEWAL REQUEST**

- Patient has had ongoing follow-up and monitoring following standard guidelines including addressing mental health concerns. For example, Version 7 WPATH Standards of Care or 2017 Clinical Practice Guideline, Endocrine Society: <https://doi.org/10.1210/jc.2017-01658>
- Contraindications:
  - Severe renal or cardiac diseases
  - Benign prostatic hyperplasia with obstruction
  - Prostate cancer
  - Undiagnosed genital bleeding
  - Breast cancer
  - Pregnancy

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.*

Androgel® packet and gel pump  
Fortesta®  
Natesto  
Testim®  
testosterone  
Vogelxo®

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Trial and failure with one preferred medication is required
- Decreased testosterone levels
- Contraindications:
  - Severe renal or cardiac diseases
  - Benign prostatic hyperplasia with obstruction
  - Prostate cancer
  - Undiagnosed genital bleeding
  - Breast cancer
  - Pregnancy

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year

<p><b>Angiotensin Receptor Antagonists</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  irbesartan/ irbesartan HCT  losartan/ losartan-HCT  olmesartan/ olmesartan- HCT  valsartan/valsartan-HCT</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i>  Arbli®  Atacand® / Atacand HCT®  Avapro®/ Avalide®  Benicar®/ Benicar HCT®  candesartan/ candesartan HCT  Diovan®/ Diovan HCT®  Edarbi®  Edarbyclor®  eprosartan  Hyzaar®  Micardis® / Micardis HCT®  telmisartan/ telmisartan HCT</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Patient is clinically stable, and switching would cause a deterioration in condition; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure on one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>ARBLI® ((LOSARTAN POTASSIUM))</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient has difficulty swallowing; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Quantity Limit: 10ml per day</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Angiotensin II - Receptor Neprilsyin Inhibitors</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  sacubitril-valsartan (generic Entresto®)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i>  Entresto® Sprinkles  Entresto® Tablets</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure on one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>ENTRESTO® (SACUBITRIL-VALSARTAN) SPRINKLES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow PDL bypass if patient is unable to swallow tablets</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>Antibiotics – Inhaled</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Bethkis® ampule  Cayston® inhalation solution  Kitabis® pak  Tobi-Podhaler®  tobramycin solution (Generic for Tobi inhalation solution)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i>  TOBI inhalation solution  tobramycin pak (eneric for Kitabis Pak)  tobramycin 300mg/4mL ampule (generic Bethkis)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Trial and failure with one month with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Anticholinergic Agents – Long Acting</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Incruse Ellipta® (DPI)  Spiriva® Handihaler (DPI)  Spiriva Respimat® (ISI)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i>  tiotropium (DPI)  Tudorza Pressair® (DPI)  Yupelri® nebulizer solution</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• The patient’s condition is clinically stable such that switching medications would cause deterioration in the condition; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after a two-week trial with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>Anticholinergic Agents – Short Acting</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Atrovent HFA® (MDI)  ipratropium nebulizer solution</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i>  ipratropium bromide (generic for Atrovent HFA®)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Patient is clinically stable, and switching would cause a deterioration in condition; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure on one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Anticoagulants</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  dabigatran etexilate  Eliquis®  enoxaparin  Jantoven®  warfarin  Xarelto®/ Xarelto® Dose Pack</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i>  Arixtra®  Eliquis® (apixaban) tablets for oral suspension and sprinkle capsules  Fondaparinux  Fragmin® syringes and vials  Lovenox®  Pradaxa®  Pradaxa Oral Pellets®  rivaroxaban  Savaysa®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure on one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>ELIQUIS® (apixaban)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient has difficulty swallowing; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Quantity Limits: 1744 tablets for oral suspension per 102 days; 218 sprinkle capsules per 102 days</li> </ul> <p><u>PRADAXA ORAL PELLETS® (DAGABITRAN)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient must be 11 years old or younger</li> <li>• When used for VTE treatment, attestation that parenteral anticoagulation has been used for at least 5 days</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> up to 6 months</p>

**Antiemetics**

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required*  
aprepitant 40mg, 80mg, 125mg capsules  
granisetron  
ondansetron 4mg, 8mg tablets, solution  
ondansetron ODT 4mg, 8mg

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below*  
Akynzeo®  
aprepitant 125-80-80mg pack  
Emend® 80mg capsules  
Emend Pack®  
ondansetron ODT 16mg  
Sancuso®

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure with 48-hour trial with one preferred medication

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

AKYNZEO

- May only be approved for highly emetogenic regimens or regimens including anthracyclines and cyclophosphamide that are not considered highly emetogenic, **AND**
- Therapeutic failure on a preferred 5-HT3 receptor antagonist (granisetron, ondansetron) and a preferred substance P receptor agonist (Emend)

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year

**Antifungals – Oral**

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required*

clotrimazole troches  
fluconazole  
griseofulvin oral suspension  
ketoconazole  
nystatin oral susp, tablets  
terbinafine

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below*

Brexafemme®  
Cresemba®  
Diflucan®  
flucytosine  
griseofulvin tablet/microsize tablets/ultramicrosize tablets  
itraconazole  
Noxafil®, Noxafil DR®, Noxafil PowderMix Suspension  
Oravig®  
posaconazole  
Sporanox®  
Tolsura®  
Vfend®  
Vivjoa®  
voriconazole

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Trial and failure with one month with one preferred medication: **OR**
- Serious illness resulting immunocompromised status

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

**BREXAFEMME®**

- Diagnosis of vulvovaginal candidiasis; **OR**
- Patient has diagnosis of recurrent vulvovaginal candidiasis with ≥3 episodes of vulvovaginal candidiasis (VVC) in a 12-month period; **AND**
- Attestation that the provider has confirmed a negative pregnancy test or that the patient is not of childbearing potential
- Quantity Limit: Treatment – 4 tablets, Maintenance – 24 tablets
- Length of approval: Treatment – one time, Maintenance – 6 months

**CRESEMBA®**

- Diagnosis of aspergillosis; **OR**
- Diagnosis of mucormycosis; **AND**
- Patient is 6 years or older; **AND**
- Patient weight is >16 kg; **AND**
- Trial on voriconazole/Vfend or amphotericin B - approve without trials if intolerant to prerequisite meds or renal dysfunction.

**NOXAFIL® (POSACONAZOLE) 300 MG SUSPENSION PACKETS)**

- Maximum patient age = 17 years

**SPORANOX® (ITRACONAZOLE)**

- Onychomycosis with previous failure on or contraindication to terbinafine: length of approval - toenails 12 weeks; fingernails - 6 weeks.
- Below diagnoses without previous trial:
  - Aspergillosis
  - Blastomycosis
  - Febrile neutropenia
  - Histoplasmosis

**VFEND® (VORICONAZOLE)**

- Aspergillosis – no trial/failure required

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VIVJOA®

- Patient has diagnosis of recurrent vulvovaginal candidiasis with ≥3 episodes of vulvovaginal candidiasis (VVC) in a 12-month period; **AND**
- Patient is a biological female who is postmenopausal or has another reason for permanent infertility (e.g., tubal ligation, hysterectomy, salpingo-oophorectomy); **AND**
- Patient has tried and failed or has a contraindication or intolerance to maintenance antifungal therapy with oral fluconazole.
- Quantity limit: 18 tablets per treatment course
- Length of approval: one time

**Duration of Approval:** For the duration of the prescription up to 6 months, unless otherwise noted in Medication-Specific Information

**Antifungals –  
Topical**

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required unless noted*

ciclopirox 8% soln (generic Ciclodan®)  
ciclopirox 0.77% cream (generic for Loprox® and Ciclodan®)  
clotrimazole OTC cream, solution  
clotrimazole Rx cream  
clotrimazole/betamethasone cream  
econazole nitrate  
ketoconazole  
miconazole nitrate  
nystatin  
nystatin/triamcinolone cream, ointment  
tolnaftate cream, powder

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.*

butenafine  
Ciclodan®  
ciclopirox suspension (generic for Loprox®)  
ciclopirox gel, shampoo, kit  
clotrimazole / betamethasone lotion  
clotrimazole Rx solution  
econazole nitrate foam  
Ertaczo®  
Extina®  
ketoconazole foam  
Ketodan®  
Loprox®  
Lotrimin AF®  
miconazole/zinc oxide/petrolatum  
Micotrin AC®  
Mycozyl AC®  
Naftin®  
Naftifine  
oxiconazole  
Oxistat®  
tavaborole  
Vusion®

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Trial and failure with two weeks with two preferred medications; **OR**
- Organism resistant to the preferred medications

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

CICLOPIROX SHAMPOO

- Bypass trial and failure of two preferred medications and instead allow a trial and failure of two weeks with one preferred shampoo medication

ECONAZOLE NITRATE FOAM

- Patient is ≥ 12 years of age; **AND**
- Quantity Limit: 2.334 grams per day (~one 70gram tube per 30 days)

TAVABOROLE

- Diagnosis of toenail onychomycosis; **AND**
- Patient must be 6 years or older; **AND**
- Documented trial and failure on ciclopirox or allergy to ciclopirox

VUSION® (MICONAZOLE NITRATE/ZINC OXIDE/PETROLATUM)

- Maximum patient age = 16 years

**Duration of Approval:** up to 6 months

<p><b>Antihistamines – 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  cetirizine tablets  cetirizine 1mg/ml solution  fexofenadine tablets  levocetirizine tablets  loratadine/ loratadine ODT</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below</i>  cetirizine chewable tabs, soft gels  cetirizine 5mg/5ml solution cups  Clarinet<sup>®</sup>  desloratadine  levocetirizine solution</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications</li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications</li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects</li> <li>• Trial and failure on one preferred second-generation antihistamine or clinical rationale why they cannot be tried</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Antihypertensive Combinations: ACEI</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  amlodipine / benazepril capsule</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i>  Lotrel<sup>®</sup> capsule  trandolapril / verapamil tablet</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one-month trial of one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Antihypertensive Combinations: ARB</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  amlodipine/olmesartan  amlodipine/valsartan  amlodipine/valsartan/HCTZ</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i>  Azor<sup>®</sup>  amlodipine/olmesartan/HCTZ  Exforge<sup>®</sup> / Exforge HCT<sup>®</sup>  telmisartan/amlodipine  Tribenzor<sup>®</sup></p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications</li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications</li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects</li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one-month trial of one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>Antihyperuricemic Agents</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  allopurinol tablet  colchicine tablets (generic for Colcrys)  febuxostat tablet  probenecid/colchicine tablet  probenecid tablet</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i>  Colchicine capsules (generic for Mitigare)  Colcrys (colchicine) tablet  Mitigare® (colchicine capsules)  Uloric (febuxostat) tablet  Zyloprim (allopurinol) tablet  Gloperba (colchicine) Oral Solution</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after one-month trial of one preferred agent</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>COLCRYS® (COLCHICINE) TABLETS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PDL criteria may be bypassed for diagnosis of treatment of an acute gout flare or Familial Mediterranean Fever prophylaxis.</li> </ul> <p><u>GLOPERBA® (COLCHICINE) ORAL SOLUTION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient has difficulty swallowing tablets or has an enteral tube feeding</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Antimigraine Agents, Acute Treatment – Other</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents for Acute Migraines:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Nurtec ODT®  Ubrelvy®</p> <p><b>Preferred Agent PA Criteria for Acute Migraines:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient has a diagnosis of migraine with or without aura; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient is ≥18 years of age; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient must have tried and failed, or have contraindication to one preferred triptan medication</li> </ul> <p><b>NURTEC ODT® (RIMEGEPANT)</b> – Quantity Limit: 54 tablets per 90 days  <b>UBRELVY® (UBROGEPANT)</b> – Quantity Limit: 16 tablets per 30 days</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents for Acute Migraines:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Brekiya®  Elyxyb®  Reyvow®  Zavzpret®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after a one-month trial of the preferred medication; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient has a diagnosis of migraine with or without aura; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient is ≥18 years of age; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient must have tried and failed, or have contraindication to one preferred triptan medication</li> </ul> <p><b>BREKIYA® (dihydroergotamine mesylate)</b> – Quantity Limit: 8 ml (1 MG/ML Autoinjector) per 30 days  <b>ELYXYB® (CELECOXIB)</b> - Quantity Limit: 14 doses (67.2mL) per 30 days  <b>REYVOW® (LASMIDITAN)</b> - Quantity Limit: 8 tablets per 30 days  <b>ZAVZPRET® (ZAVEGEPANT)</b> – Quantity Limit: 8 nasal spray devices per 30 days</p> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>Antimigraine Agents, Preventive Treatment</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents for Migraine Prevention:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i></p> <p>Aimovig®  Ajoovy®  Emgality®  Nurtec ODT®  Qulipta®</p> <p><b>Clinical PA Criteria for Migraine Prevention:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For initial requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Patient has a diagnosis of migraine with or without aura; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Patient is ≥ 18 years of age; <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ Patient age is 6 to 17 years and patient weighs at least 45 kg (Ajoovy only); <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Patient has ≥ four migraine days per month for at least three months; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Patient has tried and failed ≥ one-month trial of any two of the following oral medications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antidepressants (e.g., amitriptyline, venlafaxine)</li> <li>• Beta blockers (e.g., propranolol, metoprolol, timolol, atenolol)</li> <li>• Anti-epileptics (e.g., valproate, topiramate)</li> <li>• Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors/angiotensin II receptor blockers (e.g., lisinopril, candesartan); <b>OR</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Diagnosis of cluster headaches (Emgality only)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• For Renewal requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Patient demonstrated significant decrease in the number, frequency, and/or intensity of headaches</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b>  Initial: 6 months  Continuation: 12 months</p>
<p><b>Antimigraine Agents, Acute Treatment – Triptans</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i></p> <p>rizatriptan tab and ODT  sumatriptan tablets, injection, nasal spray</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i></p> <p>almotriptan  eletriptan  Frova®  frovatriptan  Imitrex®  naratriptan  Maxalt®/ Maxalt MLT®  Relpax®  sumatriptan-naproxen  Symbravo®  Tosymra®  Zembrace Symtouch®  zolmitriptan, zolmitriptan ODT  zolmitriptan nasal spray  Zomig® nasal spray  Zomig® tablet</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with treatment with use of <b>two</b> of the preferred agents</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 6 months</p>

**Anti-Obesity/Weight Loss Agents**

**Preferred Agents (non-GLP1s only):** *Prior Authorization required*

- benzphetamine
- diethylpropion
- *orlistat products:*
  - Orlistat (generic Xenical)
  - Xenical
- phendimetrazine
- *phentermine products:*
  - Adipex-P
  - Lomaira
  - Phentermine
  - phentermine/topiramate (generic only)

**Preferred Agent (non-GLP1s only) PA Criteria:**

**Initial Criteria:**

- Prescriber attests that the patient will **not** use more than one weight loss medication in this drug class concurrently; **AND**
- Patient ≥ 18 years of age; **OR**
- Patient age ≥ 12 years (Xenical/orlistat, phentermine/topiramate); **OR**
- Patient age ≥ 17 years (phentermine); **AND**
- Patient age ≥ 12 years to <18 years must have an initial BMI per [CDC growth charts](#) at the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile or greater for age and sex (obesity); **OR**
- Patient age ≥12 years to <18 years with BMI in the 85<sup>th</sup> - 94<sup>th</sup> percentile (overweight) per CDC growth charts **and** has at least one of the following weight-related coexisting conditions:
  - diabetes, sleep apnea, hypertension, or dyslipidemia; **OR**
- Patient age ≥18 years (benzphetamine, diethylpropion, phendimetrazine); **AND**
- Patient age ≥18 years must have an initial body mass index [BMI] ≥ than 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>; **OR**
- Patient age ≥18 must have an initial body mass index [BMI] ≥ than 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup> but < 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> **and** at least one of the following:
  - hypertension, coronary artery disease, diabetes, dyslipidemia, or sleep apnea; **AND**
- For patients with an eating disorder, prescriber attests that treatment has been optimized and confirms the safety and appropriateness of this anti-obesity treatments; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that metabolic or other reason(s) for obesity/symptoms have been ruled out or diagnosed and treated (e.g., thyroid dysfunction, diabetes, sleep apnea, etc.); **AND**
- Prescriber attests to patient's absence of any contraindications to use of the requested product, including pregnancy, lactation, a personal or family history of medullary thyroid cancer or multiple endocrine neoplasia type II; **AND**
- Prescriber attests medication therapy is part of a total treatment plan including diet and exercise/activity as appropriate for the patient's ability; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that patient has been informed weight may return with cessation of medication unless healthy lifestyle diet and activity changes, as appropriate for the patient's ability, are permanently adopted.

**Renewal:**

- For patients age ≥12 years to <18 years, prescriber provides clinical documentation demonstrating BMI associated with the renewal request and showing that the patient has maintained or improved BMI percentile per CDC growth charts from baseline weight at initiation of therapy.
- For patients age ≥18 years, prescriber provides clinical documentation demonstrating weight associated with the renewal request and showing that the patient has maintained a weight loss of ≥ 5% from baseline weight at initiation of therapy.

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**Non-Preferred Agents (GLP1s only):** *Prior Authorization Required.*

liraglutide (generic Saxenda)  
Saxenda®  
Wegovy®  
Wegovy HD®  
Zepbound®

**Non-Preferred Agent (GLP1s only) PA Criteria:**

**Initial Criteria:**

- Allergy to all five types of preferred medications (e.g., at least 1 of each benzphetamine, diethylpropion, orlistat products, phendimetrazine, and phentermine products); **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with all five types of the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects of all five types of preferred medications; **OR**
- Trial and failure with all five types of preferred agents (e.g., at least one orlistat agent and one phentermine product in addition to benzphetamine, diethylpropion and phendimetrazine); **AND**
- Prescriber attests that the patient will **not** use more than one weight loss medication in this drug class concurrently; **AND**
- Prescriber attests there has been documented failure of all other clinically appropriate weight loss interventions; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that use of this GLP1 agent for weight loss is considered only as a measure to avert the need for higher-cost bariatric surgery; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that the patient will not use an anti-obesity GLP-1 agonist (Wegovy, Saxenda/liraglutide or Zepbound) concurrently with a medication that contains a DPP-4 inhibitor (e.g., alogliptin, linagliptin, saxagliptin or sitagliptin); **AND**
- Patient ≥ 18 years of age (Wegovy HD®, Zepbound); **OR**
- Patient age ≥12 years (Wegovy, Saxenda/liraglutide); **AND**
- Prescriber attests patient age ≥12 years to <18 years and has an initial BMI per CDC growth charts for age and sex that is classified as morbidly obese; **OR**
- Prescriber attests patient age ≥18 years and has an initial body mass index (BMI) classified as morbidly obese (e.g., baseline BMI ≥ 40 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or greater); **AND**
- For patients with an eating disorder, prescriber attests that treatment has been optimized and confirms the safety and appropriateness of this anti-obesity treatment; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that metabolic or other reason(s) for obesity/symptoms have been ruled out or diagnosed and treated (e.g., thyroid dysfunction, diabetes, sleep apnea, etc.); **AND**
- Prescriber attests to patient's absence of any contraindications to use of the requested product, including pregnancy, lactation, a personal or family history of medullary thyroid cancer or multiple endocrine neoplasia type II; **AND**
- Prescriber attests medication therapy is part of a total treatment plan including diet and exercise/activity as appropriate for the patient's ability; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that patient has been informed weight may return with cessation of medication unless healthy lifestyle diet and activity changes, as appropriate for the patient's ability, are permanently adopted.

**MDHHS recommends that prescribers consider the benefits of a [diabetes prevention program](#) for their patients.**

**Renewal Criteria:**

- For adults age ≥18 years, prescriber provides clinical documentation demonstrating weight associated with the renewal request and showing that the patient has maintained a weight loss of ≥ 5% from baseline weight at initiation of therapy; **OR**
- For patients age ≥12 years to <18 years, prescriber provides clinical documentation demonstrating BMI associated with the renewal request and showing that the patient has maintained or improved BMI percentile per [CDC growth charts](#) from baseline weight at initiation of therapy

**For the 1st Renewal Request – for weight loss ONLY – in established members with an initial approval prior to 1/1/2026 criteria changes:**

- Prescriber attests that the patient was classified as morbidly obese when they were initially started on the GLP1 agent for weight loss; **AND**
- Prescriber attests there was documented failure of all other clinically appropriate weight loss interventions prior to starting the GLP1 agent for weight loss; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that use of the GLP1 agent for weight loss was considered only as a measure to avert the need for higher-cost bariatric surgery; **AND**
- For adults age ≥18 years, prescriber provides clinical documentation demonstrating weight associated with the renewal request and showing that the patient has maintained a weight loss of ≥ 5% from baseline weight at initiation of therapy; **OR**
- For patients age ≥12 years to <18 years, prescriber provides clinical documentation demonstrating BMI associated with the renewal request and showing that the patient has maintained or improved BMI percentile per CDC growth charts from baseline weight at initiation of therapy

**Duration of Approval:** 6 months for both initial *and* renewal requests

**AntiParkinson's  
Agents – Dopamine  
Agonists**

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required*

pramipexole  
ropinirole

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.*

bromocriptine  
Neupro®  
Onapgo® (apomorphine) cartridge  
pramipexole ER  
ropinirole ER

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure of one month with one preferred medication; **OR**
- Patients using bromocriptine for indications other than Parkinson's do not need to meet non-preferred agent criteria

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

ONAPAGO (APOMORPHINE) CARTRIDGE

- Patient is ≥ 18 years of age; **AND**
- Diagnosis of Parkinson's disease that is levodopa-responsive; **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that the patient is experiencing persistent motor fluctuations with a minimum of 3 hours of "off" time per day despite optimized carbidopa/levodopa therapy

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year

**AntiParkinson's Agents – Other**

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required (except rasagiline)*

amantadine capsule, syrup  
benztropine tablet (\*Carve Out)  
carbidopa tablet / levodopa ER  
carbidopa/levodopa IR tablets  
entacapone  
rasagiline  
trihexyphenidyl tablet (\*Carve Out)

**Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

RASAGILINE (AZILECT®)

- Patient is ≥ 18 years of age

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.*

amantadine tablet  
Azilect®  
carbidopa  
carbidopa tablet / levodopa ODT  
carbidopa-levodopa ER (generic for Rytary)  
carbidopa/levodopa/entacapone Tablet  
Crexont®  
Dhivy®  
Duopa®  
Gocovri®  
Inbrija®  
Nourianz®  
Ongentys®  
Rytary ER®  
selegiline capsule, tablet  
Sinemet®  
tolcapone  
trihexyphenidyl elixir (\*Carve Out)  
Vyalev®  
Xadago®

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure of one month with one preferred medication

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

AZILECT® (RASAGILINE)

- Patient is ≥ 18 years of age

CREXONT® (CARBIDOPA/LEVODOPA)

- Patient is 18 years or older; **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist

GOCOVRI® (AMANTADINE EXTENDED-RELEASE)

- Diagnosis of dyskinesia associated with Parkinson's disease; **OR**
- Experiencing Off-episodes of Parkinson's disease; **AND**
- The patient is receiving concomitant levodopa-based therapy; **AND**
- Patient has failure, contraindication, or intolerance to immediate-release amantadine

INBRIJA® (LEVODOPA INHALATION)

- Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist; **AND**
- Medication will be used concomitantly with levodopa/carbidopa

ONGENTYS® (OPICAPONE)

- Patient has a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease; **AND**
- Patient is experiencing 'off' time on levodopa/carbidopa therapy; **AND**
- Medication will be used concomitantly with levodopa/carbidopa and will not be used as monotherapy

RYTARY ER® (CARBIDOPA/LEVODOPA ER)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist

	<p><b>VYALEV® (FOSLEVODOPA AND FOSCARBIDOPA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is 18 years of age or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Diagnosis of Parkinson’s disease that is levodopa-responsive; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Prescriber attests that the patient is experiencing persistent motor fluctuations with a minimum of 2.5 hours of “off” time per day despite optimized carbidopa/levodopa therapy</li> </ul> <p><b>XADAGO® (SAFINAMIDE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient must be 18 years or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient is experiencing ‘off’ time on levodopa/carbidopa therapy; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Medication will be used concomitantly with levodopa/carbidopa and will not be used as monotherapy.</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> up to 1 year</p>
<p><b>Antivirals – Herpes</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i> acyclovir tablets, capsules, suspension famciclovir valacyclovir</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i> Valtrex®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Trial and failure on ten days of two preferred medications</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> up to 6 months</p>
<p><b>Antivirals – Influenza</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i> oseltamivir Relenza® rimantadine</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i> Flumadine® Tamiflu® Xofluza®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a five-day trial with two preferred medications</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> up to 6 months</p>

<p><b>Antivirals – Topical</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  acyclovir cream  acyclovir ointment  Denavir®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i>  penciclovir (generic for Denavir)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Beta Adrenergic and Anticholinergic Combinations</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Anoro Ellipta® (DPI)  Bevespi Aerosphere® (MDI)  Combivent RESPIMAT® (ISI)  ipratropium/albuterol nebulizer solution  Stiolto Respimat® (ISI)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>  Duaklir Pressair® (DPI)  umeclidinium/vilanterol (DPI)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• The patient’s condition is clinically stable such that switching medications would cause deterioration in the condition; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after a two-week trial with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>Beta Adrenergic and Corticosteroid Inhaler Combinations</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Advair Diskus® (DPI)  Advair HFA® (MDI)  Dulera® (MDI)  Symbicort® (MDI)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>  AirDuo Digihaler  AirDuo Respiclick® (DPI)  Breo Ellipta® (DPI)  Breyna®  budesonide/formoterol (generic for Symbicort)  fluticasone-vilanterol (generic for Breo Ellipta)  fluticasone/salmeterol (generic for Advair Diskus)  fluticasone/salmeterol (generic for Advair HFA)  fluticasone/salmeterol (generic for AirDuo)  Wixela® (DPI) (generic for Advair Diskus)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after a two-week trial with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Maximum Age Limits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Breo Ellipta (fluticasone/vilanterol) 50-25 mcg</b> – 11 years</li> <li>• <b>Dulera (mometasone/formoterol) 50 mcg/5mcg</b> – 11 years</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Beta Adrenergic / Anticholinergic / Corticosteroid Inhaler Combinations</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Trelegy Ellipta</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>  Breztri Aerosphere</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medication; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medication; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• The patient’s condition is clinically stable such that switching medications would cause deterioration in the condition; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after a two-week trial with the preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>Beta Adrenergics – Long Acting</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i> Serevent® (DPI)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i> arformoterol tartrate nebulizer solution Brovana® nebulizer solution formoterol nebulizer solution Perforomist® nebulizer solution Striverdi Respimat® (ISI)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after a two-week trial with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><b>BROVANA® (ARFORMOTEROL) NEBULIZER SOLUTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bypass PDL criteria if patient requires long-acting beta-adrenergic medication and cannot use a dry powder inhaler</li> </ul> <p><b>PERFOROMIST® (FORMOTEROL) NEBULIZER SOLUTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bypass PDL criteria if patient requires long-acting beta-adrenergic medication and cannot use a dry powder inhaler</li> </ul> <p><b>STRIVERDI RESPIMAT® (OLODATEROL) INHALER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis of COPD (must not be used for asthma or acute exacerbations) inhaler</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Beta Adrenergics – Short Acting</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i> albuterol HFA (except Prasco) albuterol sulfate nebulizer solution Ventolin HFA® (MDI) Xopenex HFA® (MDI)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i> Airsupra® albuterol HFA (manufactured by Prasco) levalbuterol HFA (MDI) levalbuterol nebulizer solution ProAir Digihaler® (DPI) ProAir Respiclick® (DPI)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after a two-week trial with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>Beta Blockers</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>atenolol</li> <li>atenolol / chlorthalidone</li> <li>bisoprolol fumarate</li> <li>bisoprolol fumarate HCT</li> <li>carvedilol</li> <li>Hemangeol oral solution®</li> <li>labetalol</li> <li>metoprolol / metoprolol XL</li> <li>metoprolol succinate</li> <li>metoprolol tartrate</li> <li>nadolol</li> <li>nebivolol</li> <li>propranolol</li> <li>propranolol LA</li> <li>sotalol / sotalol AF</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>acebutolol</li> <li>Betapace® / Betapace AF®</li> <li>Betaxolol</li> <li>Bystolic®</li> <li>carvedilol ER</li> <li>Inderal LA®/ Inderal XL®</li> <li>Innopran XL®</li> <li>Kapspargo®</li> <li>Lopressor®</li> <li>metoprolol HCT</li> <li>pindolol</li> <li>propranolol HCT</li> <li>Sotylize®</li> <li>Tenormin®/ Tenoretic®</li> <li>timolol maleate</li> <li>Toprol XL®</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Patient is clinically stable, and switching would cause a deterioration in condition; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one-month trial of one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>HEMANGEOL (PROPRANOLOL)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum age of 1 year</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Bile Salts</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ursodiol capsules (generic for Actigall)</li> <li>ursodiol tablets</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reltone®</li> <li>Urso Forte®</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure on a one-month trial of one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

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AGENTS TO TREAT  
ANKYLOSING  
SPONDYLITIS

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required*  
adalimumab-adbm (unbranded Cyltezo)  
Cosentyx®  
Enbrel®  
Humira®

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.*

Abrilada®  
Bimzelx®  
adalimumab-aacf (unbranded Idacio)  
adalimumab-aaty (unbranded Yuflyma)  
adalimumab-adaz (unbranded Hyrimoz)  
adalimumab-fkjp (unbranded Hulio)  
adalimumab-ryvk (unbranded Simlandi)  
Amjevita®  
Cimzia®, Cimzia Kit®  
Cyltezo®  
Hadlima®  
Hulio®  
Hyrimoz®  
Idacio®  
Rinvoq®  
Simlandi®  
Simponi®, Simponi Aria®  
Taltz®  
Xeljanz®, Xeljanz XR®  
Yuflyma®  
Yusimry®

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- The patient's condition is clinically stable at this time, so that switching medications would cause deterioration in their condition; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication in the same subclass
- Bypass PDL criteria of failure with a preferred agent in cases when the non-preferred product has a unique FDA approved indication.

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

**ABRILADA® (ADALIMUMAB-AFZB)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis

**AMJEVITA® (ADALIMUMAB-ATTO)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis

**BIMZELX® (BIMEKIZUMAB-BKZX)**

- Diagnosis of active ankylosing spondylitis (AS); **AND**
- Patient must be 18 years or older

**CYLTEZO® (ADALIMUMAB-ADBIM)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis

**HADLIMA® (ADALIMUMAB-BWWD)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis

**HULIO® (ADALIMUMAB-FKJP)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis

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	<p><u>HYRIMOZ® (ADALIMUMAB-ADAZ)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is 18 years of age or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis</li> </ul> <p><u>IDACIO® (ADALIMUMAB-AACF)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is 18 years of age or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis</li> </ul> <p><u>RINVOQ® (UPADACITINIB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient must be 18 years or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis</li> </ul> <p><u>SIMLANDI® (ADALIMUMAB-RYVK)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient must be 18 years or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis</li> </ul> <p><u>TALTZ® (IXEKIZUMAB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient must be 18 years or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Diagnosis of active ankylosing spondylitis; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Must be prescribed by a rheumatologist or dermatologist or asthma/allergy specialist</li> </ul> <p><u>XELJANZ® / XELJANZ XR® (TOFACITINIB) TABLETS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is 18 years of age or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis (AS); <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist</li> <li>• Note: Xeljanz Solution is only approved for pJIA</li> </ul> <p><u>YUFLYMA® (ADALIMUMAB-AATY)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is 18 years of age or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis</li> </ul> <p><u>YUSIMRY® (ADALIMUMAB-AQVH)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is 18 years of age or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year, unless otherwise noted in Medication-Specific Information</p>
<p><b>Biologic Immunomodulators</b></p> <p>AGENTS TO TREAT GIANT CELL ARTERITIS (GCA)</p>	<p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required</i></p> <p>Actemra Rinvoq Tyenne</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <p><u>ACTEMRA® (TOCILIZUMAB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is 18 years of age or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Diagnosis of giant cell arteritis</li> </ul> <p><u>RINVOQ® (UPADACITINIB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is 18 years or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Diagnosis of giant cell arteritis</li> </ul> <p><u>TYENNE® (TOCILIZUMAB-AAZG)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is 18 years or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Diagnosis of giant cell arteritis</li> </ul>

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AGENTS TO TREAT  
CROHN'S DISEASE

**Preferred Agents:** *No prior authorization except select Preferred biosimilars for Stelara – see criteria below*

adalimumab-adbm (unbranded Cyltezo)  
Humira®  
Pyzchiva®  
Steqeyma®

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.*

Abrilada®  
adalimumab-aacf (unbranded Idacio)  
adalimumab-aaty (unbranded Yuflyma)  
adalimumab-adaz (unbranded Hyrimoz)  
adalimumab-fkjp (unbranded Hulio)  
adalimumab-ryvk (unbranded Simlandi)  
Amjevita®  
Cimzia®, Cimzia Kit®  
Cyltezo®  
Entyvio®  
Hadlima®  
Hulio®  
Hyrimoz®  
Idacio®  
Imuldosa®  
Omvo®  
Otulfi®  
Rinvoq®  
Simlandi®  
Selarsdi®  
Skyrizi®  
Starjemza® (Ustekinumab-HMNY)  
Stelara®  
Tremfya®  
ustekinumab-aaaz (unbranded Otulfi)  
ustekinumab-aekn (unbranded Selarsdi)  
ustekinumab-ttwe (unbranded Pyzchiva)  
Yesintek®  
Yuflyma®  
Yusimry®  
Zymfentra® pen/syringe

**Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

**PYZCHIVA® (USTEKINUMAB-TTWE)**

- Diagnosis of Crohn's disease; **AND**
- Trial/failure of preferred Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Blocker; **AND**
- Quantity limit
  - 520mg for initial dose
  - 90mg every 8 weeks

**STEQEYMA (USTEKINUMAB-STBA)**

- Diagnosis of Crohn's disease; **AND**
- Trial/failure of preferred Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Blocker; **AND**
- Quantity limit
  - 520mg for initial dose
  - 90mg every 8 weeks

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- The patient's condition is clinically stable at this time, so that switching medications would cause deterioration in their condition; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication in the same subclass
- Bypass PDL criteria of failure with a preferred agent in cases when the non-preferred product has a unique FDA approved indication.

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

ABRILADA® (ADALIMUMAB-AFZB)

- Patient is 6 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe Crohn's disease

AMJEVITA® (ADALIMUMAB-ATTO)

- Patient is 6 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe Crohn's disease

CYLTEZO® (ADALIMUMAB-ADBIM)

- Patient is 6 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe Crohn's disease

ENTYVIO® (VEDOLIZUMAB)

- Diagnosis of Crohn's disease; **AND**
- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Trial and failure on one medication from **each** of the following classes:
  - Aminosalicylate [i.e., mesalamine, Pentasa®, Lialda®, Delzicol®], olsalazine (Dipentum®), balsalazide (sulfasalazine (Azulfidine®))
  - Oral steroid
  - Thiopurine [i.e., azathioprine (Imuran®), mercaptopurine (Purinethol®)]
  - TNF (tumor necrosis factor) blocker [i.e., infliximab (Remicade®, adalimumab (Humira®)]
  - **Length of authorization:** Initial approval = 14 weeks; continuation = 1 year

HADLIMA® (ADALIMUMAB-BWWD)

- Patient is 6 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe Crohn's disease

HULIO® (ADALIMUMAB-FKJP)

- Patient is 6 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe Crohn's disease

HYRIMOZ® (ADALIMUMAB-ADAZ)

- Patient is 6 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe Crohn's disease

IDACIO® (ADALIMUMAB-AACF)

- Patient is 6 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe Crohn's disease

IMULDOSA® (USTEKINUMAB-SRLF)

- Diagnosis of Crohn's disease; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara
- Quantity limit:
  - 520 mg for initial dose
  - 90 mg every 8 weeks

OMVOH

- Diagnosis of moderately to severely active Crohn's disease; **AND**
- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist

OTULFI (USTEKINUMAB-AAUZ)

- Diagnosis of Crohn's disease **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 520mg for initial dose
  - 90mg every 8 weeks

RINVOQ® (UPADACITINIB)

- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderately to severely active Crohn's disease

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SELARSDI® (USTEKINUMAB-AEKN)

- Diagnosis of Crohn's disease; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit
  - 520mg for initial dose
  - 90mg every 8 weeks

SIMLANDI® (ADALIMUMAB-RYVK)

- Patient must be 6 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe Crohn's disease

SKYRIZI® (RISANKIZUMAB)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of Crohn's disease; **AND**
- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist or rheumatologist

STARJEMZA® (USTEKINUMAB-HMNY)

- Diagnosis of Crohn's disease; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 520 mg for initial dose
  - 90 mg every 8 weeks

STELARA® (USTEKINUMAB)

- Diagnosis of Crohn's disease; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 520 mg for initial dose
  - 90 mg every 8 weeks

TREMFYA® (GUSELKUMAB)

- Diagnosis of moderately to severely active Crohn's disease (CD); **AND**
- Patient must be 18 years or older

USTEKINUMAB-AAUZ (UNBRANDED OTULFI®)

- Diagnosis of Crohn's disease; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 520mg for initial dose
  - 90mg every 8 weeks

USTEKINUMAB-TTWE (UNBRANDED PYZCHIVA®)

- Diagnosis of Crohn's disease; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 520mg for initial dose
  - 90mg every 8 weeks

YESINTEK (USTEKINUMAB-STBA)

- Diagnosis of Crohn's disease; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity Limit:
  - 520 mg for initial dose
  - 90 mg every 8 weeks

YUFLYMA® (ADALIMUMAB-AATY)

- Patient is 6 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe Crohn's disease

YUSIMRY® (ADALIMUMAB-AQVH)

- Patient is 6 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe Crohn's disease

	<p><u>ZYMFENTRA® (INFLIXIMAB-DYYB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is 18 years of age or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Diagnosis is moderate to severe Crohn’s disease; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Prescriber attests that the patient has completed an intravenous induction regimen with an infliximab product; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year, unless otherwise noted in Medication-Specific Information</p>
<p><b>Biologic Immunomodulators</b></p> <p>AGENTS TO TREAT HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA</p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i> adalimumab-adbm (unbranded Cyltezo) Cosentyx® Humira®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i> Abrilada® adalimumab-aacf (unbranded Idacio) adalimumab-aaty (unbranded Yuflyma) adalimumab-adaz (unbranded Hyrimoz) adalimumab-fkjp (unbranded Hulio) adalimumab-ryvk (unbranded Simlandi) Amjevita® Bimzelx® Cyltezo® Hadlima® Hulio® Hyrimoz® Idacio® Simlandi® Yuflyma® Yusimry®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• The patient’s condition is clinically stable at this time, so that switching medications would cause deterioration in their condition; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication in the same subclass</li> <li>• Bypass PDL criteria of failure with a preferred agent in cases when the non-preferred product has a unique FDA approved indication.</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>ABRILADA® (ADALIMUMAB-AFZB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is 18 years of age or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Diagnosis of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa</li> </ul> <p><u>AMJEVITA® (ADALIMUMAB-ATTO)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is 18 years of age or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Diagnosis of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa</li> </ul> <p><u>BIMZELX® (BIMEKIZUMAB-BKZX)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis of moderate-to-severe hidradenitis suppurativa (HS); <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient must be 18 years or older</li> </ul> <p><u>CYLTEZO® ADALIMUMAB-ADBIM)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is 18 years of age or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Diagnosis of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa</li> </ul> <p><u>HADLIMA® (ADALIMUMAB-BWWD)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is 18 years of age or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Diagnosis of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa</li> </ul>

HULIO® (ADALIMUMAB-FKJP)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa

HYRIMOZ® (ADALIMUMAB-ADAZ)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa

IDACIO® (ADALIMUMAB-AACF)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa

SIMLANDI® (ADALIMUMAB-RYVK)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa

YUFLYMA® (ADALIMUMAB-AATY)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa

YUSIMRY® (ADALIMUMAB-AQVH)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year, unless otherwise noted in Medication-Specific Information

**Biologic  
Immunomodulators**

AGENTS TO TREAT  
JUVENILE IDIOPATHIC  
ARTHRITIS

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required*

adalimumab-adbm (unbranded Cyltezo)  
Enbrel®  
Humira®

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.*

Abrilada®  
Actemra® SC  
adalimumab-aacf (unbranded Idacio)  
adalimumab-aaty (unbranded Yuflyma)  
adalimumab-adaz (unbranded Hyrimoz)  
adalimumab-fkjp (unbranded Hulio)  
adalimumab-ryvk (unbranded Simlandi)  
Amjevita®  
Cimzia®, Cimzia Kit®  
Cyltezo®  
Hadalima®  
Hulio®  
Hyrimoz®  
Idacio®  
Kevzara®  
Orencia® SC  
Rinvoq®  
Rinvoq LQ®  
Simlandi®  
Simponi ARIA®  
Tyenne®  
Xeljanz®, Xeljanz® Solution  
Yuflyma®  
Yusimry®

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- The patient's condition is clinically stable at this time, so that switching medications would cause deterioration in their condition; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication in the same subclass
- Bypass PDL criteria of failure with a preferred agent in cases when the non-preferred product has a unique FDA approved indication.

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

**ABRILADA® (ADALIMUMAB-AFZB)**

- Patient is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis

**ACTEMRA® (TOCILIZUMAB)**

- Patient is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of active polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis; **OR**
- Diagnosis of active systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis

**AMJEVITA® (ADALIMUMAB-ATTO)**

- Patient is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis

**CYLTEZO® (ADALIMUMAB-ADBM)**

- Patient is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis

**HADLIMA® (ADALIMUMAB-BWWD)**

- Patient is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis

**HULIO® (ADALIMUMAB-FKJP)**

- Patient is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis

HYRIMOZ® (ADALIMUMAB-ADAZ)

- Patient is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis

IDACIO® (ADALIMUMAB-AACF)

- Patient is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis

KEVZARA® (SARILUMAB) - PDL CRITERIA DO NOT APPLY FOR POLYMYALGIA RHEUMATICA

- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of Polymyalgia Rheumatica (PMR); **OR**
- Diagnosis of moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis (RA); **OR**
- Patient weight is 63 kg or greater; **AND**
- Diagnosis of polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis

RINVOQ® / RINVOQ LQ® (UPADACITINIB)

- Patient must be 2 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis

SIMLANDI® (ADALIMUMAB-RYVK)

- Patient must be 2 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis

TYENNE® (TOCILIZUMAB-AAZG)

- Patient is 2 years of older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of active polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis; **OR**
- Diagnosis of active systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis

XELJANZ® TABLETS / XELJANZ® SOLUTION (TOFACITINIB)

- Patient is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (pJIA) (Note: Xeljanz solution is only approved for Pjia)

YUFLYMA® (ADALIMUMAB-AATY)

- Patient is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis

YUSIMRY® (ADALIMUMAB-AQVH)

- Patient is 2 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year, unless otherwise noted in Medication-Specific Information

**Biologic  
Immunomodulators**

AGENTS TO TREAT NON-  
RADIOGRAPHIC AXIAL  
SPONDYLOARTHRITIS

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required*  
Cosentyx®

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.*  
Bimzelx®  
Cimzia®, Cimzia Kit®  
Rinvoq®  
Taltz®

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- The patient's condition is clinically stable at this time, so that switching medications would cause deterioration in their condition; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication in the same subclass
- Bypass PDL criteria of failure with a preferred agent in cases when the non-preferred product has a unique FDA approved indication.

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

**BIMZELX® (BIMEKIZUMAB-BKZX)**

- Diagnosis of active non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA) with objective signs of inflammation; **AND**
- Patient must be 18 years or older

**RINVOQ® (UPADACITINIB)**

- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis

**TALTZ® (IXEKIZUMAB)**

- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA); **AND**
- Must be prescribed by a rheumatologist or dermatologist or asthma/allergy specialist

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year, unless otherwise noted in Medication-Specific Information

**Biologic Immunomodulators**

AGENTS TO TREAT PLAQUE PSORIASIS

**Preferred Agents:** *No prior authorization except select Preferred biosimilars for Stelara – see criteria below*  
 adalimumab-adbm (unbranded Cyltezo)  
 Cosentyx®  
 Enbrel®  
 Humira®  
 Pyzchiva®  
 Steqeyma®

**Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

PYZCHIVA® (USTEKINUMAB-TTWE)

- Diagnosis of plaque psoriasis; **AND**
- Trial/failure of preferred Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Blocker; **AND**
- Quantity limit
  - 90 mg every 12 weeks with initial dose Week 0 and 4

STEQEYMA (USTEKINUMAB-STBA)

- Diagnosis of plaque psoriasis; **AND**
- Trial/failure of preferred Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Blocker; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 90 mg every 12 weeks with initial dose Week 0 and 4

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.*

Abrilada®	Otulfi®
adalimumab-aacf (unbranded Idacio)	Selarsdi®
adalimumab-aaty (unbranded Yuflyma)	Simlandi®
adalimumab-adaz (unbranded Hyrimoz)	Skyrizi®
adalimumab-fkjp (unbranded Hulio)	Sotyktu®
adalimumab-ryvk (unbranded Simlandi)	Starjemza® (Ustekinumab-HMNY)
Amjevita®	Stelara®
Bimzelx®	Taltz®
Cimzia®, Cimzia Kit®	Tremfya®
Cyltezo®	ustekinumab-aaaz (unbranded Otulfi)
Hadlima®	ustekinumab-aekn (unbranded Selarsdi)
Hulio®	ustekinumab-ttwe (unbranded Pyzchiva)
Hyrimoz®	Yesintek®
Idacio®	Yuflyma®
Ilumya®	Yusimry®
Imuldosa®	
Otezla®/Otezla XR®	

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- The patient’s condition is clinically stable at this time, so that switching medications would cause deterioration in their condition; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication in the same subclass
- Bypass PDL criteria of failure with a preferred agent in cases when the non-preferred product has a unique FDA approved indication.

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

ABRILADA® (ADALIMUMAB-AFZB)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis

AMJEVITA® (ADALIMUMAB-ATT0)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis

BIMZELX® (BIMEKIZUMAB-BKZX)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis

CYLTEZO® (ADALIMUMAB-ADBM)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis

HADLIMA® (ADALIMUMAB-BWWD)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis

HULIO® (ADALIMUMAB-FKJP)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis

HYRIMOZ® (ADALIMUMAB-ADAZ)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis

IDACIO® (ADALIMUMAB-AACF)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis

ILUMYA® (TILDRAKIZUMAB)

- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis

IMULDOSA® (USTEKINUMAB-SRLF)

- Diagnosis of plaque psoriasis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara
- Quantity Limit:
  - 90 mg every 12 weeks with initial dose week 0 and 4

OTEZLA®/OTEZLA XR (APREMILAST)

- Patient must be 6 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of plaque psoriasis; **OR**
- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of oral ulcers associated with Behcet's Disease; **AND**
- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist; **AND**
- For Otezla – must weigh at least 20 kg **OR**
- For Otezla XR – must weigh at least 50 kg

OTULFI (USTEKINUMAB-AAUZ)

- Diagnosis of plaque psoriasis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 90 mg every 12 weeks with initial dose Week 0 and 4

SELARSDI® (USTEKINUMAB-AEKN)

- Diagnosis of plaque psoriasis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 90 mg every 12 weeks with initial dose Week 0 and 4

SIMLANDI® (ADALIMUMAB-RYVK)

- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis

SKYRIZI® (RISANKIZUMAB)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis; **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist or rheumatologist

SOTYKTU® (DEUCRAVACITINIB)

- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis; **AND**
- Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a dermatologist; **AND**
- Quantity Limit: 1 per day

STARJEMZA® (USTEKINUMAB-HMNY)

- Diagnosis of plaque psoriasis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 90 mg every 12 weeks with initial dose Week 0 and 4

STELARA® (USTEKINUMAB)

- Diagnosis of psoriasis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 90 mg every 12 weeks with initial dose Week 0 and 4

TALTZ® (IXEKIZUMAB)

- Patient must be 6 years of age or older with a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis; **AND**
- Must be prescribed by a rheumatologist or dermatologist or asthma/allergy specialist

TREMFYA® (GUSELKUMAB)

- Patient must be 6 years of age and older and weigh at least 40kg; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PSO)

USTEKINUMAB-AAUZ (UNBRANDED OTULFI®)

- Diagnosis of plaque psoriasis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 90mg every 12 weeks with initial dose Week 0 and 4

USTEKINUMAB-TTWE (UNBRANDED PYZCHIVA®)

- Diagnosis of plaque psoriasis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 90mg every 12 weeks with initial dose Week 0 and 4

YESINTEK (USTEKINUMAB-STBA)

- Diagnosis of psoriasis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 90 mg every 12 weeks with initial dose Week 0 and 4

YUFLYMA® (ADALIMUMAB-AATY)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis

YUSIMRY® (ADALIMUMAB-AQVH)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year, unless otherwise noted in Medication-Specific Information

**Biologic Immunomodulators**

AGENTS TO TREAT PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required except select Preferred biosimilars for Stelara – see criteria below*  
 adalimumab-adbm (unbranded Cyltezo)  
 Cosentyx®  
 Enbrel®  
 Humira®  
 Pyzchiva®  
 Steqeyma®

**Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

PYZCHIVA® (USTEKINUMAB-TTWE)

- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis; **AND**
- Trial/failure of preferred Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Blocker; **AND**
- Quantity limit
  - 90 mg every 12 weeks with initial dose Week 0 and 4

STEQEYMA (USTEKINUMAB-STBA)

- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis; **AND**
- Trial/failure of preferred Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Blocker; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 90 mg every 12 weeks with initial dose Week 0 and 4

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below*

Abrilada®	Otulfi®
adalimumab-aacf (unbranded Idacio)	Selarsdi®
adalimumab-aaty (unbranded Yuflyma)	Rinvoq®
adalimumab-adaz (unbranded Hyrimoz)	Rinvoq LQ®
adalimumab-fkjp (unbranded Hulio)	Simlandi®
adalimumab-ryvk (unbranded Simlandi)	Simponi®, Simponi Aria®
Amjevita®	Skyrizi®
Bimzelx®	Starjemza® (Ustekinumab-HMNY)
Cimzia®, Cimzia Kit®	Stelara®
Cyltezo®	Taltz®
Hadlima®	Tremfya®
Hulio®	ustekinumab-aaz (unbranded Otulfi)
Hyrimoz®	ustekinumab-aekn (unbranded Selarsdi)
Idacio®	ustekinumab-ttwe (unbranded Pyzchiva)
Imuldosa®	Xeljanz®, Xeljanz XR®
Orencia® SC	Yesintek®
Otezla/Otezla XR®	Yuflyma®
	Yusimry

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- The patient’s condition is clinically stable at this time, so that switching medications would cause deterioration in their condition; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication in the same subclass
- Bypass PDL criteria of failure with a preferred agent in cases when the non-preferred product has a unique FDA approved indication.

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

ABRILADA® (ADALIMUMAB-AFZB)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis

AMJEVITA® (ADALIMUMAB-ATTO)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis

BIMZELX® (BIMEKIZUMAB-BKZX)

- Diagnosis of active psoriatic arthritis (PsA); **AND**
- Patient must be 18 years or older

CYLTEZO® (ADALIMIMAB-ADB M)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis

HADLIMA® (ADALIMUMAB-BWWD)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis

HULIO® (ADALIMUMAB-FKJP)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis

HYRIMOZ® (ADALIMUMAB-ADAZ)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis

IDACIO® (ADALIMUMAB-AACE)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis

IMULDOSA® (USTEKINUMAB-SRLF)

- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara
- Quantity Limit:
  - 90 mg every 12 weeks with initial dose Week 0 and 4

OTEZLA®/OTEZLA XR (APREMILAST)

- Patient is 6 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of active psoriatic arthritis; **OR**
- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of oral ulcers associated with Behcet's Disease; **AND**
- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist; **AND**
- For Otezla – must weigh at least 20 kg **OR**
- For Otezla XR – must weigh at least 50 kg

OTULFI (USTEKINUMAB-AAUZ)

- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 90 mg every 12 weeks with initial dose Week 0 and 4

RINVOQ® / RINVOQ LQ® (UPADACITINIB)

- Patient must be 2 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis

SELARSDI® (USTEKINUMAB-AEKN)

- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 90 mg every 12 weeks with initial dose Week 0 and 4

SIMLANDI® (ADALIMUMAB-RYVK)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis

SKYRIZI® (RISANKIZUMAB)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of active psoriatic arthritis: **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist or rheumatologist

STARJEMZA® (USTEKINUMAB-HMNY)

- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 90 mg every 12 weeks with initial dose Week 0 and 4

STELARA® (USTEKINUMAB)

- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 90 mg every 12 weeks with initial dose Week 0 and 4

TALTZ® (IXEKIZUMAB)

- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis; **AND**
- Must be prescribed by a rheumatologist or dermatologist or asthma/allergy specialist

TREMFYA® (GUSELKUMAB)

- Patient must be 6 years of age and older and weighs at least 40kg; **AND**
- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA)

USTEKINUMAB-AAUZ (UNBRANDED OTULFI®)

- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 90mg every 12 weeks with initial dose Week 0 and 4

USTEKINUMAB-TTWE (UNBRANDED PYZCHIVA®)

- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 90mg every 12 weeks with initial dose Week 0 and 4

XELJANZ® / XELJANZ XR® (TOFACITINIB) TABLETS

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA); **AND**
- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
- Note: Xeljanz Solution is only approved for pJIA

YESINTEK (USTEKINUMAB-STBA)

- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 90 mg every 12 weeks with initial dose Week 0 and 4

YUFLYMA® (ADALIMUMAB-AATY)

- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis

YUSIMRY® (ADALIMUMAB-AQVH)

- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year, unless otherwise noted in Medication-Specific Information

**Biologic  
Immunomodulators**

AGENTS TO TREAT  
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required*

adalimumab-adbm (unbranded Cyltezo)  
Enbrel®  
Humira®

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.*

Abrilada®  
Actemra® SC  
adalimumab-aacf (unbranded Idacio)  
adalimumab-aaty (unbranded Yuflyma)  
adalimumab-adaz (unbranded Hyrimoz)  
adalimumab-fkjp (unbranded Hulio)  
adalimumab-ryvk (unbranded Simlandi)  
Amjevita®  
Cimzia®, Cimzia Kit®  
Cyltezo®  
Hadlima®  
Hulio®  
Hyrimoz®  
Idacio®  
Kevzara®  
Kineret® (\*Carve Out)  
Olumiant®  
Orencia® SC  
Rinvoq®  
Simlandi®  
Simponi®, Simponi Aria®  
Tyenne®  
Xeljanz®, Xeljanz XR®  
Yuflyma®  
Yusimry®

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- The patient's condition is clinically stable at this time, so that switching medications would cause deterioration in their condition; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication in the same subclass
- Bypass PDL criteria of failure with a preferred agent in cases when the non-preferred product has a unique FDA approved indication.

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

ABRILADA® (ADALIMUMAB-AFZB)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis

ACTEMRA® (TOCILIZUMAB)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis; **OR**
- Diagnosis of systemic sclerosis-associated interstitial lung disease

AMJEVITA® (ADALIMUMAB-ATTO)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis

CYLTEZO® (ADALIMUMAB-ADBIM)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis

HADLIMA® (ADALIMUMAB-BWWD)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis

HULIO® (ADALIMUMAB-FKJP)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis

HYRIMOZ® (ADALIMUMAB-ADAZ)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis

IDACIO® (ADALIMUMAB-AACF)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severely active rheumatoid arthritis

KEVZARA® (SARILUMAB) - PDL CRITERIA DO NOT APPLY FOR POLYMYALGIA RHEUMATICA

- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of Polymyalgia Rheumatica (PMR); **OR**
- Diagnosis of moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis (RA); **OR**
- Patient weight is 63 kg or greater; **AND**
- Diagnosis of polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis

OLUMIANT® (BARICITINIB) (PDL CRITERIA DO NOT APPLY FOR ALOPECIA AREATA)

- Diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis; **OR**
- Diagnosis of severe alopecia areata; **AND**
- Patient must be 18 years or older

RINVOQ® (UPADACITINIB)

- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis

SIMLANDI® (ADALIMUMAB-RYVK)

- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis

TYENNE® (TOCILIZUMAB-AAZG)

- Patient is 18 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis

XELJANZ® / XELJANZ XR® (TOFACITINIB) TABLETS

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis (RA); **AND**
- Must be prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
- Note: Xeljanz Solution is only approved for pJIA

YUFLYMA® (ADALIMUMAB-AATY)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis

YUSIMRY® (ADALIMUMAB-AQVH)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year, unless otherwise noted in Medication-Specific Information

**Biologic  
Immunomodulators**

AGENTS TO TREAT  
ULCERATIVE COLITIS

**Preferred Agents:** *No prior authorization except select Preferred biosimilars for Stelara – see criteria below*  
adalimumab-adbm (unbranded Cyltezo)  
Humira®  
Pyzchiva®  
Steqeyma®

**Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

PYZCHIVA® (USTEKINUMAB-TTWE)

- Diagnosis of ulcerative colitis; **AND**
- Trial/failure of preferred Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Blocker; **AND**
- Quantity limit
  - 520mg for initial dose
  - 90mg every 8 weeks

STEQEYMA (USTEKINUMAB-STBA)

- Diagnosis of ulcerative colitis; **AND**
- Trial/failure of preferred Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF) Blocker; **AND**
- Quantity limit
  - 520mg for initial dose
  - 90mg every 8 weeks

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.*

Abrilada®  
adalimumab-aacf (unbranded Idacio)  
adalimumab-aaty (unbranded Yuflyma)  
adalimumab-adaz (unbranded Hyrimoz)  
adalimumab-fkjp (unbranded Hulio)  
adalimumab-ryvk (unbranded Simlandi)  
Amjevita®  
Cyltezo®  
Entyvio®  
Hadlima®  
Hulio®  
Hyrimoz®  
Idacio®  
Imuldosa®  
OmvoH®  
Otulfi®  
Rinvoq®  
Selarsdi®  
Simlandi®  
Simponi®  
Skyrizi®  
Starjemza® (Ustekinumab-HMNY)  
Stelara®  
Tremfya®  
ustekinumab-aaaz (unbranded Otulfi)  
ustekinumab-aekn (unbranded Selarsdi)  
ustekinumab-ttwe (unbranded Pyzchiva)  
Velsipity®  
Xeljanz®, Xeljanz XR®  
Yesintek®  
Yuflyma®  
Yusimry®  
Zeposia®  
Zymfentra® pen/syringe

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications: **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- The patient's condition is clinically stable at this time, so that switching medications would cause deterioration in their condition; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication in the same subclass
- Bypass PDL criteria of failure with a preferred agent in cases when the non-preferred product has a unique FDA approved indication.

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

**ABRILADA® (ADALIMUMAB-AFZB)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis

**AMJEVITA® (ADALIMUMAB-ATTO)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis

**CYLTEZO® (ADALIMUMAB-ADBM)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis

**ENTYVIO® (VEDOLIZUMAB)**

- Diagnosis of ulcerative colitis; **AND**
- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Trial and failure on one medication from each of the following classes:
  - Aminosalicylate [i.e., mesalamine (Pentasa®, Lialda®, Delzicol®), olsalazine (Dipentum®), balsalazide (sulfasalazine (Azulfidine®))]
  - Oral steroid
  - Thiopurine [i.e., azathioprine (Imuran®), mercaptopurine (Purinethol®)]
  - TNF (tumor necrosis factor) blocker [i.e., infliximab (Remicade®, adalimumab (Humira®)]
- Length of authorization: Initial approval = 14 weeks; renewal = 1 year

**HADLIMA® (ADALIMUMAB-BWWD)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis

**HULIO® (ADALIMUMAB-FKJP)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis

**HYRIMOZ® (ADALIMUMAB-ADAZ)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis

**IDACIO® (ADALIMUMAB-AACF)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis

**IMULDOSA® (USTEKINUMAB-SRLF)**

- Diagnosis of ulcerative colitis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara
- Quantity Limit:
  - 520 mg for initial dose
  - 90 mg every 8 weeks

**OMVOH**

- Diagnosis of moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis (UC); **AND**
- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist

**OTULFI (USTEKINUMAB-AAUZ)**

- Diagnosis of ulcerative colitis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 520mg for initial dose
  - 90mg every 8 weeks

**RINVOQ® (UPADACITINIB)**

- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis

SELARSDI® (USTEKINUMAB-AEKN)

- Diagnosis of ulcerative colitis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 520mg for initial dose
  - 90mg every 8 weeks

SIMLANDI® (ADALIMUMAB-RYVK)

- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis

SKYRIZI® (RISANKIZUMAB)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of ulcerative colitis; **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist or rheumatologist

STARJEMZA® (USTEKINUMAB-HMNY)

- Diagnosis of ulcerative colitis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 520 mg for initial dose
  - 90 mg every 8 weeks

STELARA® (USTEKINUMAB)

- Diagnosis of ulcerative colitis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 520 mg for initial dose
  - 90 mg every 8 weeks

TREMFYA® (GUSELKUMAB)

- Diagnosis of moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis (UC); **AND**
- Patient must be 18 years or older

USTEKINUMAB-AAUZ (UNBRANDED OTULFI®)

- Diagnosis of ulcerative colitis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 520mg for initial dose
  - 90mg every 8 weeks

USTEKINUMAB-TTWE (UNBRANDED PYZCHIVA®)

- Diagnosis of ulcerative colitis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 520mg for initial dose
  - 90mg every 8 weeks

VELSIPITY® (ETRASIMOD ARGININE)

- Diagnosis of moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis (UC); **AND**
- Patient must be 18 years or older; **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist; **AND**
- Patient has obtained a baseline electrocardiogram (ECG); **AND**
- Patient does NOT have an active infection, including clinically important localized infections; **AND**
- Patient has been tested for antibodies to the varicella zoster virus (VZV) or has completed the immunization series for VZV prior to beginning therapy; **AND**
- For patients with a history of uveitis and/or diabetes ONLY: A baseline ophthalmic evaluation of the fundus, including the macula, has been performed before starting treatment; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that a CBC with lymphocyte count, ALT, AST, and total bilirubin have been obtained for the patient in the past 6 months.

XELJANZ® / XELJANZ XR® (TOFACITINIB) TABLETS

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of ulcerative colitis; **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist
- Note: Xeljanz solution is only approved for pJIA

YESINTEK (USTEKINUMAB-STBA)

- Diagnosis of ulcerative colitis; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred ustekinumab biosimilar to Stelara; **AND**
- Quantity limit:
  - 520 mg for initial dose
  - 90 mg every 8 weeks

YUFLYMA® (ADALIMUMAB-AATY)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis

YUSIMRY® (ADALIMUMAB-AQVH)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis

ZEPOSIA® (OZANIMOD)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis (UC); **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist; **AND**
- Patient has obtained a baseline electrocardiogram (ECG); **AND**
- Patient does NOT have an active infection, including clinically important localized infections; **AND**
- Patient has been tested for antibodies to the varicella zoster virus (VZV) or has completed the immunization series for VZV prior to beginning therapy; **AND**
- For patients with a history of uveitis and/or diabetes ONLY: A baseline ophthalmic evaluation of the fundus, including the macula, has been performed before starting treatment; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that a CBC with lymphocyte count, ALT, AST, and total bilirubin have been obtained for the patient in the past 6 months

ZYMFENTRA® (INFLIXIMAB-DYYB)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that the patient has completed an intravenous induction regimen with an infliximab product; **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year, unless otherwise noted in Medication-Specific Information

**Biologic  
Immunomodulators**

AGENTS TO TREAT  
UVEITIS

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required*  
adalimumab-adbm (unbranded Cyltezo)  
Humira®

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.*

Abrilada®  
adalimumab-aacf (unbranded Idacio)  
adalimumab-aaty (unbranded Yuflyma)  
adalimumab-adaz (unbranded Hyrimoz)  
adalimumab-fkjp (unbranded Hulio)  
adalimumab-ryvk (unbranded Simlandi)  
Amjevita®  
Cyltezo®  
Hadlima®  
Hulio®  
Hyrimoz®  
Idacio®  
Simlandi®  
Yuflyma®  
Yusimry®

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications: **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- The patient's condition is clinically stable at this time, so that switching medications would cause deterioration in their condition; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication in the same subclass
- Bypass PDL criteria of failure with a preferred agent in cases when the non-preferred product has a unique FDA approved indication.

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

**ABRILADA® (ADALIMUMAB-AFZB)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of non-infectious intermediate, posterior, or panuveitis

**AMJEVITA® (ADALIMUMAB-ATTO)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of non-infectious intermediate, posterior, or panuveitis

**CYLTEZO® (ADALIMUMAB-ADBIM)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older: **AND**
- Diagnosis of non-infectious intermediate, posterior, or panuveitis

**HADLIMA® (ADALIMUMAB-BWWD)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older: **AND**
- Diagnosis of non-infectious intermediate, posterior, or panuveitis

**HULIO® (ADALIMUMAB-FKJP)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older: **AND**
- Diagnosis of non-infectious intermediate, posterior, or panuveitis

**HYRIMOZ® (ADALIMUMAB-ADAZ)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older: **AND**
- Diagnosis of non-infectious intermediate, posterior, or panuveitis

**IDACIO® (ADALIMUMAB-AACF)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older: **AND**
- Diagnosis of non-infectious intermediate, posterior, or panuveitis

**SIMLANDI® (ADALIMUMAB-RYVK)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older: **AND**
- Diagnosis of non-infectious intermediate, posterior, or panuveitis

	<p><u>YUFLYMA® (ADALIMUMAB-AATY)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is 18 years of age or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Diagnosis of non-infectious intermediate, posterior, or panuveitis</li> </ul> <p><u>YUSIMRY® (ADALIMUMAB-AQVH)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is 18 years of age or older: <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Diagnosis of non-infectious intermediate, posterior, or panuveitis</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year, unless otherwise noted in Medication-Specific Information</p>
<p><b>BPH Agents – 5-Alpha Reductase (5AR) Inhibitors</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  dutasteride  finasteride 5mg (generic for Proscar®)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i>  Avodart®  dutasteride/tamsulosin  Proscar®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year (unless specified in drug specific criteria)</p>
<p><b>BPH Agents – Alpha Blockers</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Alfuzosin tablet  Doxazosin tablet  Prazosin capsule  Tamsulosin capsule  Terazosin capsule</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.</i>  Cardura® tablet  Cardura XR® tablet  Flomax® capsule  Minipress® capsule  Rapaflo® capsule  Silodosin (generic for Rapaflo) capsule  Tezruly (terazosin) oral solution</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>TEZRULY (TERAZOSIN) ORAL SOLUTION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is ≥ 18 years of age; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient is unable to swallow a solid oral dosage form of generic terazosin</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year, unless otherwise noted in drug-specific criteria</p>

**Calcium Channel Blockers - Dihydropyridine**

**Preferred Agents:** *Clinical Prior Authorization below*

amlodipine besylate  
nifedipine/nifedipine SA  
Norliqva®

**Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

NORLIQVA® SUSPENSION (AMLODIPINE)

- Patient age of 6 years or greater; **AND**
- Allow if patient has swallowing difficulties

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Required. Criteria below.*

felodipine ER  
isradipine  
Katerzia®  
levamlodipine  
nicardipine  
nisoldipine  
Norvasc®  
Procardia XL®  
Sdamlo®  
Sular®

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Patient is clinically stable, and switching would cause a deterioration in condition; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure with one-month trial of one preferred medication

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

KATERZIA® SUSPENSION (AMLODIPINE)

- Patient age of 6 years or greater; **AND**
- Allow if patient has swallowing difficulties; **AND**
- Trial and failure of the preferred amlodipine oral solution

SDAMLO® SUSPENSION (AMLODIPINE BESYLATE)

- Patient age of 6 years or greater; **AND**
- Allow if patient has swallowing difficulties; **AND**
- Trial and failure of the preferred amlodipine oral solution

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year

<p><b>Calcium Channel Blockers – Non-Dihydropyridine</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Diltiazem tablet / diltiazem XR / diltiazem ER capsule  Taztia XT® capsule  verapamil / verapamil ER tablet</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>  diltiazem LA tablet  Matzim LA® tablet  Tiadylt ER® capsule  verapamil ER capsules  Verelan PM® pellet capsules  verapamil cap 24-hr pellet capsules</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Patient is clinically stable, and switching would cause a deterioration in condition; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one-month trial of one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Cephalosporins - 1st Generation</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  cefadroxil capsules  cefadroxil suspension  cephalexin</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>  cefadroxil tablets</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications</li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications</li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects</li> <li>• Infection caused by an organism resistant to the preferred cephalosporins</li> <li>• Therapeutic failure (duration = 3 days) with any two preferred cephalosporins medications</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> Date of service</p>
<p><b>Cephalosporins - 2nd Generation</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Cefuroxime  cefprozil tablet  cefprozil suspension</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>  Cefaclor  cefaclor ER</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications</li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications</li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects</li> <li>• Infection caused by an organism resistant to the preferred cephalosporins</li> <li>• Therapeutic failure (duration = 3 days) with any two preferred cephalosporins medications</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> Date of service</p>

<p><b>Cephalosporins – 3rd Generation</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  cefdinir capsules, suspension  cefixime capsules</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>  cefixime suspension  cefpodoxime tablets  cefpodoxime suspension</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Infection caused by an organism resistant to the preferred cephalosporins; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure (duration = 3 days) with any two preferred cephalosporins medications</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> Date of service</p>
<p><b>Colony Stimulating Factors</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Fulphila®  Fylnetra®  Neupogen®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>  Granix®  Leukine®  Neulasta® syringe, vial; Neulasta® Onpro Kit  Nivestym®  Nyposi®  Nyvepria®  Releuko®  Stimufend®  Udenyca®  Zarxio®  Ziextenzo®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Combination Benzoyl Peroxide and Clindamycin</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  clindamycin / benzoyl peroxide</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>  clindamycin / benzoyl peroxide (generic Onexton®)  Neuac 1.25% kit®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>Combination Nasal Sprays</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b></p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>  azelastine/fluticasone spray  Dymista®  Ryaltris®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 month trial and failure of one preferred nasal antihistamine; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• 1 month trial and failure of one preferred nasal corticosteroid</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Direct Renin Inhibitors</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  N/A</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>  aliskiren  Tekturna®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trial/failure on an ACE inhibitor or an ARB; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Clinical rationale why neither is appropriate.</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Epinephrine self-administered</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  epinephrine (generic for Adrenaclick® by Amneal)  epinephrine (generic for Epi Pen®/EpiPen Jr® by Teva)  epinephrine (generic for Epi Pen®/EpiPen Jr® by Mylan)  Epi Pen®, Epi Pen Jr®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Auvi-Q®  Neffy®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Therapeutic failure or contraindication to use of a preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>NEFFY® (EPINEPHRINE)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient weighs at least 30kg</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

**Gastrointestinal Antibiotics**

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required*

Dificid tablets®  
metronidazole 250mg and 500mg tablets  
neomycin tablets  
tinidazole  
vancomycin capsules  
vancomycin solution

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*

Aemcolo®  
Dificid Suspension®  
Firvanq®  
fidaxomicin  
Flagyl® tablets and capsules  
Likmez®  
metronidazole capsules  
nitazoxanide tablets  
Vancocin®

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure of one month with one preferred medication

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

AEMCOLO® (RIFAMYCIN)

- Travelers' diarrhea caused by noninvasive strains of E. coli and age ≥18 years of age (PDL criteria do not apply); **AND**
- The patient has had an inadequate response, intolerance or contraindication to azithromycin or a fluoroquinolone
- Quantity Limit: 12 tablets per claim
- Length of authorization: 3 days

DIDICID® (FIDAXOMICIN) 40 MG/ML ORAL SUSPENSION

- Maximum patient age = 17 years

LIKMEZ® (METRONIDAZOLE)

- PDL criteria may be bypassed if patient is less than 12 years of age OR unable to swallow tablets
- Quantity Limit: 400 mL per 10 days
- Length of approval: Duration of the prescription

NITAZOXANIDE (ALINIA®) – PDL CRITERIA DO NOT APPLY

- Tablets:
  - For treatment of diarrhea caused by Cryptosporidium parvum or Giardia lamblia **AND**
  - The patient has had a trial on metronidazole or a clinical reason why it cannot be tried
  - Length of authorization = 1 month
  - Quantity limit = 6 tablets per rolling 30 days

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year, unless otherwise noted in drug-specific criteria

<p><b>GI Motility, Chronic</b></p> <p>CHRONIC IDIOPATHIC CONSTIPATION (CIC)</p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Linzess®  lubiprostone</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Amitiza®  Motegrity®  prucalopride</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with one preferred medication within the same subclass</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>AMITIZA® (LUBIPROSTONE)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is ≥ 18 years of age; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Quantity limit of 2 capsules per day</li> </ul> <p><u>LINZESS® (LINACLOTIDE)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is ≥ 6 years of age; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Quantity limit of 1 capsule per day</li> </ul> <p><u>MOTTEGRITY® (PRUCALOPRIDE)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis of chronic idiopathic constipation (CIC); <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after one-month trial of one preferred agent for CIC</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> Up to 1 year</p>
<p><b>GI Motility, Chronic</b></p> <p>IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME WITH CONSTIPATION (IBS-C)</p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Linzess®  lubiprostone</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Amitiza®  Ibsrela®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with one preferred medication within the same subclass</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>AMITIZA® (LUBIPROSTONE)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is ≥ 18 years of age; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Quantity limit of 2 capsules per day</li> </ul> <p><u>LINZESS® (LINACLOTIDE)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is ≥ 6 years of age</li> <li>• Quantity limit of 1 capsule per day</li> </ul> <p><u>IBSRELA® (TENAPANOR)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome with constipations (IBS-C); <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient is ≥ 18 years of age <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after one-month trial of one preferred agent of IBS-C</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> Up to 1 year</p>

<p><b>GI Motility, Chronic</b></p> <p>IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME WITH DIARRHEA (IBS-D)</p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization Required</i>  diphenoxylate/atropine (generic Lomotil®)  loperamide (generic Imodium®)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  alosetron  Lotronex®  Viberzi®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with one preferred medication within the same subclass</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>LOTROXEX® (ALOSETRON)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D); <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after one-month trial of diphenoxylate/atropine or loperamide; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Member is female</li> </ul> <p><u>VIBERZI® (ELUXADOLINE)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D); <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after one-month trial of diphenoxylate/atropine or loperamide</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> Up to 1 year</p>
<p><b>GI Motility, Chronic</b></p> <p>OPIOID-INDUCED CONSTIPATION (OIC)</p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  lubiprostone</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Amitiza®  Movantik®  Symproic®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with one preferred medication within the same subclass</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>AMITIZA® (LUBIPROSTONE)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is ≥ 18 years of age</li> <li>• Quantity limit of 2 capsules per day</li> </ul> <p><u>SYMPROIC® (NALDEMEDINE TOSYLATE)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis of opioid induced constipation (OIC); <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after one-month trial of one preferred agent for OIC</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> Up to 1 year</p>

<p><b>Glaucoma</b></p> <p>ALPHA-2 ADRENERGICS</p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i></p> <p>Apraclonidine brimonidine tartrate 0.2%</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i></p> <p>Alphagan P® brimonidine tartrate 0.1% brimonidine tartrate 0.15% lopidine®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with one preferred medication within the same subclass</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Glaucoma</b></p> <p>BETA BLOCKERS</p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i></p> <p>Betoptic S® Carteolol timolol maleate (generic for Timoptic®)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i></p> <p>Betaxolol Betimol® Istalol® Levobunolol timolol (generic for Betimol®) timolol maleate (generic for Istalol®) timolol maleate (generic for Timoptic® Ocusose) Timoptic®/Timoptic Ocusose® Timoptic XE®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with one preferred medication within the same subclass</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Glaucoma</b></p> <p>CARBONIC ANHYDRASE INHIBITORS</p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i></p> <p>brinzolamide dorzolamide dorzolamide / timolol (generic Cosopt®) Simbrinza®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i></p> <p>Azopt® Cosopt®/ Cosopt PF® dorzolamide / timolol PF (generic for Cosopt PF®)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with one preferred medication within the same subclass</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>Glaucoma</b></p> <p>COMBINATION ALPHA-2 ADRENERGIC-BETA BLOCKER</p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i> Combigan®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i> brimonidine-timolol</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with one preferred medication within the same subclass</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Glaucoma</b></p> <p>PROSTAGLANDIN ANALOGUES</p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i> latanoprost</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i> bimatoprost (generic for Lumigan) Iyuzeh® Lumigan® tafluprost (generic for Zioptan®) Travatan Z® travoprost (generic for Travatan®) Vyulta® Xalatan® Xelpros® Zioptan®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with one preferred medication within the same subclass</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

**GLP1s for MACE**  
(major adverse cardiovascular event risk reduction)

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*  
Wegovy® (semaglutide)

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Prescriber attests that the patient will not use Wegovy concurrently with another GLP-1 agonist; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that the patient will not use Wegovy concurrently with a non-GLP1 weight loss medication; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that the patient will not use Wegovy concurrently with a medication that contains a DPP-4 inhibitor (e.g., alogliptin, linagliptin, saxagliptin or sitagliptin); **AND**
- Patient  $\geq$  18 years of age; **AND**
- Prescriber attests patient has an initial body mass index [BMI]  $\geq$  than 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup>; **AND**
- Prescriber attests patient has established cardiovascular disease (e.g., Wegovy is being prescribed for cardiovascular risk reduction in patients with prior myocardial infarction, prior stroke or peripheral arterial disease); **AND**
- For patients with an eating disorder, prescriber attests that treatment has been optimized and confirms the safety and appropriateness of this treatment; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that metabolic or other reason(s) for obesity/symptoms have been ruled out or diagnosed and treated (e.g., thyroid dysfunction, diabetes, sleep apnea, etc.); **AND**
- Prescriber attests to patient's absence of any contraindications to use of the requested product, including pregnancy, lactation, a personal or family history of medullary thyroid cancer or multiple endocrine neoplasia type II; **AND**
- Prescriber attests medication therapy is part of a total treatment plan including diet and exercise/activity as appropriate for the patient's ability; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that patient has been informed weight may return with cessation of medication unless healthy lifestyle diet and activity changes, as appropriate for the patient's ability, are permanently adopted.

**Renewal**

- Prescriber attests that the patient is currently established on the medication and has established cardiovascular disease (e.g., Wegovy is being prescribed for cardiovascular risk reduction in patients with prior myocardial infarction, prior stroke or peripheral arterial disease); **AND**
- Prescriber provides clinical documentation demonstrating weight, associated with the renewal request, and showing that the patient has maintained a weight loss of  $\geq$  5% from baseline weight at initiation of therapy.

**MDHHS recommends that prescribers consider the benefits of a [diabetes prevention program](#) for their patients.**

**Duration of Approval:**

Initial: 6 months  
Renewal: 6 months

**GLP1s for MASH**  
(noncirrhotic  
metabolic dysfunction-  
associated  
steatohepatitis)

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*  
Wegovy® (semaglutide)

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Prescriber attest that the patient will not use Wegovy concurrently with a non-GLP1 weight loss medication; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that the patient will not use Wegovy concurrently with a medication that contains a DPP-4 inhibitor (e.g., alogliptin, linagliptin, saxagliptin or sitagliptin); **AND**
- Patient  $\geq$  18 years of age; **AND**
- Prescriber attests patient has an initial body mass index [BMI]  $\geq$  than 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup>; **AND**
- Prescriber attests patient has noncirrhotic metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis (MASH), formerly known as nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH), with moderate to advanced liver fibrosis (consistent with stages F2 to F3 fibrosis); **AND**
- For patients with an eating disorder, prescriber attests that treatment has been optimized and confirms the safety and appropriateness of this treatment; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that metabolic or other reason(s) for obesity/symptoms have been ruled out or diagnosed and treated (e.g., thyroid dysfunction, diabetes, sleep apnea, etc.); **AND**
- Prescriber attests to patient's absence of any contraindications to use of the requested product, including pregnancy, lactation, a personal or family history of medullary thyroid cancer or multiple endocrine neoplasia type II; **AND**
- Prescriber attests medication therapy is part of a total treatment plan including diet and exercise/activity as appropriate for the patient's ability; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that patient has been informed weight may return with cessation of medication unless healthy lifestyle diet and activity changes, as appropriate for the patient's ability, are permanently adopted.

**Renewal**

- Prescriber attests that the patient is currently established on the medication and has noncirrhotic metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis (MASH), formerly known as nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH), with moderate to advanced liver fibrosis (consistent with stages F2 to F3 fibrosis); **AND**
- Prescriber provides clinical documentation demonstrating weight, associated with the renewal request, and showing that the patient has maintained a weight loss of  $\geq$  5% from baseline weight at initiation of therapy.

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**Duration of Approval:**

Initial: 6 months  
Renewal: 6 months

**GLP1s for OSA**  
(obstructive sleep apnea)

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Clinical Prior Authorization required*  
Zepbound® (tirzepatide)

**Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Prescriber attests that the patient will not use Zepbound concurrently with another GLP-1 agonist; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that the patient will not use Zepbound concurrently with a non-GLP1 weight loss medication; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that the patient will not use Zepbound concurrently with a medication that contains a DPP-4 inhibitor (e.g., alogliptin, linagliptin, saxagliptin or sitagliptin); **AND**
- Patient  $\geq$  18 years of age; **AND**
- Prescriber attests patient has an initial body mass index [BMI]  $\geq$  than 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup>; **AND**
- Patient has a documented diagnosis of moderate to severe obstructive sleep apnea (OSA); **AND**
- For patients with an eating disorder, prescriber attests that treatment has been optimized and confirms the safety and appropriateness of this treatment; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that metabolic or other reason(s) for obesity/symptoms have been ruled out or diagnosed and treated (e.g., thyroid dysfunction, diabetes, etc.); **AND**
- Prescriber attests to patient's absence of any contraindications to use of the requested product, including pregnancy, lactation, a personal or family history of medullary thyroid cancer or multiple endocrine neoplasia type II; **AND**
- Prescriber attests medication therapy is part of a total treatment plan including diet and exercise/activity as appropriate for the patient's ability; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that patient has been informed weight may return with cessation of medication unless healthy lifestyle diet and activity changes, as appropriate for the patient's ability, are permanently adopted.

**Renewal**

- Prescriber attests that the patient is currently established on the medication for a diagnosis of moderate to severe obstructive sleep apnea (OSA); **AND**
- Prescriber provides clinical documentation demonstrating weight, associated with the renewal request, and showing that the patient has maintained a weight loss of  $\geq$  5% from baseline weight at initiation of therapy.

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**Duration of Approval:**

Initial: 6 months  
Renewal: 6 months

**Glucagon Agents**

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required*

Baqsimi®  
Zegalogue®

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*

Glucagon Emergency Kit (Amphastar and Fresenius)  
Gvoke® Syringe, Kit, Vial, Pen

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- History of trial and failure with one preferred medication

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year

## Growth Hormones

**Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*

Genotropin®  
Norditropin®  
Norditropin Flexpro®

**Clinical PA Criteria (preferred and non-preferred):**

- Requests must be submitted by an endocrinologist or nephrologist.
- Panhypopituitarism/Hypopituitarism – Cachexia, pituitary; Necrosis of pituitary (postpartum); Pituitary insufficiency NOS; Sheehan's syndrome; Simmond's disease, and Growth Hormone Deficiency
- Pituitary dwarfism – Isolated deficiency of (human) growth hormone [HGH]; Lorain-Levi dwarfism).
- Endocrine disorders – Other specified endocrine disorders: Pineal gland dysfunction; Progeria; Werner's syndrome.
- Indeterminate sex and pseudo hermaphroditism – Gynandrim; Hermaphroditism; Ovotestis; Pseudo hermaphroditism (male, female); Pure gonadal dysgenesis
- Gonadal dysgenesis – Turner's Syndrome (female only); XO syndrome; Ovarian dysgenesis
- Noonan Syndrome – Norditropin® is the only medication with this indication
- Prader-Willi Syndrome. **Genotropin®**, Norditropin FlexPro, and Omnitrope® are the only medications with this indication
- Idiopathic Short Stature – individual medical record and necessity review will be required.
- **CKD – stage 1, 2 or 3 (CRI): Nutropin®** is the only medication with this indication
- **CKD – stage 4 or 5 (CRF or ESRD)**
- **SHOX: Humatrope®** is the only medication with this indication
- For non-preferred medications: Must have an allergy to inactive ingredients in the preferred medications

**REQUIRED TESTING INFORMATION:**

- **Growth hormone stimulation testing:**
  - Pituitary dwarfism: the patient must have failed **two** kinds of growth hormone stimulation tests for the diagnosis. Testing is required for pediatric, adolescent, and adult patients. For adolescent patients whose epiphyseal growth plates are closed and for adult patients, testing must be done after growth hormone therapy has been suspended for at least 3 months.
  - Requester should document the kinds of stimulation tests performed, the result (lab value), reference range and date.
- **Bone age x-rays (required regardless of diagnosis; x-ray does not have to be performed within a specific time frame):**
  - Pediatric patients – bone x-ray report is required unless the prescriber is a (pediatric) endocrinologist
  - Adolescent patients (13 to 19 years of age)– bone x-ray report is required UNLESS the prescriber is a (pediatric) endocrinologist; the requester must also note whether or not the epiphyseal growth plates have closed
  - Adult patients – bone x-ray report is NOT required
- **Papilledema:**
  - Provider is aware of the risk of intracranial hypertension and the role of fundoscopic examination to assess and monitor for papilledema.
- For Idiopathic Short Stature, individual medical record and necessity review will be required.
  - Requests that do not meet clinical criteria will require further review and must include the patient's diagnosis including ICD-10, if available. Growth charts should be provided, if available, at time of review (ensure that the correct chart is being submitted based on the patient's age – i.e., 0–3 vs 2–20) in addition to documentation of small for gestational age at birth, if appropriate

<p><b>Growth Hormones</b></p>	<p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization criteria below</i></p> <p>Humatrope®  Ngenla®  Nutropin AQ®  Omnitrope®  Serostim®  Sogroya®  Skytrofa®  Zomacton®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• The patient’s condition is clinically stable such that switching medications would cause deterioration in the condition</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>NGENLA® (SOMATROGON-GHLA)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum patient age = 16 years</li> </ul> <p><u>SOGROYA® (SOMAPACITANB-BECO)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quantity Limit: 8 mgs per week</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>H. pylori Treatment</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i></p> <p>Pylera®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i></p> <p>bismuth/metronidazole/tetracycline  lansoprazole/amoxicillin/clarithromycin  Omeclamox-PAK®  Talcia  Voquezna Dual Pak®  Voquezna Triple Pak®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after one course (e.g., 10-14 days) trial of the preferred agent</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

## Hematopoietic Agents

### **Preferred Agents:** *Clinical Prior Authorization below*

Aranesp®  
Epogen®  
Retacrit®

### **Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Criteria below*

Jesduvroq®  
Procrit®  
Vafseo

### **Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure after one-month trial with one preferred medication
- See additional medication/diagnoses-specific criteria below

### **Clinical PA Criteria:**

CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE STAGE 3, STAGE 4 [CRF - CHRONIC RENAL FAILURE] AND STAGE 5 [ESRD END STAGE RENAL DISEASE] (EPOGEN®, PROCIT®, RETACRIT® AND ARANESP®):

- Hemoglobin level < 10 g/dL before treatment with **Epogen®, Procrit®, Retacrit®, Aranesp®** or transfusions
- **RENEWAL:** CURRENT hemoglobin level < 12 g/DI

KIDNEY TRANSPLANT PATIENTS - TRANSPLANTED KIDNEY IS NOTED AS NOT YET FUNCTIONING TO ANTICIPATED POTENTIAL (EPOGEN®, PROCIT®, RETACRIT® AND ARANESP®):

- < 1-year post transplant
- CURRENT hemoglobin level < 12 g/dL
- Length of Authorization: 6 months

CHEMOTHERAPY OR RADIATION THERAPY CONFIRMED AS CURRENT (EPOGEN®, PROCIT®, RETACRIT® AND ARANESP® ONLY):

- Hemoglobin level < 10 g/dL before beginning treatment with **Epogen®, Procrit®, Retacrit®, Aranesp®** or transfusions
- **RENEWAL:** CURRENT hemoglobin level < 12 g/dL

ANEMIA IN AIDS PATIENTS: (EPOGEN®, PROCIT®, RETACRIT® ONLY)

- Hemoglobin level < 10 g/dL

ANEMIC PATIENTS SCHEDULED TO UNDERGO NON-CARDIAC, NON-VASCULAR SURGERY TO DECREASE NEED FOR TRANSFUSIONS: (EPOGEN®, PROCIT®, RETACRIT® ONLY)

- Clinical rationale why alternative approaches such as donating own blood prior or transfusion is not an option.
- CURRENT hemoglobin level < 10 g/dL

MYELODYSPLASIA AND MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROME (EPOGEN®, PROCIT®, RETACRIT® ONLY):

- CURRENT hemoglobin level < 10 g/dL

HEPATITIS C WITH CURRENT INTERFERON TREATMENT (EPOGEN®, PROCIT®, RETACRIT® ONLY):

- Beginning hemoglobin level < 10 g/dL
- **RENEWAL:** CURRENT hemoglobin level < 12 g/dL

JESDUVROQ® (DAPRODUSTAT)

#### **Initial**

- Patient is ≥18 years of age; **AND**
- Diagnosis of anemia due to chronic kidney disease (CKD); **AND**
- Patient has been receiving dialysis for ≥ 4 months; **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a nephrologist or hematologist; **AND**
- Recent documentation (within 30 days of request) of **ALL** the following:
  - Patient is currently receiving an erythropoiesis-stimulating agent **AND** transitioning to Jesduvroq;  
**AND**
  - Patient has a hemoglobin level ≤ 12.0 g/dL; **OR**
  - Patient is NOT currently receiving an erythropoiesis-stimulating agent; **AND**
  - Patient has a baseline (prior to initiation of Jesduvroq) hemoglobin level < 11 g/dL; **AND**
  - Serum ferritin > 100 ng/mL (mcg/L); **AND**
  - Transferrin saturation (TSAT) >20%
- Length of approval: 6 months

#### **Renewal**

- Patient must continue to meet the above criteria; **AND**
- Patient has experienced an increase in Hb from baseline; **AND**
- Hemoglobin is < 12 g/dL
- Length of approval: 1 year

VAFSEO® (VADADUSTAT)

**Initial**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of anemia due to chronic kidney disease (CKD); **AND**
- Patient has been receiving dialysis for ≥3 months; **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a nephrologist or hematologist; **AND**
- Recent documentation (within 30 days of request) of **ALL** the following:
  - Patient is currently receiving an erythropoiesis-stimulating agent AND transitioning to Vafseo; **AND**
  - Patient has a hemoglobin level ≤ 12.0 g/dL; **OR**
  - Patient is NOT currently receiving an erythropoiesis-stimulating agent; **AND**
  - Patient has a baseline (prior to initiation of Vafseo) hemoglobin level < 11 g/dL; **AND**
  - Serum ferritin > 100 ng/mL (mcg/L); **AND**
  - Transferrin saturation (TSAT) >20%
- Length of approval: 6 months

**Renewal**

- Patient must continue to meet the above criteria; **AND**
- Patient has experienced an increase in Hb from baseline; **AND**
- Hemoglobin is < 12 g/dL
- Length of approval: 1 year

**Duration of Approval:** For the duration of the prescription up to 6 months, unless otherwise noted in Medication/Diagnoses-Specific Information

**Immunomodulators**

AGENTS TO TREAT  
ASTHMA

**Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*

Dupixent®  
Fasenra® pen  
Xolair® syringe, autoinjectors

**Clinical PA Criteria for Asthma Indications:**

- Patient's asthma symptoms have not been adequately controlled by at least three months of an asthma treatment regimen that must include an inhaled corticosteroid; **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with an allergist, immunologist, or pulmonologist

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

DUPIXENT® (DUPILUMAB)

**NOTE:** (1) A 56-day supply will be allowed for patients requiring dosing once every 28 days (every 4 weeks) (2) The pre filled PEN is for use in adult and pediatric patients aged 2 years and older, (3) The pre-filled SYRINGE is for use in adult and pediatric patients aged 6 months and older.

- **Patient must have moderate to severe asthma diagnosed as ONE of the following types:**
  - Asthma with eosinophilic phenotype with eosinophil count  $\geq 150$  cells/mcL; **OR**
  - Oral corticosteroid dependent asthma with at least 1 month of daily oral corticosteroid use within the last 3 months; **AND**
  - Patient must be 6 years of age or older

FASENRA® (BENRALIZUMAB):

- **Patient must have severe asthma; AND**
  - Eosinophil blood count of  $\geq 150$  cells/ $\mu$ L within last 6 weeks or  $\geq 300$  cells/ $\mu$ L within the last 12 months; **AND**
  - Patient must be 6 years of age or older

XOLAIR® (OMALIZUMAB)

- **Moderate to severe persistent asthma; AND**
  - Patient is 6 years of age or older; **AND**
  - Patient has a positive skin test or in vitro testing (RAST, etc.) for allergen specific IgE antibodies for one or more seasonal aeroallergens; **AND**
  - Baseline IgE level is  $\geq 30$  IU/ml

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*

Nucala® Syringe, Autoinjector  
Tezspire® pen

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure after a one-month trial of one preferred medication

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

NUCALA (MEPOLIZUMAB)

- **Patient must have severe asthma; AND**
  - Eosinophil blood count of  $\geq 150$  cells/ $\mu$ L within last 6 weeks or  $\geq 300$  cells/ $\mu$ L within the last 12 months; **AND**
  - Patient must be 6 years of age or older; **AND**
  - For Nucala 40mg/0.4 ml, patient age must be  $\leq 11$  years of age

TEZSPIRE (TEZPELUMAB-EKKO) PRE-FILLED PENS

- **Patient must have severe asthma; AND**
  - Patient is 12 years of age or older; **AND**
  - Patient has been trained to self-administer this product; **AND**
  - Member will continue to use maintenance asthma treatments (e.g., inhaled corticosteroid, additional controller) in combination with Tezspire; **AND**
  - Bypass PDL criteria if patient does not meet specific criteria for Preferred agents (e.g. eosinophil blood count and/or IgE blood level requirements)

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year

## Immunomodulators

AGENTS TO TREAT  
ATOPIC DERMATITIS

### **Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*

Adbry®  
Dupixent®  
Eucrisa®  
pimecrolimus (generic for Elidel)  
tacrolimus

### **Clinical PA Criteria For Atopic Dermatitis Indications For Each Agent**

- Diagnosis of atopic dermatitis
  - Dupixent®: moderate to severe for ages ≥ 6 months
  - pimecrolimus – mild to moderate for ages > 2 years
  - Eucrisa®: mild to moderate for ages ≥ 3 months
  - Adbry®: moderate to severe for ages ≥ 12 years
  - Tacrolimus 0.03%: moderate to severe for ages ≥ 2 years
  - Tacrolimus 0.1%: moderate to severe for ages ≥ 16 years

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

### **Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*

Cibinqo  
Ebglyss®  
Nemluvio®  
Opzelura®  
Rinvoq®

### **Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Diagnosis of atopic dermatitis; **AND**
- Allergy to the preferred medication(s); **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure with one-month trial of one preferred medication
- Additional disease severity and age limits:
  - **Rinvoq®** moderate to severe for ages ≥ 12 years

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

#### ADBRY® (TRALOKINUMAB-LDRM)

- **Diagnosis of moderate to severe atopic dermatitis; AND**
  - Patient age ≥ 12 years old; **AND**
  - **Adbry 150mg;**
    - Quantity limit: 4 syringes per 28 days (with special allowance for initial dose)
  - **Adbry 300mg;**
    - Quantity limit: 2 Autoinjectors per 28 days (with special allowance for initial dose)

#### CIBINQO® (ABROCITINIB)

- **Diagnosis of moderate to severe atopic dermatitis; AND**
  - Patient age ≥ 12 years old

#### DUPIXENT® (DUPILUMAB)

**NOTE: (1)** A 56-day supply will be allowed for patients requiring dosing once every 28 days (every 4 weeks) **(2)** The pre-filled PEN is for use in adult and pediatric patients aged 2 years and older, **(3)** The pre-filled SYRINGE is for use in adult and pediatric patients aged 6 months and older.

- **Diagnosis of moderate to severe atopic dermatitis; AND**
  - Patient ≥ 6 months old

#### EBGLYSS® (LEBRIKIZUMAB-LBKZ)

- Diagnosis of moderate to severe atopic dermatitis; **AND**
- Patient is 12 years of age or older; **AND**
- Patient weighs at least 40 kg (88 lbs)
- Quantity Limit: 1 pen (2mL) per 28-day days (special allowance for initial and subsequent induction fills)
- Length of approval: 6 months

#### NEMLUVIO (NEMOLIZUMAB-ILTO)

- Diagnosis of moderate to severe atopic dermatitis; **AND**
- Patient is 12 years of age or older
- Quantity Limit: 1 pen (30mg) per 28 days (special allowance of 2 pens for loading dose)
- Length of approval: 6 months

	<p><b>Renewal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation submitted demonstrating a positive response to therapy.</li> <li>• Prescriber attests the patient has achieved clear or almost clear skin, and in accordance with the product label, the patient will be transitioned to a dosage of 1 pen (30 mg) every 8 weeks. NOTE: renewal PA will limit dosage accordingly; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Prescriber attests the patient has not achieved clear or almost clear skin yet but has had a positive response to therapy. Prescriber is requesting continuation of dosage of 1 pen (30 mg) every 4 weeks.</li> </ul> <p><u>OPZELURA® (RUXOLITINIB PHOSPHATE)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis of mild to moderate atopic dermatitis; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient has atopic dermatitis estimated to affect ≤ 20% of the body surface area; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient age ≥ 2 years old</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 6 months for <b>FDA approved diagnosis</b> noted above, unless otherwise noted in Medication/Diagnosis-Specific Criteria</p>
<p><b>Immunomodulators</b></p> <p>AGENTS TO TREAT CHRONIC IDIOPATHIC URTICARIA / CHRONIC SPONTANEOUS URTICARIA</p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Dupixent®  Xolair® syringe, autoinjectors</p> <p><b>Clinical PA Criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>DUPIXENT® (DUPILUMAB):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis of Chronic Spontaneous Urticaria (CSU) / Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient is 12 years of age or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Prescribed by or in consultation with an allergist, immunologist, or dermatologist; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient has had urticaria for at least 6 weeks with symptoms present despite an adherent trial of at least 2 weeks duration of an H1-antihistamine</li> </ul> <p><u>XOLAIR® (OMALIZUMAB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis of Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria / Chronic Spontaneous Urticaria (CSU); <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient is 12 years of age or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Prescribed by or in consultation with an allergist, immunologist, or dermatologist; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient has had urticaria for at least 6 weeks with symptoms present despite an adherent trial of at least 2 weeks duration of an H1-antihistamine</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>  Rhapsido®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>RHAPSIO® (REMIBRUTINIB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis of Chronic Spontaneous Urticaria (CSU); <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient is 18 years of age or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Prescribed by or in consultation with an allergist, immunologist, or dermatologist; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient has had urticaria for at least 6 weeks with symptoms present despite an adherent trial of at least 2 weeks duration of an H1-antihistamine.</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

**Immunomodulators**

AGENTS TO TREAT  
CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE  
PULMONARY DISEASE  
(COPD)

**Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*  
Dupixent®

**Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

DUPIXENT® (DUPILUMAB)

- Diagnosis of inadequately controlled chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD); **AND**
- Patient has had an eosinophilic count  $\geq 300$  cells/mcL; **AND**
- Patient  $\geq 18$  years old; **AND**
- Patient is concurrently treated with triple therapy with inhaled corticosteroid [ICS], long-acting beta-2 agonist [LABA], and long-acting muscarinic antagonist [LAMA]; **OR**
- Patient is concurrently treated with a LABA and LAMA if ICS therapy is contraindicated.

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Required*  
Nucala

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medication; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medication; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure after a one-month trial with the preferred medication

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

NUCALA® (MEPOLIZUMAB)

- Diagnosis of inadequately controlled chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD); **AND**
- Patient has had an eosinophilic count  $\geq 300$  cells/mcL; **AND**
- Patient  $\geq 18$  years old; **AND**
- Patient is concurrently treated with triple therapy with inhaled corticosteroid [ICS], long-acting beta-2 agonist [LABA], and long-acting muscarinic antagonist [LAMA]; **OR**
- Patient is concurrently treated with a LABA and LAMA if ICS therapy is contraindicated.

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year

<p><b>Immunomodulators</b></p> <p>AGENTS TO TREAT CHRONIC RHINOSINUSITIS WITH NASAL POLYPOSIS (CRSWNP)</p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Dupixent®  Xolair® syringe, autoinjectors</p> <p><b>Clinical PA Criteria for chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyposis (CRSWNP) Indications:</b></p> <p><u>DUPIXENT® (DUPILUMAB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diagnosis of chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyposis (CRSWNP); AND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Patient ≥ 12 years old; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Patient has inadequate response after 3 consistent months use of intranasal steroids or oral corticosteroids; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Patient is concurrently treated with intranasal corticosteroids</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>XOLAIR® (OMALIZUMAB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diagnosis of chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyposis (CRSWNP); AND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Patient ≥ 18 years old; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Prescribed by or in consultation with an allergist, immunologist or otolaryngologist; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Patient has not been adequately controlled by at least three months of treatment with an intranasal steroids or oral corticosteroids; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Baseline IgE level is ≥ 30 IU/ml; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Patient is concurrently treated with intranasal corticosteroids</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  NuCALA® syringe, auto-injector</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medication; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medication; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after a one-month trial with the preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>NUCALA (MEPOLIZUMAB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diagnosis of chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyposis (CRSWNP); AND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Patient ≥ 18 years old; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Patient has inadequate response after 3 consistent months use of intranasal steroids or oral corticosteroids; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Patient is concurrently treated with intranasal corticosteroids</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Immunomodulators</b></p> <p>AGENTS TO TREAT EOSINOPHILIC ESOPHAGITIS (EOE)</p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Clinical Prior Authorization below</i>  Dupixent®</p> <p><b>Clinical PA Criteria for eosinophilic esophagitis (EOE) Indications:</b></p> <p><u>DUPIXENT® (DUPILUMAB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diagnosis of eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE); AND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Patient ≥ 1 years old; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Patient weighs ≥ 15 kg; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Prescribed by or consultation with an allergist or gastroenterologist; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Patient did not respond clinically to treatment with a topical glucocorticosteroid or proton pump inhibitor</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>Immunomodulators</b></p> <p>AGENTS TO TREAT EOSINOPHILIC GRANULOMATOSIS WITH POLYANGIITIS (EGPA)</p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> Clinical <i>Prior Authorization</i> below Fasenra®</p> <p><b>Clinical PA Criteria for Eosinophilic Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (EGPA):</b></p> <p><u>FASENRA® (BENRALIZUMAB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis of eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (EGPA); <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient is 18 years of age or older</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i> Nucala® syringe, auto-injector</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medication; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medication; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after a one-month trial with the preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>NUCALA (MEPOLIZUMAB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diagnosis of eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (EGPA); AND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Patient is 18 years of age or older</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Immunomodulators</b></p> <p>AGENTS TO TREAT HYPEREOSINOPHILIC SYNDROME (HES)</p>	<p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i> Nucala® syringe, auto-injector</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <p><u>NUCALA (MEPOLIZUMAB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diagnosis of hypereosinophilic syndrome (HES); AND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Patient is 12 years of age or older</li> <li>○ Bypass PDL criteria of a failure with a preferred agent when the non-preferred product has a unique FDA approved indication.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Immunomodulators</b></p> <p>AGENTS TO TREAT IGE-MEDIATED FOOD ALLERGY</p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> Clinical <i>Prior Authorization</i> below Xolair</p> <p><b>Clinical PA Criteria for IgE-Mediated Food Allergy</b></p> <p><u>XOLAIR® (OMALIZUMAB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diagnosis of IgE-mediated food allergy; AND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Patient is 1 year of age or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Prescribed by or in consultation with an allergist or immunologist; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Patient will follow food allergen avoidance in conjunction with Xolair; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Baseline IgE level is ≥ 30 IU/ml</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>Immunomodulators</b></p> <p>AGENTS TO TREAT NONSEGMENTAL VITILIGO</p>	<p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i> Opzelura®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <p><u>OPZELURA® (RUXOLITINIB PHOSPHATE)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diagnosis of nonsegmental vitiligo; AND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Patient has vitiligo involvement estimated to affect ≤ 10% of the body surface area; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Patient is ≥12 years old; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist</li> <li>○ Bypass PDL criteria of a failure with a preferred agent when the non-preferred product has a unique FDA approved indication.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Immunomodulators</b></p> <p>AGENTS TO TREAT PRURIGO NODULARIS (PN)</p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Clinical Prior Authorization below</i> Dupixent®</p> <p><b>Clinical PA Criteria for prurigo nodularis (PN) indications:</b></p> <p><u>DUPIXENT® (DUPILUMAB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diagnosis of prurigo nodularis (PN); AND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Patient ≥18 years old; <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist, allergist, or immunologist</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i> Nemluvio®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medication; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with one preferred medication; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after a one-month trial with the preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>NEMLUVIO® (NEMOLIZUMAB-ILTO):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis for prurigo nodularis; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient is 18 years of age or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist, allergist or immunologist</li> <li>• Quantity Limit: 1 pen (30mg) per 28 days (special allowance of 2 pens for loading dose and patients weighing ≥90 kg)</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

## Incretin Mimetics

**Preferred Agents:** *Clinical Prior Authorization below*

Byetta®  
Ozempic®  
Trulicity®  
Victoza®

**Clinical Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Patient has a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes; **AND**
- Discontinuation of other GLP-1 agonists; **AND**
- Discontinuation of DPP4 Inhibitors

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*

Bydureon Bcise®  
exenatide  
liraglutide  
Mounjaro®  
Rybelsus®  
Soliqua®  
Xultophy®

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Diagnosis of type 2 diabetes; **AND**
- Discontinuation of other GLP-1 agonists; **AND**
- Discontinuation of DPP4 Inhibitors; **AND**
- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Trial and failure with one preferred medication within same subgroup

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

SOLIQUA® (INSULIN GLARGINE/LIXISENATIDE)

- One-month trial and failure with one of the preferred medications in each subgroup of the components (basal insulin and GLP-1 agonist)

XULTOPHY® (INSULIN DEGLUDEC/LIRAGLUTIDE)

- One-month trial and failure with one of the preferred medications in each subgroup of the components (basal insulin and GLP-1 agonist)

**Duration of Approval:** Up to 1 year

<p><b>Inhaled Glucocorticoids</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Alvesco® (MDI)  Arnuity Ellipta® (DPI)  Asmanex HFA® (DPI)  Asmanex® Twisthaler (DPI)  budesonide 0.25 and 0.5mg nebulizer solution  budesonide 1mg nebulizer solution (generic for Pulmicort Respules)  fluticasone propionate HFA (generic for Flovent HFA)  Pulmicort Flexihaler® (DPI)  QVAR Redihaler® (MDI)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>  Armonair Digihaler  beclomethasone dipropionate HFA (generic for QVAR)  fluticasone prop diskus (Generic Flovent Diskus)  fluticasone ellipta (Generic Arnuity Ellipta)  Pulmicort® 1mg Respules nebulizer solution  Pulmicort® 0.25mg and 0.5mg Respules</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a two-week trial with one preferred medication</li> <li>• For children less than 13 years of age or a patient with a significant disability: inability to use the inhaler on preferred medications, or non-compliance because of taste, dry mouth</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>ASMANEX® TWISTHALER 110MCG (mometasone) ONLY – AGE LIMIT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests submitted to exceed the age limit of 11 years may be approved if a lower dose is needed and the dose requested does not exceed 1 inhaler per 30 days</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Insulins, Mixes</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Humalog® 50/50 kwikpens  Humalog® 75/25 vials  Humulin® 70/30 Kwikpens, vials  insulin aspart 70/30 pens, vials (generic for Novolog®)  Insulin lispro mix 75/25 kwikpens</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Humalog® 75/25 pens  Novolin® 70/30 pens, vials  Novolog® 70/30 pens, vials</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Patient is clinically stable, and switching would cause a deterioration in condition; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication within same subgroup</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>Insulins, Basal</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Lantus® pens, vials  Levemir® pens, vials</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Basaglar® kwikpens, tempo pens  insulin degludec pens, vials (generic Tresiba)  insulin glargine solostar/max solostar U300 pens (generic for Toujeo)  insulin glargine-YFGN pens, vials (biosimilar for Semglee®)  Rezvoglar®  Semglee® (YFGN) pens, vials  Toujeo Solostar®/Max Solostar® pens  Tresiba® pens, vials</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Patient is clinically stable, and switching would cause a deterioration in condition; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication within same subgroup</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Insulins, Rapid Acting</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Humalog® U-100 cartridges, kwikpens, tempo pens, vials  insulin aspart cartridges, pens, vials (generic for Novolog®)  insulin lispro U-100 kwikpens, vials (gen for Humalog)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Admelog® vials; Admelog Solostar® pens  Afrezza® inhalation cartridges  Apidra® pens, vials  Fiasp® pens, vials, pumpcart  Humalog® U-200 kwikpens  Kirsty® pens, vials  Lyumjev® kwikpens, tempo pens, vials  Merilog® (insulin aspart-szjj)  Merilog Solostar® (insulin aspart-szjj)  Novolog® cartridges, pens, vials</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Patient is clinically stable, and switching would cause a deterioration in condition; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication within same subgroup</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Insulins, Traditional</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Humulin® R U-500 pens, vials  Humulin® N pens, vials  Humulin® R vials</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Novolin® N flexpens, vials  Novolin® R flexpens, vials</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Patient is clinically stable, and switching would cause a deterioration in condition; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication within same subgroup</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>Insulin Suppressants</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>          Proglycem</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>          diazoxide (generic for Proglycem)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication within same subgroup</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Leukotriene Inhibitors</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>See Age Criteria for chew tablets below</i>          montelukast tablets, 4mg chew tabs, 5mg chew tabs</p> <p><b>Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b>          MONTELUKAST (SINGULAIR®)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clinical rationale why the (swallow) tablet dosage form inappropriate for the following age limits:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4mg chew tabs – prior authorization (PA) required for patients &gt; 5</li> <li>○ 5mg chew tabs – PA required for patients &gt; 14</li> <li>○ Granules – PA required for patients &gt; 5. Requests for granules for patients &lt;5 may bypass PDL criteria if the patient is unable to chew or swallow a tablet.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>          Accolate®          montelukast granules          Singulair® tablets, 4mg chew tabs, 5mg chew tabs, granules          zafirlukast          Zileuton ER®          Zyflo®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications</li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications</li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects</li> <li>• Trial and failure with one month with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Lipotropics: Fibric Acid Derivatives</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>          fenofibrate, nanocrystallized (generic for Tricor®)          fenofibric acid capsules (generic for Lofibra® caps)          fenofibrate tablets (generic for Lofibra® tablets)          gemfibrozil</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>          Antara®          fenofibrate, micronized capsules (generic for Antara®)          fenofibrate, nanocrystallized (generic for Triglide®)          fenofibric acid (generic for Fibracor®)          fenofibric acid (generic for Trilipix®)          Fibracor®          Lipid®          Lipofen®          Tricor®          Trilipix®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Patient is clinically stable, and switching would cause a deterioration in condition; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one-month trial of one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>Lipotropics: Niacin Derivatives</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  niacin tablets (OTC)  niacin ER tablets (OTC)  niacin ER capsules (OTC)  Slo-Niacin tablets (OTC)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  niacin ER (generic for Niaspan)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Patient is clinically stable, and switching would cause a deterioration in condition; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one-month trial of one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Lipotropics: Non-Statins - Bile Acid Sequestrants</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  cholestyramine/ cholestyramine light  colestipol tablets  Prevalite powder, packets</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>  Colestid® tablet  colestipol granules  colesevelam tablet, packet  Questran®/ Questran Light®  Welchol® powder and tablets</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications</li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications</li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects</li> <li>• Patient is clinically stable, and switching would cause a deterioration in condition</li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one-month trial of one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

**Lipotropics: Others**

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required*  
ezetimibe

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*  
Icosapent Ethyl  
Nexletol  
Nexlizet®  
omega-3 acid ethyl esters capsule  
Zetia®

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Patient is clinically stable, and switching would cause a deterioration in condition; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure with one-month trial of one preferred medication

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

**OMEGA-3 ACID ETHYL ESTERS – PDL CRITERIA DO NOT APPLY**

- Adjunct to diet to reduce severe triglyceride (TG) levels (hypertriglyceridemia) in adult patients.
- Triglyceride levels  $\geq 500$  mg/dl

**NEXLETOL® (BEMPEDOIC ACID) – PDL CRITERIA DO NOT APPLY**

- Patient is  $\geq 18$  years of age; **AND**
- Established atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD); **OR**
- Heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia; **AND**
- Failure to achieve target LDL-C on maximally-tolerated doses of statins; **AND**
- Therapy will be used in conjunction with maximally-tolerated doses of a statin

**NEXLIZET® (BEMPEDOIC ACID/EZETIMIBE) – PDL CRITERIA DO NOT APPLY**

- Patient is  $\geq 18$  years of age; **AND**
- Established atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD); **OR**
- Heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia; **AND**
- Failure to achieve target LDL-C on maximally-tolerated doses of statins; **AND**
- Therapy will be used in conjunction with maximally-tolerated doses of a statin

**ICOSAPENT ETHYL – PDL CRITERIA DO NOT APPLY**

- Adjunct to diet to reduce severe triglyceride (TG) levels in adult patients with severe ( $\geq 500$  mg/dL) hypertriglyceridemia; **OR**
- Adjunct to maximally tolerated statin therapy in adult patients with elevated triglyceride (TG) levels ( $\geq 150$  mg/dL) and one of the following:
  - Established cardiovascular disease; **OR**
  - Diabetes mellitus and 2 or more additional risk factors for cardiovascular disease (i.e., men  $>55$  years and women  $>65$  years, cigarette smoker or stopped smoking within the past 3 months, hypertension (pretreatment blood pressure  $>140$ mmHg systolic or  $>90$ mmHg diastolic)

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year

<p><b>Lipotropics: PCSK9 Inhibitors</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Praluent®  Repatha®</p> <p><b>Clinical PA Criteria:</b></p> <p><u>REPATHA® (EVOLOCUMAB) AND PRALUENT® (ALIROCUMAB)</u></p> <p><b>Initial Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have a diagnosis of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD); <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ homozygous familialhypercholesterolemia (HoFH); <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH); <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ hypercholesterolemia; <b>AND</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• A treatment failure despite high intensity or maximally tolerated dose of statin (atorvastatin or rosuvastatin) for at least 8 weeks</li> <li>• If intolerant to statins, this must be supported by submitted chart notes/labs; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient has failed to reach target LDL-C levels (document lab values) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ASCVD: LDL-C is &lt; 70 mg/dL with option to target &lt;55 mg/dL.</li> <li>○ HeFH or HoFH: No LDL-C value is required</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Renewal Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lipid panel showing a further reduction in LDL-C compared to the labs prior to initiating medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Lipotropics: Statins</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Atorvastatin  ezetimibe/simvastatin  lovastatin  pravastatin  rosuvastatin  simvastatin</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  amlodipine / atorvastatin  Altoprev®  Atorvaliq®  Caduet®  Crestor®  Ezallor® Sprinkle  fluvastatin capsule / fluvastatin ER  Lescol XL®  Lipitor®  Livalo®  pitavastatin  Vytorin®  Zocor®  Zypitamag®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Patient is clinically stable, and switching would cause a deterioration in condition; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one-month trial of one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>ATORVALIQ® (ATORVASTATIN)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient cannot swallow whole tablets</li> <li>• Quantity Limit: 20 ml per day</li> </ul> <p><u>EZALLOR® SPRINKLE (ROSUVASTATIN)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient cannot swallow whole tablets</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

**Macrolides**

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required*

Azithromycin  
Clarithromycin  
erythromycin ethylsuccinate tablets  
erythromycin ethylsuccinate 200mg suspension  
Erythrocin®

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*

clarithromycin ER  
E.E.S.® tablet, suspension  
EryPed®  
Ery-Tab®  
Erythromycin base  
erythromycin ethylsuccinate 400mg suspension  
Zithromax® tablets, suspension

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Infection caused by an organism resistant to the preferred macrolide medications; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure (duration = 3 days) with two preferred medications

**Duration of Approval:** Date of service

## Multiple Sclerosis Agents

### **Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required*

Avonex®  
Betaseron® vial / Betaseron® Kit  
Copaxone 20 mg  
dimethyl fumarate (generic for Tecfidera)  
fingolimod (generic for Gilenya)  
Kesimpta®  
teriflunomide (generic for Aubagio)

### **Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*

Aubagio®  
Bafiertam™  
Copaxone® 40 mg  
cladribine 10 mg (generic for Mavenclad)  
Gilenya®  
glatiramer 20 mg/ml and 40 mg/ml  
Glatopa®  
Mavenclad®  
Mayzent®  
Plegridy®  
Ponvory®  
Rebif® / Rebif Rebidose®  
Tascenso ODT®  
Tecfidera®  
Vumerity  
Zeposia®

### **Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure of one month with two preferred medications

### **See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

#### **BAFIERTAM™ (MONOMETHYL FUMARATE)**

- Diagnosis of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS) to include clinically isolated syndrome (CIS), relapsing-remitting disease (RRMS) and active secondary progressive disease (SPMS); **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist; **AND**
- Attestation that Bafiertam will be used as single agent monotherapy
- Quantity limit: 120 per 30 days
- Initial length of authorization: 6 months
- **Renewal Criteria:**
  - Attestation of tolerance to maintenance dose
  - Attestation of a CBC, including lymphocyte count, serum aminotransferase, ALP, and total bilirubin levels
  - Length of Authorization: 1 year

#### **MAVENCLAD® (CLADRIBINE)**

- Diagnosis of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS) to include relapsing-remitting disease and active secondary progressive disease; **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist
- Therapeutic failure of one-month trial of at least two preferred medications

#### **MAYZENT® (SIPONIMOD)**

- Diagnosis of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS) to include clinically isolated syndrome (CIS), relapsing-remitting disease (RRMS) and active secondary progressive disease (SPMS); **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist; **AND**
- Patient CYP2C9 variant status has been tested to determine genotyping (required for dosing); **AND**
- Patient has obtained a baseline electrocardiogram (ECG); **AND**
- Patient has been tested for antibodies to the varicella zoster virus (VZV) or has completed the immunization series for VZV prior to beginning therapy; **AND**
- For patients with a history of uveitis and/or diabetes ONLY: A baseline ophthalmic evaluation of the fundus, including the macula, before starting treatment; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure of one-month trial of at least two preferred medications

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## Multiple Sclerosis Agents

### PLEGRIDY® (PEGINTERFERON BETA-1A)

- Therapeutic failure of one-month trial of at least two preferred medications required.

### PONVORY® (PONESIMOD)

- Patient age between 18 years and 55 years; **AND**
- Patient has a diagnosis of a relapsing form of multiple sclerosis (MS) to include clinically isolated syndrome (CIS), relapsing-remitting disease (RRMS) or active secondary progressive disease (SPMS); **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist; **AND**
- Patient has obtained a baseline electrocardiogram (ECG); **AND**
- Prescriber attestation that first-dose monitoring, as clinically indicated, will occur; **AND**
- Patient does NOT have an active infection, including clinically important localized infections; **AND**
- Patient has been tested for antibodies to the varicella zoster virus (VZV) or has completed the immunization series for VZV prior to beginning therapy; **AND**
- For patients with a history of uveitis and/or diabetes ONLY: baseline ophthalmic evaluation of the fundus, including the macula, before starting treatment; **AND**
- Prescriber attestation that ponesimod will NOT be used in combination with anti-neoplastic, immunosuppressive, or immune-modulating therapies, or, if therapy is unavoidable, the patient will be monitored closely for adverse reactions and/or dose modifications; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure of one-month trial of at least two preferred medications

### TASCENSO ODT® (FINGOLIMOD)

- Diagnosis of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS) to include clinically isolated syndrome (CIS), relapsing-remitting disease (RRMS) and active secondary progressive disease (SPMS); **AND**
- Patient age ≥10 years; **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist; **AND**
- Patient is unable to use generic fingolimod capsules or brand Gilenya capsules due to swallowing difficulties
- Length of approval: 1 year

### VUMERITY® (DIROXIMEL FUMARATE)

- Diagnosis of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS) to include clinically isolated syndrome (CIS), relapsing-remitting disease (RRMS) and active secondary progressive disease (SPMS); **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure of one-month trial of at least two preferred medications

### ZEPOSIA® (OZANIMOD)

- Patient is 18 Years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS) to include clinically isolated syndrome (CIS), relapsing-remitting disease (RRMS) and active secondary progressive disease (SPMS); **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist; **OR**
- Diagnosis of moderately or severely active ulcerative colitis (UC); **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist; **AND**
- Patient has obtained a baseline electrocardiogram (ECG); **AND**
- Patient does NOT have an active infection, including clinically important localized infections; **AND**
- Patient has been tested for antibodies to the varicella zoster virus (VZV) or has completed the immunization series for VZV prior to beginning therapy; **AND**
- For patients with a history of uveitis and/or diabetes ONLY: A baseline ophthalmic evaluation of the fundus, including the macula, before starting treatment; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that a CBC with lymphocyte count, ALT, AST, and total bilirubin have been obtained for the patient in the past 6 months; **AND**
- For MS, therapeutic failure of one-month trial of at least two preferred MS medications.
- For diagnosis of ulcerative colitis (UC), may bypass PDL criteria

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year

<p><b>Nasal Antihistamines</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i> azelastine</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i> olopatadine spray</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Trial and failure on one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Nasal Corticosteroids</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i> fluticasone (Rx)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i> Beconase AQ® budesonide flunisolide fluticasone (OTC) mometasone spray (RX) mometasone 24hr (OTC) Nasonex 24hr (OTC) Omnaris® Qnasl® triamcinolone Xhance® Zetonna®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with a preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><b>XHANCE® (FLUTICASONE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis of chronic rhinosinusitis with or without nasal polyps in adults</li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a three-month trial with a preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>NON-CF BRONCHIECTASIS AGENTS</b></p>	<p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i> Brinsupri (brensocatib) tablet</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b> <b>Initial Request:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is 12 years of age or older; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Prescriber attests to diagnosis of non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis (NCFB) confirmed by high-resolution computed tomography (HRCT) of the chest performed within the previous 12 months; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Prescriber attests to at least 1 pulmonary exacerbation (PEs) for patients 12 - 17 years of age <b>OR</b> at least 2 PEs if &gt; 18 years of age) in the past 12 months requiring an antibiotic prescription; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Prescribed by or in consultation with a pulmonologist or infectious disease specialist; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Prescriber confirms the patient is a current non-smoker (CDC-defined smoker: a person who has smoked 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and who currently smokes); <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient's diagnosis must <b>exclude</b>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ cystic fibrosis, alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, primary diagnosis of COPD, and primary diagnosis of asthma</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Renewal Request</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescriber attests that patient has experienced a positive response to therapy (such as a reduction in the number of exacerbations, preservation of lung function, reduced cough, reduced sputum production)</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>NON-STEROIDAL ANTI- INFLAMMATORY – COX II INHIBITORS</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i> celecoxib</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i> Celebrex® Vyscoxa®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure of one month each with two preferred NSAIDS</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>CELEBREX® (CELECOXIB)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Therapeutic failure of one month each with two preferred NSAIDS (unless clinically contraindicated), including generic celecoxib</li> </ul> <p><u>VYSCOXA® (CELECOXIB) SUSPENSION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient has difficulty swallowing; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure of a 30-day trial each with two or more oral liquid or chewable NSAIDS</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> For the duration of the prescription up to 1 year</p>

**NON-STEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUGS (NSAIDS)**

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required*

diclofenac sodium  
 diclofenac topical gel 1% (generic Voltaren Gel®)  
 diclofenac topical gel 1% (OTC)  
 diclofenac topical solution 1.5%  
 ibuprofen  
 indomethacin  
 ketorolac tablets  
 meloxicam tablets (generic for Mobic)  
 nabumetone  
 naproxen OTC  
 naproxen (generic for Naprosyn®)  
 sulindac

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*

Arthrotec®	Lofena®
diclofenac sodium ER	Lurbiro®
diclofenac epolamine 1.3% patch	meclofenamate sodium
diclofenac-misoprostol	mefenamic acid
diclofenac potassium	meloxicam capsule
diclofenac 2% pump (generic Pennsaid®)	Nalfon®
diflunisal	Naprelan CR®
Dolobid®	Naprosyn Suspension®
dual action pain (OTC -ibuprofen/apap)	naproxen (generic for Anaprox)
EC-naproxen	naproxen delayed release
etodolac / etodolac ER	naproxen/esomeprazole (generic for Vimovo)
Feldene®	naproxen suspension
fenoprofen	oxaprozin
flurbiprofen	Pennsaid®
ibuprofen 300 mg tablet	piroxicam
ibuprofen-famotidine	Relafen DS®
indomethacin ext release, oral susp	Tolectin®
ketoprofen ext release	tolmetin sodium
ketoprofen immediate release	Vimovo®

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure of one month each with two preferred medications

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

IBUPROFEN 300MG TABLET

- Prescriber will need to justify medical necessity of unique strength
- **Length of approval:** For the duration of the prescription up to 1 year

VIMOVO® (NAPROXEN/ESOMEPRAZOLE) AND IBUPROFEN/FAMOTIDINE

- History of or active GI bleed/ulcer **OR**
- Risk for bleed/ulcer –
- Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication

**Duration of Approval:** For the duration of the prescription up to 1 year, unless otherwise noted in Medication-Specific Information

**OPHTHALMIC  
ANTIHISTAMINES**

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required*

azelastine  
ketotifen fumarate (OTC Only)  
olopatadine (OTC only)

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*

alcaftadine  
Alrex®  
bepotastine  
Bepreve®  
epinastine  
Lastacaft®  
loteprednol (generic for Alrex)  
olopatadine RX  
Pataday®  
Pataday® Once daily  
Zaditor®  
Zerviate®

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with one preferred medication

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year

**Ophthalmic Anti-Inflammatory/Immune Modulator/Dry Eye**

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required*

Restasis® single-use vials  
Xiidra®

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*

Cequa®  
cyclosporine (generic Restasis®)  
Eysuvis®  
Miebo®  
Restasis® multidose vials  
Tryptyr® (acoltremon)  
Tyrvaya®  
Verkazia®  
Vevye®

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure with a six-week trial with one preferred medication; **AND**

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

EYSUVIS® (LOTEPREDNOL)

- For renewal: Patient has had an examination under magnification (e.g., slit lamp) and evaluation of the intraocular pressure (IOP)
- Renewal Length of approval: 2 weeks

MIEBO® (PERFLUOROHEXYLOCTANE/PF)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Quantity Limit: 3.0 mls per 30 days

TRYPTYR® (ACOLTREMON)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- **Quantity Limit:** 60 single dose vials (one vial can be used to dose both eyes) 30 days

VERKAZIA® (CYCLOSPORINE): (PDL criteria do not apply)

- Patient is ≥4 years of age; **AND**
- Diagnosis of moderate to severe vernal keratoconjunctivitis; **AND**
- Trial and failure, contraindication, or intolerance to one of the following:
  - Topical ophthalmic “dual-action” mast cell stabilizer and antihistamine (e.g., olopatadine, azelastine)**OR**
  - Topical ophthalmic mast cell stabilizers (e.g., cromolyn); **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with an ophthalmologist or optometrist

VEVYE® (CYCLOSPORINE)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Quantity Limit: 2 ml per 30 days

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year (Except Eysuvis – 2 weeks)

<p><b>Ophthalmic Fluoroquinolones</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  ciprofloxacin  moxifloxacin (generic for Vigamox®)  ofloxacin</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>  Besifloxacin (generic for Besivance)  Besivance®  Ciloxan® 0.3% Oint.  gatifloxacin  levofloxacin  moxifloxacin (generic for Moxeza®)  Ocuflox®  Vigamox®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Ophthalmic Macrolides</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  erythromycin 0.5% eye ointment</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Azasite® eye drops</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications</li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications</li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects</li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>OPHTHALMIC MAST CELL STABILIZERS</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i> cromolyn sodium</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i> Alomide®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>OPHTHALMIC NSAIDS</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i> diclofenac flurbiprofen ketorolac</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i> Acular® Acular LS® Acuvail® bromfenac (generic for Bromsite®) bromfenac sodium (generic for Prolensa®) Bromsite® Ilevro® Ketorolac LS Nevanac® Prolensa®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Medical necessity of lower strength dosages for post-operative pain relief; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a trial with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

**Opioids – Long Acting**

**Preferred Agents:** *Clinical Prior Authorization for codeine and tramadol containing products only*

morphine sulfate ER tablet  
Oxycontin®  
tramadol ER tablet

**Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- ≥ 12 years of age (for codeine and tramadol containing products only)

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required (see MME criteria below)*

Belbuca®  
Conzip ER®  
Diskets  
hydrocodone ER capsules (generic Zohydro ER®)  
hydrocodone ER tablets (generic Hysingla ER®)  
hydromorphone ER®  
Hysingla ER®  
Methadone  
Methadose tablet dispersible, oral concentrate  
morphine sulfate ER caps (generic Avinza®)  
morphine sulfate ER caps (generic Kadian®)  
MS Contin®  
oxycodone ER  
oxymorphone ER  
tramadol ER capsules

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- ≥ 12 years of age (for codeine and tramadol containing products only); **AND**
- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure of one week with one preferred medication

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

**BELBUCA®**

- Diagnosis of moderate to severe chronic pain requiring around the clock opioid analgesia; **AND**
- Patient ≥ 18 years old

**Duration of Approval:** 6 months for Zohydro® ER; 1 year for all other medications

**Chronic Opioid Management with High Morphine Milligram Equivalents (MME)**

**Note:** Total daily MME of >90 MME/day requires review using the criteria below. This limit applies to *all* opioids (i.e. short acting, long, acting, transdermal including PDL preferred and non-preferred drugs)

**Initial High MME Exceptions:** If any are “True”, no further information is required and member meets the requirements for this section. If all are “False” then proceed to the remaining requirements under *Additional High MME Criteria*.

- Does the patient have documented “current” cancer-related pain?
- Does the patient have pain related to sickle cell disease?
- Is the patient in hospice or palliative care?
- Patient resides in a long-term care or other facility that is exempt from reporting to or checking the State Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (i.e. MAPS) (NOTE: upon discharge from long-term care member must meet the additional high MME Criteria below).

**Additional High MME Criteria:**

- **Prescribers must attest to all the following:**
  - Risk assessment has been performed
  - Pain Medication Agreement with informed consent has been reviewed with, completed and signed by the patient
  - MAPS/NarxCare report has been reviewed by prescriber in last 30 days. (Please do not submit the MAPS report.) Concurrently prescribed drugs have been reviewed and that based on prescriber’s assessment the drugs and doses are safe for the member.
  - Concurrently prescribed drugs have been reconciled and reviewed for safety
  - The following non-opioid pain interventions have been recommended and/or utilized:
    - Non-opioid medications
    - Adjuvant therapies such as physical therapy (PT), occupational therapy (OT), behavioral therapies, or weight loss
  - A toxicology screen (urine or blood) from a commercial lab has been performed at appropriate intervals. Results from toxicology screen showed expected results.
  - Patient has been counseled on obtaining and the appropriate utilization of a Narcan (naloxone) kit.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ If applicable, the patient has been counselled on the potential increased risk of adverse effects when opioids are taken concomitantly with opioid potentiators (e.g. benzodiazepines/sedative hypnotics, stimulants, gabapentinoids, muscle relaxers).</li><li>● <b>Additional Documentation:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Current documentation provided outlining pain related history and physical(s) including clinical justification supporting need for exceeding high MME</li><li>○ Recent non-opioid medications utilized for pain management or rationale these cannot be used</li><li>○ Documentation includes list of all current opioid medications (long and short-acting) and when the regimen was initiated.</li><li>○ If patient is currently pregnant, must provide the name and location of the OB/GYN following this high-risk pregnancy</li><li>○ Duration of current opioid therapy and current daily Morphine Milligram Equivalent<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ There are numerous apps that can be used to calculate the daily MME. Additional information on Calculating Total Daily Dose of Opioids is available at:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <a href="#">CDC Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain – United States, 2022   MMWR</a></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>Criteria for Continuation of Therapy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The patient must continue to meet high MME criteria and provide all required documentation</li><li>● Documentation of taper plan or rationale why taper is not appropriate is required</li></ul>
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**Opioids - Short and Intermediate Acting**

**SHORT ACTING OPIOID 7-DAY LIMIT**

Claims submitted for short acting narcotics for more than a 7-day supply for opioid naïve patients (i.e., those with no claim for an opioid medication within the past 180 days) will deny for prior authorization. This applies to all short and intermediate acting narcotics.

**Preferred Agents:** *Clinical Prior Authorization for codeine and tramadol containing products only*

- codeine
- codeine/APAP
- Endocet
- hydrocodone/APAP
- hydromorphone oral tablets
- morphine sulfate tablets, solution, suppository
- oxycodone tabs (5mg, 10mg, 15mg)
- oxycodone oral solution
- oxycodone/APAP
- tramadol-acetaminophen
- tramadol

**Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- ≥ 12 years of age (for codeine and tramadol containing products only)

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required (see MME criteria below)*

- butorphanol
- codeine / APAP/caffeine /butalbital
- codeine / ASA /caffeine /butalbital
- Dilaudid® all forms
- fentanyl citrate buccal
- Fioricet w/ Codeine®
- hydrocodone/ ibuprofen
- hydromorphone suppository
- levorphanol
- meperidine tablets, solution
- Nalocet®
- oxycodone capsule
- oxycodone tablets (20mg, 30mg)
- oxycodone oral concentrated solution
- oxymorphone
- pentazocine/naloxone
- Percocet®
- Prolate®
- Roxicodone®
- RoxyBond®
- Seglentsis®
- tramadol oral solution (generic Qdolo solution)

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- ≥ 12 years of age (for codeine and tramadol containing products only); **AND**
- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure of one week each with two preferred medications

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

**FENTANYL – ORAL**

- Management of breakthrough cancer pain in patients established on immediate release and long-acting opioid therapy.
- Requests for controlled substances must be under the name and ID of the prescribing physician.
- ≥ 18 years of age
- Medication must be prescribed by a physician who is experienced in the use of Schedule II opioids
- Current dosage regimen of the long acting and regularly prescribed immediate release opioids must be maximally optimized.
- No concomitant use of other inducers of cytochrome P450
- No concomitant use of other inhibitors of cytochrome P450

**ROXYBOND® (OXYCODONE) TABLETS**

- PDL criteria may be bypassed to allow coverage if an abuse deterrent formulation is needed

SEGLENTIS (CELECOXIB/TRAMADOL)

- Patient age is 12 years and older; **AND**
- Prescriber attests that Seglentis will not be used for postoperative management in children younger than 18 years of age following tonsillectomy and/or adenoidectomy; **AND**
- Quantity Limit = 120 tablets per 30 days

TRAMADOL ORAL SOLUTION

- Patient age is 12 years and older; **AND**
- Allow if patient has difficulty swallowing tablets
- Quantity limit = 80 mL per day (400mg/day)

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year

**Chronic Opioid Management with High Morphine Milligram Equivalents (MME)**

**Note:** Total daily MME of >90 MME/day requires review using the criteria below. This limit applies to *all* opioids (i.e. short acting, long, acting, transdermal including PDL preferred and non-preferred drugs)

**Initial High MME Exceptions:** If any are "True", no further information is required and member meets the requirements for this section. If all are "False" then proceed to the remaining requirements under *Additional High MME Criteria*.

- Does the patient have documented "current" cancer-related pain?
- Does the patient have pain related to sickle cell disease?
- Is the patient in hospice or palliative care?
- Patient resides in a long-term care or other facility that is exempt from reporting to or checking the State Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (i.e. MAPS) (NOTE: upon discharge from long-term care member must meet the additional high MME Criteria below).

**Additional High MME Criteria:**

- **Prescribers must attest to *all* the following:**
  - Risk assessment has been performed
  - Pain Medication Agreement with informed consent has been reviewed with, completed and signed by the patient
  - MAPS/NarxCare report has been reviewed by prescriber in last 30 days. (Please do not submit the MAPS report.) Concurrently prescribed drugs have been reviewed and that based on prescriber's assessment the drugs and doses are safe for the member.
  - Concurrently prescribed drugs have been reconciled and reviewed for safety
  - The following Non-opioid pain interventions have been recommended and/or utilized:
    - Non-opioid medications
    - Adjuvant therapies such as physical therapy (PT), occupational therapy (OT), behavioral therapies, or weight loss
  - A toxicology screen (urine or blood) from a commercial lab has been performed at appropriate intervals. Results from toxicology screen showed expected results.
  - Patient has been counseled on obtaining and the appropriate utilization of a Narcan (naloxone) kit.
  - If applicable, the patient has been counselled on the potential increased risk of adverse effects when opioids are taken concomitantly with opioid potentiators (e.g. benzodiazepines/sedative hypnotics, stimulants, gabapentinoids, muscle relaxers).
- **Additional Documentation:**
  - Current documentation provided outlining pain related history and physical(s) including clinical justification supporting need for exceeding high MME
  - Recent non-opioid medications utilized for pain management or rationale these cannot be used
  - Documentation includes list of all current opioid medications (long and short-acting) and when the regimen was initiated.
  - Duration of current opioid therapy and current daily Morphine Milligram Equivalent
    - There are numerous apps that can be used to calculate the daily MME. Additional information on Calculating Total Daily Dose of Opioids is available at: [CDC Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain – United States, 2022 | MMWR](#)
  - If patient is currently pregnant, must provide the name and location of the OB/GYN following this high-risk pregnancy

**Criteria for Continuation of Therapy:**

- The patient must continue to meet high MME criteria and provide all required documentation
- Documentation of taper plan or rationale why taper is not appropriate is required

**Opioids –  
Transdermal**

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required (see MME criteria below)*

Butrans® patches  
fentanyl patches 12, 25, 50, 75, and 100 mcg only (generic only)

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required (see MME criteria below)*

buprenorphine patches (generic Butrans®)  
fentanyl generic patches 37.5 mcg, 62.5 mcg and 87.5 mcg only

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medication
- History of unacceptable side effects
- Therapeutic failure of one week with one preferred medication

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year

**Chronic Opioid Management with High Morphine Milligram Equivalents (MME)**

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**Initial High MME Exceptions:** If any are “True”, no further information is required and member meets the requirements for this section. If all are “False” then proceed to the remaining requirements under *Additional High MME Criteria*.

- Does the patient have documented “current” cancer-related pain?
- Does the patient have pain related to sickle cell disease?
- Is the patient in hospice or palliative care?
- Patient resides in a long-term care or other facility that is exempt from reporting to or checking the State Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (i.e. MAPS) (NOTE: upon discharge from long-term care member must meet the additional high MME Criteria below).

**Additional High MME Criteria:**

- **Prescribers must attest to all the following:**
  - Risk assessment has been performed
  - Pain Medication Agreement with informed consent has been reviewed with, completed and signed by the patient
  - MAPS/NarxCare report has been reviewed by prescriber in last 30 days. (Please do not submit the MAPS report.) Concurrently prescribed drugs have been reviewed and that based on prescriber’s assessment the drugs and doses are safe for the member.
  - Concurrently prescribed drugs have been reconciled and reviewed for safety
  - The following Non-opioid pain interventions have been recommended and/or utilized:
    - Non-opioid medications
    - Adjuvant therapies such as physical therapy (PT), occupational therapy (OT), behavioral therapies, or weight loss
  - A toxicology screen (urine or blood) from a commercial lab has been performed at appropriate intervals. Results from toxicology screen showed expected results.
  - Patient has been counseled on obtaining and the appropriate utilization of a Narcan (naloxone) kit.
  - If applicable, the patient has been counselled on the potential increased risk of adverse effects when opioids are taken concomitantly with opioid potentiators (e.g. benzodiazepines/sedative hypnotics, stimulants, gabapentinoids, muscle relaxers).
- **Additional Documentation:**
  - Current documentation provided outlining pain related history and physical(s) including clinical justification supporting need for exceeding high MME
  - Recent non-opioid medications utilized for pain management or rationale these cannot be used
  - Documentation includes list of all current opioid medications (long and short-acting) and when the regimen was initiated.
  - Duration of current opioid therapy and current daily Morphine Milligram Equivalent
    - There are numerous apps that can be used to calculate the daily MME. Additional information on Calculating Total Daily Dose of Opioids is available at: [CDC Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain – United States, 2022 | MMWR](#)
  - If patient is currently pregnant, must provide the name and location of the OB/GYN following this high-risk pregnancy

**Criteria for Continuation of Therapy:**

- The patient must continue to meet high MME criteria and provide all required documentation
- Documentation of taper plan or rationale why taper is not appropriate is required

<p><b>Oral Hypoglycemics – 2nd Generation Sulfonylureas</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  glimepiride  glipizide / glipizide ER  glyburide  glyburide micronized</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Glucotrol XL®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with two preferred medications within the same class</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Oral Hypoglycemics – Alpha- Glucosidase Inhibitors</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  acarbose  miglitol</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Precose®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with two preferred medications within the same class</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Oral Hypoglycemics – Biguanides</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  metformin  metformin XR (generic Glucophage XR®)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  metformin 625mg, 750mg tablets  metformin ER osmotic (generic for Fortamet)  metformin ER (generic for Glumetza)  metformin solution (generic for Riomet immediate release)  Riomet®  Riomet ER®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with a preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

**Oral Hypoglycemics  
– Combinations**

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required (except for agents containing DPP-4 indicated with \*)*

glyburide / metformin  
\*Janumet®/\*Janumet XR®  
\*Jentadueto®/ \*Jentadueto XR®  
Synjardy® / Synjardy XR®  
Xigduo XR®

**Clinical PA Criteria for Preferred Agents That Contain a DPP-4 Inhibitor (indicated by leading \*):**

- Discontinuation of GLP-1 agonists

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required (Agents that contain a DPP-4 Inhibitor indicated with \*)*

Actoplus Met®  
\*alogliptin/metformin  
\*alogliptin/pioglitazone  
dapagliflozin/metformin ER  
Duetact®  
glipizide / metformin  
\*Glyxambi®  
Invokamet® / Invokamet XR®  
\*Kazano®  
\*linagliptin and metformin hydrochloride  
\*Oseni®  
pioglitazone/glimepiride  
pioglitazone/metformin  
\*Qtern®  
\*saxagliptin/metformin ER  
\*sitagliptin/metformin  
\*sitagliptin/metformin ER  
Segluromet®  
\*Steglujan®  
\*Trijardy XR  
\*Zituvimet®/ Zituvimet XR®

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Discontinuation of GLP-1 agonists (Only applies to products that contain a DPP-4 inhibitor); **AND**
- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with two preferred medications within the same class

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year

<p><b>Oral Hypoglycemics – DPP4 Inhibitors</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Clinical Prior Authorization below</i> Januvia® Tadjenta®</p> <p><b>Clinical Preferred Agent PA Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discontinuation of GLP-1 agonists</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i> Alogliptin Brynovin® (sitagliptin) Nesina® saxagliptin sitagliptin (generic for Zituvio®) Zituvio®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discontinuation of GLP-1 agonists; <b>AND</b></li> <li>Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with one preferred medication within the same class</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>BRYNOVIN® (SITAGLIPTIN)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patient has difficulty swallowing</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Oral Hypoglycemics – SGLT2 Inhibitors</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i> Farxiga® Jardiance®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i> dapagliflozin Inpefa® Invokana® Steglatro®</p> <p><b>Non-preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with two preferred medications within the same class</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>Oral Hypoglycemics – Thiazolidinediones</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i> pioglitazone</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i> Actos®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial with a preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>OSTEOPOROSIS AGENTS: BISPHOSPHONATE S</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i> alendronate sodium</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i> Actonel® alendronate sodium oral solution Atelvia® Binosto® Boniva® Fosamax® Fosamax Plus D® ibandronate risedronate (Actonel) risedronate (Atelvia)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications</li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications</li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects</li> <li>• Trial and failure with six months with one preferred medication</li> <li>• Unique FDA approved indication not included in preferred medications</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>OSTEOPOROSIS AGENTS: OTHER</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required (except for Forteo)</i>  Calcitonin nasal spray  Forteo®</p> <p><b>Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b>  <b>FORTEO® (TERIPARATIDE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treatment of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women who are at high risk for fractures</li> <li>• Increase of bone mass in men with primary or hypogonadal osteoporosis who are at high risk for fractures</li> <li>• Treatment of men and women with osteoporosis associated with sustained systemic glucocorticoid therapy at high risk for fracture</li> <li>• Length of authorization: maximum cumulative duration of 2 years per lifetime, unless clinical documentation is provided showing patient remains at or has returned to having a high risk for fracture</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>  Bonsity (teriparatide)  teriparatide  Tymlos®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Trial and failure with six months with one preferred medication</li> <li>• Unique FDA approved indication not included in preferred medications</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><b>BONSITY® (TERIPARATIDE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treatment of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women who are at high risk for fractures</li> <li>• Increase of bone mass in men with primary or hypogonadal osteoporosis who are at high risk for fractures</li> <li>• Treatment of men and women with osteoporosis associated with sustained systemic glucocorticoid therapy at high risk for fracture</li> <li>• Length of authorization: maximum cumulative duration of 2 years per lifetime, unless clinical documentation is provided showing patient remains at or has returned to having a high risk for fracture</li> </ul> <p><b>TYMLOS® (ABALOPARATIDE) – PDL CRITERIA DOES NOT APPLY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treatment of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women who are at high risk for fractures; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Treatment of osteoporosis in men who are at high risk for fractures</li> <li>• Length of authorization: maximum cumulative duration of 2 years per lifetime (includes any prior use of Forteo)</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year (Forteo and Tymlos – maximum 2 years per lifetime)</p>
<p><b>OSTEOPOROSIS AGENTS: SERMs</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  raloxifene</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>  Evista®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications</li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications</li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects</li> <li>• Trial and failure with six months with one preferred medication</li> <li>• Unique FDA approved indication not included in preferred medications</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>Otic Antibiotics</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>          ciprofloxacin-dexamethasone (generic for Ciprodex®)          neomycin-polymyxin-HC ear soln/susp          ofloxacin otic</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>          ciprofloxacin otic          ciprofloxacin-fluocinolone (generic for Otovel®)          ciprofloxacin-hydrocortisone (generic for Cipro HC®)          Cipro HC®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure (duration = 3 days) with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year for all medications</p>
<p><b>Oxazolidinones</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>          Linezolid tablets</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>          Linezolid suspension          Sivextro®          Zyvox®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medication</li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medication</li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><b>SIVEXTRO® (TEDIZOLID PHOSPHATE)</b>          For diagnosis of non-purulent cellulitis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trial, failure or intolerance to first line beta lactam therapy; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Trial, failure or intolerance to at least two of the following agents: clindamycin, sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim (SMZ/TMP), tetracycline (minocycline or doxycycline); <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Culture and sensitivity results demonstrate resistance to first line agents; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or intolerance to all other treatment options</li> </ul> <p>For diagnosis of purulent cellulitis, abscess, or wound infection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trial, failure or intolerance to at least two of the following agents: clindamycin, sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim (smz/tmp), tetracycline (minocycline or doxycycline); <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Culture and sensitivity results demonstrate resistance to first line agents; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or intolerance to all other treatment options</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 2 months</p>

<p><b>Pancreatic Enzymes</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Creon®  Zenpep®</p> <p><b>Clinical PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cystic fibrosis or chronic pancreatic insufficiency.</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Pertzye®  Viokace®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after one-month trial of one preferred agent</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>PERTYZE®, VIOKACE®</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must meet both PDL (trial on preferred medication) and clinical criteria</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Phosphate Depleters</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Clinical Prior Authorization below</i>  calcium acetate capsules and tablets  sevelamer carbonate tablets (generic for Renvela)</p> <p><b>Clinical PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis of chronic kidney disease</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>  Auryxia®  ferric citrate  Fosrenol® / Fosrenol® powder pak  lanthanum  Renvela powder pkts and tablets  sevelamer carbonate powder pkts (generic for Renvela)  sevelamer tablets (generic for Renagel)  Velphoro®  Xphozah®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis of chronic kidney disease; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one month with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>VELPHORO®</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trial on <b>two</b> preferred medications</li> </ul> <p><u>XPHOZAH®</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trial of two preferred medications</li> <li>• Patient is currently receiving dialysis</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>PHOSPHODIESTERAS E-4 (PDE-4) INHIBITORS</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Clinical Prior Authorization below</i> roflumilast (generic Daliresp®)</p> <p><b>Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <p><u>ROFLUMILAST</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Severe COPD associated with chronic bronchitis and a history of exacerbations; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Trial/failure on at least one first-line or second-line agent; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Adjunctive therapy (roflumilast must be used in conjunction with first-line or second-line agent)</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i> Daliresp®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>DALIRESP® (roflumilast)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Severe COPD associated with chronic bronchitis and a history of exacerbations; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Trial/failure on at least one first-line or second-line agent; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Adjunctive therapy (Daliresp® must be used in conjunction with first-line or second-line agent)</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>PLATELET AGGREGATION INHIBITORS</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i> clopidogrel prasugrel ticagrelor</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i> aspirin/dipyridamole Brilinta® dipyridamole Effient® Plavix®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one-month trial of one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>EFFIENT®</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to a black box warning related to increase in risk of bleeds in patients &gt; 75</li> <li>• PDL criteria must be met and the MD will need to document medical necessity or clinical rationale for consideration.</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

<p><b>Potassium Binders</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Lokelma® powder packets  sodium polystyrene sulfonate oral powder  SPS Suspension  kionex suspension</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Veltassa® oral powder packets</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects: <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial of one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Progestational Agents</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b>  medroxyprogesterone (oral)  progesterone (oral)  norethindrone (oral)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Crinone® (vaginal)  progesterone (intramuscular)  Prometrium® (oral)  Provera® (oral)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects: <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial of a preferred medication for the indication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>CRINONE® (PROGESTERONE VAGINAL)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excluded for diagnosis of fertility</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year, unless otherwise noted</p>

<p><b>Progestins for Cachexia</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  megestrol oral suspension (generic Megace®)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  megestrol oral suspension (generic Megace ES®)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications</li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications</li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects</li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after one-month trial of one preferred agent</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Proton Pump Inhibitors</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Nexium® susp pkts  omeprazole (Rx) capsules  pantoprazole tablets  Protonix® suspension</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Dexilant® caps  dexlansoprazole (generic for Dexilant)  esomeprazole magnesium capsules, susp pkts  esomeprazole magnesium OTC caps, tabs  Konvomep®  lansoprazole caps, ODT  lansoprazole OTC caps  Nexium® capsules  omeprazole OTC caps, tabs, ODT  omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate caps, susp pkts  pantoprazole suspension  Prevacid caps, solutabs  Prilosec® susp  Protonix® tablets  Rabeprazole tabs</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after one-month trial with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

**Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH) Agents**

**Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*

Adempas®  
Alyq®  
ambrisentan (generic for Letairis)  
Opsumit®  
sildenafil suspension (generic for Revatio®)  
sildenafil tablets (generic for Revatio®)  
tadalafil (generic for Adcirca)  
Tracleer® tablets  
Tyvaso®  
Upravi®  
Ventavis®

**Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Diagnosis of pulmonary hypertension
- Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a cardiologist or pulmonologist

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Criteria below*

Adcirca®  
bosentan tablets (generic for Tracleer)  
bosentan susp. (generic for Tracleer)  
Letairis®  
Liqrev®  
Opsynvi®  
Orenitram ER®  
Orenitram Titration Kit  
Revatio® suspension  
Revatio® tablets  
Tadliq®  
Tracleer® suspension  
Tyvaso DPI®  
Winrevair  
Yutrepia® (Trepstinil sodium)

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Diagnosis of pulmonary hypertension; **AND**
- Must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a cardiologist or pulmonologist; **AND**
- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure with one-month trial of one preferred medication

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

OPSYNVI® (MACITENTAN/TADALAFIL)

- Patient is ≥ 18 years of age
- Quantity limit: 1 per day

TADLIQ® (TADALAFIL)

- Patient is 18 years of age or older

WINREVAIR® (SOTATERCEPT-CSRK)

- Patient is ≥ 18 years of age
- Diagnosis of PAH WHO group 1, functional class II or greater; **AND**
- Documented trial and failure of, or contraindication to, at least 2 months of combination therapy including one PDE-5 inhibitor AND one ERA; **AND**
- Winrevair is being used as add on therapy to standard care; **AND**
- Platelet count of > 50,000/mm<sup>3</sup> (> >50x10<sup>9</sup>/L), acceptable hemoglobin levels, and other labs in accordance with the product label; **AND**
- Counseling has occurred regarding the need for effective contraception due to risk of embryo-fetal toxicity, and the risk of impaired fertility with use of this medication

YUTREPIA® (TREPSTINIL SODIUM)

- Patient is ≥ 18 years of age; **AND**
- Therapeutic failure with one month trial of preferred trepostinil sodium (e.g., Tyvaso Solution)

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year

**Quinolones**

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required*

Cipro® suspension  
ciprofloxacin tablets, suspension  
levofloxacin

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*

Avelox®  
Baxdela®  
Cipro® tablets  
moxifloxacin  
ofloxacin

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Infection is caused by an organism that is resistant to the NO PA REQUIRED quinolone medications; **OR**
- Trial/failure (duration = 3 days) of any two preferred quinolone medications; **OR**
- Antibiotic therapy initiated in hospital

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

MOXIFLOXACIN

- PDL criteria and quantity limit do not apply when used for the treatment of active drug-susceptible pulmonary tuberculosis for patients ≥12 years of age.
- Length of approval = 17 weeks when used for the treatment of active drug-susceptible pulmonary tuberculosis

**Duration of Approval:** Date of service; if needed, longer lengths may be approved for transplant recipients

**Skeletal Muscle Relaxants**

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required (except baclofen solution)*

baclofen tablets  
baclofen oral solution (Ozobax)  
cyclobenzaprine  
methocarbamol 500mg and 750mg tablets  
orphenadrine citrate  
tizanidine tablets

**BACLOFEN ORAL SOLUTION (OZOBAX)**

- allow if the patient has difficulty swallowing

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization Criteria below*

Amrix®  
baclofen suspension (generic Fleqsuvy)  
chlorzoxazone  
cyclobenzaprine ER  
Dantrium®  
dantrolene sodium  
Fexmid®  
Fleqsuvy®  
Lorzone®  
Lyvispah®  
Metaxalone  
methocarbamol 1000mg tablet  
Norgesic Forte®  
orphenadrine-aspirin-caffeine  
Tanlor®  
tizanidine capsules  
Tonmya®  
Zanaflex® capsules and tablets

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure with two preferred medications
- Non-preferred criteria does not apply to dantrolene sodium if diagnosis is cerebral palsy

**See additional medication-specific criteria below:**

**FLEQSUVY ORAL SOLUTION (BACLOFEN) (PDL criteria do not apply)**

- Trial and failure with preferred oral solution

**LYVISPAH GRANULE PACKETS (BACLOFEN) (PDL criteria do not apply)**

- Trial and failure with preferred oral solution

**METHOCARBAMOL 1000MG TABLET**

- Bypass PDL criteria except require trial and failure of both PDL preferred methocarbamol 500mg and 750mg tablets

**TONMYA (CYCLOBENZAPRINE HCL)**

- Patient is 18 years of age or older; **AND**
- Diagnosis of fibromyalgia; **AND**
- Prescriber will reduce the dose for patients age 65 years or older to 1 tablet per day
- Quantity Limit: 2 tablets per day

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year

<p><b>Topical Antibiotics</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i> mupirocin ointment</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i> Centany® mupirocin cream Xepi® Cream</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications</li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications</li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects</li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after one month with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><u>XEPI® CREAM (OZENOXACIN)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quantity limit = 2 tubes per month</li> <li>• Length of authorization – 1 month</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>
<p><b>Topical Steroids – Low Potency</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i> hydrocortisone acetate cream hydrocortisone acetate ointment hydrocortisone/aloe hydrocortisone cream hydrocortisone lotion hydrocortisone ointment</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i> alclometasone dipropionate ointment and cream Capex® Shampoo Derma-smooth – FS ® Desonide® ointment, cream, lotion fluocinolone 0.01% oil hydrocortisone solution Texacort ®</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects</li> <li>• Trial and failure of 14 days with <b>one</b> of preferred medications (hydrocortisone)</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> For the duration of the prescription up to 6 months</p>

<p><b>Topical Steroids – Medium Potency</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  fluocinolone acetonide solution  fluticasone propionate cream  fluticasone propionate ointment  mometasone furoate ointment  mometasone furoate cream  mometasone furoate solution</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Beser kit  Beser lotion  betamethasone valerate foam  clocortolone cream  Cutivate® cream and lotion  fluocinolone acetonide cream  flurandrenolide lotion, ointment  fluticasone propionate lotion  hydrocortisone butyrate cream, lotion, ointment, solution  hydrocortisone valerate cream and ointment  Pandel®  Synalar® solution, cream and ointment  Synalar TS® kit</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Trial and failure of 14 days with <b>one</b> of the preferred medications</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> For the duration of the prescription up to 6 months</p>
<p><b>Topical Steroids – High Potency</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  betamethasone dipropionate cream, lotion, ointment  betamethasone valerate cream, lotion, ointment  fluocinonide cream, ointment, gel and solution  triamcinolone acetonide cream, lotion, ointment</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  amcinonide cream  betamethasone dipropionate augmented cream, gel, lotion, ointment  clobetasol 0.025% cream  desoximetasone cream, ointment, gel, and spray  diflorasone diacetate cream and ointment  Diprolene® ointment  fluocinonide emollient  halcinonide  Halog® cream, ointment, solution  Kenalog® aerosol  Topicort® cream, ointment, gel, and spray  triamcinolone spray</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Trial and failure of 14 days with <b>one</b> of the preferred medications</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> For the duration of the prescription up to 6 months</p>

<p><b>Topical Steroids – Very High Potency</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  clobetasol propionate solution  clobetasol propionate 0.05% cream  clobetasol propionate ointment  halobetasol propionate cream  halobetasol propionate ointment</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization Criteria below</i>  ApexiCon® E Cream  clobetasol emollient and lotion  clobetasol propionate foam, gel, spray and shampoo  Clobex® spray and shampoo  Clodan® shampoo and kit  halobetasol propionate (generic for Lexette®)  halobetasol propionate lotion (generic for Ultravate®)  Olux®  Tovet Kit  Tovet Emollient  Ultravate® lotion</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects</li> <li>• Trial and failure of 14 days with <b>one</b> of the preferred medications</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> For the duration of the prescription up to 6 months</p>
<p><b>Ulcerative Colitis – Oral</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  mesalamine (generic for Lialda)  Pentasa®  sulfasalazine/ sulfasalazine DR</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Azulfidine DR®  Balsalazide  budesonide ER (generic Uceris)  Delzicol®  Dipentum®  Giazo®  Lialda®  mesalamine (generic for Apriso)  mesalamine (generic for Asacol)  mesalamine (generic for Delzicol)  Mesalamine (generic for Pentasa®)</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure after one-month trial with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 1 year</p>

**Urinary Tract  
Antispasmodics**

**Preferred Agents:** *No Prior Authorization required*

fesoterodine ER  
Myrbetriq®  
oxybutynin / oxybutynin ER  
solifenacin  
tolterodine/ tolterodine ER  
trospium

**Non-Preferred Agents:** *Prior Authorization required*

darifenacin ER  
Ditropan XL®  
flavoxate HCL  
Gemtesa®  
mirabegron ER  
Oxytrol®  
Toviaz®  
trospium ER  
Vesicare®  
Vesicare LS Suspension®

**Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:**

- Allergy to the preferred medications; **OR**
- Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; **OR**
- History of unacceptable side effects; **OR**
- Therapeutic failure with a one-month trial of one preferred medication

**Duration of Approval:** 1 year

## Uterine Disorder Treatments

### **Preferred Agents:** *Clinical Prior Authorization Below*

Myfembree®

Oriahnn®

Orilissa®

#### **MYFEMBREE® (RELUGOLIX/NORETHINDRONE)**

- Patient ≥ 18 years old; **AND**
- Patient is premenopausal; **AND**
- Confirmed diagnosis of:
- Uterine leiomyomas (fibroids) with heavy menstrual bleeding; **AND**
  - Failure on an adequate trial of hormonal contraceptives (including oral or transdermal formulations, vaginal ring or intrauterine device); **OR**
- Moderate to severe pain associated with endometriosis; **AND**
  - Failure on an adequate trial of the following therapies:
    - Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs); **AND**
    - Hormonal contraceptives (including oral or transdermal formulations, vaginal ring or intrauterine device); **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with an obstetrics/gynecology or reproductive specialist; **AND**
- Pregnancy is excluded prior to treatment; **AND**
- Patient will use effective non-hormonal contraception during treatment with requested medication and one week after stopping therapy; **AND**
- Patient does not have osteoporosis; **AND**
- Patient does not have severe hepatic impairment (Child Pugh C); **AND**
- Patient has not completed a previous course of hormonal treatment that could contribute to bone loss; **AND**
- Quantity limit: 28 tablets per 28 days

#### **ORIAHNN® (ELAGOLIX/ESTRADIOL/NORETHINDRONE)**

- Patient ≥ 18 years old; **AND**
- Patient is premenopausal; **AND**
- Confirmed diagnosis of uterine leiomyomas (fibroids) with heavy menstrual bleeding; **AND**
- Failure on an adequate trial of hormonal contraceptives (including oral or transdermal formulations, vaginal ring or intrauterine device); **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with an obstetrics/gynecology or reproductive specialist; **AND**
- Pregnancy is excluded prior to treatment; **AND**
- Patient will use effective non-hormonal contraception during treatment with requested medication and one week after stopping therapy; **AND**
- Patient does not have osteoporosis; **AND**
- Patient does not have severe hepatic impairment (Child Pugh C); **AND**
- Patient has not completed a previous course of hormonal treatment that could contribute to bone loss; **AND**
- Quantity limit: 56 tablets per 28 days

#### **ORILISSA® (ELAGOLIX) 150MG**

- Patient ≥ 18 years old; **AND**
- Confirmed diagnosis of endometriosis; **AND**
- Failure on an adequate trial of the following therapies:
  - Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs); **AND**
  - Hormonal contraceptives (including oral or transdermal formulations, vaginal ring or intrauterine device); **AND**
- Prescribed by or in consultation with an obstetrics/gynecology or reproductive specialist; **AND**
- Pregnancy is excluded prior to treatment; **AND**
- Patient will use effective non-hormonal contraception during treatment with requested medication and one week after stopping therapy; **AND**
- Patient does not have osteoporosis; **AND**
- Patient does not have severe hepatic impairment (Child Pugh C); **AND**
- Patient has not completed a previous course of hormonal treatment that could contribute to bone loss; **AND**
- Quantity limit: 28 tablets per 28 days

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	<p><b>ORILISSA® (ELAGOLIX) 200MG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient ≥ 18 years old; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Confirmed diagnosis of endometriosis with dyspareunia; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Failure on an adequate trial of the following therapies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs); <b>AND</b></li> <li>○ Hormonal contraceptives (including oral or transdermal formulations, vaginal ring or intrauterine device); <b>AND</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Prescribed by or in consultation with an obstetrics/gynecology or reproductive specialist; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Pregnancy is excluded prior to treatment; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient will use effective non-hormonal contraception during treatment with requested medication and one week after stopping therapy; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient does not have osteoporosis; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient does not have severe hepatic impairment (Child Pugh C); <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Patient has not completed a previous course of hormonal treatment that could contribute to bone loss; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Treatment duration of Orilissa 200mg twice daily has not exceeded a total of 6 months; <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Quantity limit: 56 tablets per 28</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oriahnn, Orilissa 150mg and Myfembree = 1 year (maximum total duration of 24 months)</li> <li>• Orilissa 200mg = 6 months (maximum duration)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Vaginal Antibiotics</b></p>	<p><b>Preferred Agents:</b> <i>No Prior Authorization required</i>  Cleocin (clindamycin) Ovules  clindamycin (generic for Cleocin) 2% cream  Clindesse (clindamycin) 2% Cream  metronidazole (generic for Metro-Gel and Vandazole) 0.75% gel  Nuessa (metronidazole) 1.3% Gel</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agents:</b> <i>Prior Authorization required</i>  Cleocin (clindamycin) 2% Cream  Metronidazole 1.3% Gel  Vandazole (metronidazole) 0.75% Gel  Xaciato (clindamycin) 2% Gel</p> <p><b>Non-Preferred Agent PA Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergy to the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Contraindication or drug to drug interaction with the preferred medications; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• History of unacceptable side effects; <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Therapeutic failure with one preferred medication</li> </ul> <p><b>See additional medication-specific criteria below:</b></p> <p><b>XACIATO® (CLINDAMYCIN)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient is 12 years of age or older</li> </ul> <p><b>Duration of Approval:</b> 6 months</p>