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Prior Authorization Approval Criteria

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**Standard Commercial
Prior Authorization Guidelines**



**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

1. **Formulary Agents**

Drug products that are listed in the Formulary as Prior Authorization (PA) require evaluation, per MedImpact Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee guidelines, when the member presents a prescription to a network pharmacy. Each request will be reviewed on individual patient need. If the request does not meet the criteria established by the P & T Committee, the request will not be approved and alternative therapy will be recommended.

2. **Non-Formulary Agents**

Any product not found in the Formulary listing, or any Formulary updates published by MedImpact, shall be considered a Non-Formulary drug. Coverage for non-formulary agents may be applied for in advance. When a member gives a prescription order for a non-formulary drug to a pharmacist, the pharmacist will evaluate the patient's drug history and contact the physician to determine if there is a legitimate medical need for a non-formulary drug. Each request will be reviewed on individual patient need. The following basic criteria are used:

- a. The use of Formulary Drug Products is contraindicated in the patient.
- b. The patient has failed an appropriate trial of Formulary or related agents.
- c. The choices available in the Drug Formulary are not suited for the present patient care need, and the drug selected is required for patient safety.
- d. The use of a Formulary drug may provoke an underlying condition, which would be detrimental to patient care.

If the request does not meet the criteria established by the P & T Committee, the request will not be approved and alternative therapy will be recommended.

3. **Obtaining Coverage**

Coverage may be obtained by:

- a. Faxing a completed **Prior Authorization Request** to DHMP at (303) 602-2081.
- b. Contacting DHMP Pharmacy Department at (303) 602-2070 and providing all necessary information requested.

Non-approved requests may be appealed. The prescriber must provide information to support the appeal on the basis of medical necessity.



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3. Obtaining Coverage

Coverage may be obtained by:

- a. Faxing a completed **Medication Request Form** to MedImpact at (858) 790-7100.
- b. Contacting MedImpact at (800) 788-2949 and providing all necessary information requested.

MedImpact will provide an authorization number, specific for the medical need, for all approved requests. Non-approved requests may be appealed. The prescriber must provide information to support the appeal on the basis of medical necessity.



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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ABALOPARATIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ABALOPARATIDE	TYMLOS	44231		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of postmenopausal osteoporosis AND meet **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - High risk for fractures defined as ONE of the following:
 - History of osteoporotic (i.e., fragility, low trauma) fracture(s)
 - 2 or more risk factors for fracture (e.g., history of multiple recent low trauma fractures, BMD T-score less than or equal to -2.5, corticosteroid use, or use of GnRH analogs such as nafarelin, etc.)
 - No prior treatment for osteoporosis AND FRAX score \geq 20% for any major fracture OR \geq 3% for hip fracture
 - Unable to use oral therapy (i.e., upper gastrointestinal [GI] problems unable to tolerate oral medication, lower GI problems unable to absorb oral medications, trouble remembering to take oral medications or coordinating an oral bisphosphonate with other oral medications or their daily routine)
 - The patient has an adequate trial of, intolerance to, or a contraindication to bisphosphonates (e.g., Fosamax, Actonel, Boniva)

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Has the patient received a total of 24 months of parathyroid hormone therapy (e.g., Tymlos, Forteo)?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1.56 mL (#1 - 3120 mcg/1.56 mL prefilled pen) per 30 days.**

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ABALOPARATIDE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ABALOPARATIDE (Tymlos)** requires that the patient has a diagnosis of postmenopausal osteoporosis and has not received a total of 24 months or more of parathyroid hormone therapy with Tymlos or Forteo. In addition, one of the following criteria must be met:

- High risk for fractures defined as ONE of the following:
 - History of osteoporotic (i.e., fragility, low trauma) fracture(s)
 - 2 or more risk factors for fracture (e.g., history of multiple recent low trauma fractures, BMD T-score less than or equal to -2.5, corticosteroid use, or use of GnRH analogs such as nafarelin, etc.)
 - No prior treatment for osteoporosis AND FRAX score \geq 20% for any major fracture OR \geq 3% for hip fracture
- Unable to use oral therapy (i.e., upper gastrointestinal [GI] problems unable to tolerate oral medication, lower GI problems unable to absorb oral medications, trouble remembering to take oral medications or coordinating an oral bisphosphonate with other oral medications or their daily routine)
- The patient has an adequate trial of, intolerance to, or a contraindication to bisphosphonates (e.g., Fosamax, Actonel, Boniva)

RATIONALE

To ensure safe and appropriate use of abaloparatide per approved indication and dosing and national treatment guidelines.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Indicated for the treatment of postmenopausal women with osteoporosis at high risk for fracture defined as a history of osteoporotic fracture, multiple risk factors for fracture, or patients who have failed or are intolerant to other available osteoporosis therapy. In postmenopausal women with osteoporosis, Tymlos reduces the risk of vertebral fractures and nonvertebral fractures.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dosage of Tymlos is 80 mcg subcutaneously once daily. Cumulative use of Tymlos and parathyroid hormone analogs (e.g., teriparatide) for more than 2 years during a patient's lifetime is not recommended. Patients should receive supplemental calcium and vitamin D if dietary intake is inadequate.

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ABALOPARATIDE

REFERENCES

- Tymlos [Prescribing Information]. Waltham, MA: Radius Health, Inc.; 2017.
- Miller PD, Hattersley G, Riis BJ, et al. Effect of abaloparatide vs placebo on new vertebral fractures in postmenopausal women with osteoporosis: a randomized clinical trial. *JAMA*. 2016;316:722-33.
- American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists and American College of Endocrinology (AACE/ACE) medical guidelines for clinical practice for the diagnosis and treatment of postmenopausal osteoporosis. Accessed online April 13, 2017.

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Yes	Yes	No

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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ABATACEPT - SQ

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ABATACEPT - SQ	ORENCIA - SQ		30289	
	ORENCIA		41656	
	CLICKJECT - SQ		43389	
			43397	

NOTE: For requests for the IV dosage form of Orencia, please see the Orencia IV PA Guideline.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Actemra, Enbrel, Humira, Xeljanz (IR/XR) [**NOTE:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- Orencia 125mg/mL SQ syringes (GPID 30289): 4mL (#4 - 125mg/mL syringes) per 28 days.**
- Orencia 125mg/mL ClickJect - SQ (GPID 41656): 4mL (#4 - 125mg/mL auto-injectors) per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #2.

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INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - The patient is 2 years of age or older
 - The patient meets **ONE** of the following:
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Enbrel **AND** Humira
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to the following formulary preferred immunomodulator: Actemra

[NOTE: pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Orencia 125mg/mL SQ syringes (GPID 30289): 4mL (#4 - 125mg/mL syringes) per 28 days.**
- **Orencia 87.5mg/0.7mL SQ syringes (GPID 43397): 2.8mL (#4 - 87.5mg/0.7mL syringes) per 28 days.**
- **Orencia 50mg/0.4mL SQ syringes (GPID 43389): 1.6mL (#4 - 50mg/0.4mL syringes) per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #3.

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ABATACEPT - SQ

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Enbrel, Humira, Cosentyx, Stelara [**NOTE:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Orencia 125mg/mL SQ syringes (GPID 30289): 4mL (#4 - 125mg/mL syringes) per 28 days.**
- **Orencia 125mg/mL ClickJect - SQ (GPID 41656): 4mL (#4 - 125mg/mL auto-injectors) per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for psoriatic arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ABATACEPT - SQ (Orencia - SQ)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis, moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA), or psoriatic arthritis (PsA). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For patients with moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis, approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Actemra, Enbrel, Humira, Xeljanz (IR/XR)

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ABATACEPT - SQ

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

For patients with moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis, approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 2 years of age or older
- The patient meets **ONE** of the following:
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Enbrel **AND** Humira
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to the following formulary preferred immunomodulator: Actemra

For patients with psoriatic arthritis (PsA), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Enbrel, Humira, Cosentyx, Stelara

The use of pharmaceutical samples (from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program) will not be considered when evaluating the medical condition or prior prescription history for drugs that require prior authorization.

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) or psoriatic arthritis (PsA) **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Orencia 125mg/mL SQ syringes (GPID 30289): 4mL (#4 - 125mg/mL syringes) per 28 days.**
- **Orencia 125mg/mL ClickJect - SQ (GPID 41656): 4mL (#4 - 125mg/mL auto-injectors) per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #2.

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ABATACEPT - SQ

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA) **AND** meet the following criterion?
- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- Orencia 125mg/mL SQ syringes (GPID 30289): 4mL (#4 - 125mg/mL syringes) per 28 days.**
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- Orencia 50mg/0.4mL SQ syringes (GPID 43389): 1.6mL (#4 - 50mg/0.4mL syringes) per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ABATACEPT - SQ (Orencia - SQ)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, or moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis for renewal. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Orencia SQ.

REFERENCES

- Orencia [Prescribing Information]. Princeton, NJ: Bristol-Myers Squibb Company; June 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ABEMACICLIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ABEMACICLIB	VERZENIO	44537		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of advanced or metastatic breast cancer that is hormone receptor positive (HR+) and human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 negative (HER2-) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is female
- The medication will be used in combination with fulvestrant
- The patient has had disease progression following endocrine therapy
- The patient has NOT experienced disease progression following prior CDK inhibitor therapy (e.g., Ibrance)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #56 tablets (four 7-day dose packs) per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of advanced or metastatic breast cancer that is hormone receptor positive (HR+) and human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 negative (HER2-) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The medication will be used as monotherapy
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has had disease progression following endocrine therapy AND prior chemotherapy in the metastatic setting
- The patient has NOT experienced disease progression following prior CDK inhibitor therapy (e.g., Ibrance)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #56 tablets (four 7-day dose packs) per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #3.

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ABEMACICLIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of advanced or metastatic breast cancer that is hormone receptor positive (HR+) and human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 negative (HER2-) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is a female and postmenopausal
- The requested medication will be used in combination with an aromatase inhibitor (e.g., letrozole, anastrozole, or exemestane)
- The patient has NOT received prior endocrine therapy for metastatic breast cancer (e.g., letrozole, anastrozole, tamoxifen, fulvestrant, exemestane)
- The patient has NOT experienced disease progression following prior CDK inhibitor therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #56 tablets (four 7-day dose packs) per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ABEMACICLIB (Verzenio)** requires a diagnosis of advanced or metastatic breast cancer that is hormone receptor positive (HR+) and human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 negative (HER2-). In addition, **ONE** of the following criteria must be met:

The medication will be used in combination with fulvestrant and meet ALL of the following:

- The patient is female
- The patient has had disease progression following endocrine therapy
- The patient has NOT experienced disease progression following prior CDK inhibitor therapy

The medication will be used as monotherapy and meet ALL of the following:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has had disease progression following endocrine therapy and prior chemotherapy in the metastatic setting
- The patient has NOT experienced disease progression following prior CDK inhibitor therapy

The medication will be used in combination with an aromatase inhibitor and meet ALL of the following:

- The patient is a female and postmenopausal
- The requested medication will be used in combination with an aromatase inhibitor (e.g., letrozole, anastrozole, or exemestane)
- The patient has NOT received prior endocrine therapy for metastatic breast cancer (e.g., letrozole, anastrozole, tamoxifen, fulvestrant, exemestane)
- The patient has NOT experienced disease progression following prior CDK inhibitor therapy

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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ABEMACICLIB

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **ABEMACICLIB** (Verzenio) based on FDA approved indications.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Verzenio is a kinase inhibitor indicated:

- In combination with fulvestrant for the treatment of women with hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer with disease progression following endocrine therapy
- As monotherapy for the treatment of adult patients with HR positive, HER2-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer with disease progression following endocrine therapy and prior chemotherapy in the metastatic setting.
- In combination with an aromatase inhibitor as initial endocrine-based therapy for the treatment of postmenopausal women with hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

When used in combination with fulvestrant or an aromatase inhibitor, the recommended dose of Verzenio is 150 mg taken orally twice daily. When given with Verzenio, the recommended dose of fulvestrant is 500 mg administered on Days 1, 15, and 29; and once monthly thereafter.

Pre/perimenopausal women treated with the combination of Verzenio plus fulvestrant should be treated with a gonadotropin-releasing hormone agonist according to current clinical practice standards.

When used as monotherapy, the recommended dose of Verzenio is 200 mg taken orally twice daily.

When given with VERZENIO, refer to the Full Prescribing Information for the recommended dose of the aromatase inhibitor being used.

Continue treatment until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Verzenio may be taken with or without food. Instruct patients to take their doses of Verzenio at approximately the same times every day. If the patient vomits after taking the dose, or misses a dose, no additional dose should be taken that day. The next prescribed dose should be taken at the usual time. Verzenio tablets should be swallowed whole (tablets should not be chewed, crushed or split prior to swallowing). No tablet should be ingested if it is broken, cracked, or otherwise not intact.

The recommended Verzenio dose modifications for adverse reactions are provided in the table below.

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ABEMACICLIB

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Dose Level	Verzenio Dose in Combination with Fulvestrant or an Aromatase Inhibitor	Verzenio Dose for Monotherapy
Recommended starting dose	150 mg twice daily	200 mg twice daily
First dose reduction	100 mg twice daily	150 mg twice daily
Second dose reduction	50 mg twice daily	100 mg twice daily
Third dose reduction	Not applicable	50 mg twice daily*

*If further dose reduction below 50 mg twice daily is required, discontinue the treatment.

Avoid concomitant use of the strong CYP3A inhibitor ketoconazole.

AVAILABLE STRENGTHS

Tablets: 50 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg, and 200 mg

REFERENCES

- Verzenio [Prescribing Information]. Indianapolis, IN. Eli Lilly and Company; February 2018.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ABIRATERONE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ABIRATERONE ACETATE	ZYTIGA	37571		
ABIRATERONE ACET, SUBMICRONIZED	YONSA	44946		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

**** Please use the criteria for the specific drug requested ****

GUIDELINES FOR USE

ZYTIGA

1. Does the patient have **ONE** of the following diagnoses?

- Metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC)
- Metastatic high-risk castration-sensitive prostate cancer (mCSPC)

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the requested medication being used in combination with prednisone?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Is the patient concomitantly using a strong CYP3A4 inducer (e.g., phenytoin, carbamazepine, rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine, phenobarbital)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit as follows:**

- **Zytiga 250mg (GPID 29886): #8 tablets per day.**
- **Zytiga 500mg (GPID 43205): #4 tablets per day.**

If no, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit as follows:**

- **Zytiga 250mg (GPID 29886): #4 tablets per day.**
- **Zytiga 500mg (GPID 43205): #2 tablets per day.**

ZYTIGA DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ABIRATERONE (Zytiga)** requires a diagnosis of metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer or metastatic high-risk castration-sensitive prostate cancer. In addition, the requested medication must be used in combination with prednisone.

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ABIRATERONE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

YONSA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The requested medication is being used in combination with methylprednisolone
- The patient has had a trial of or has a contraindication to Zytiga (abiraterone acetate) or prednisone therapy

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

YONSA DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ABIRATERONE (Yonsa)** requires that the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer. In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- The requested medication must be used in combination with methylprednisolone
- The patient has had a trial of or has a contraindication to Zytiga (abiraterone acetate) or prednisone therapy

2. Is the patient concomitantly using a strong CYP3A4 inducer (e.g., phenytoin, carbamazepine, rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine, phenobarbital)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #8 tablets per day.**

If no, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 tablets per day.**

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of abiraterone products consistent with FDA approved indications.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Zytiga is indicated for use in combination with prednisone for the treatment of patients with metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer and metastatic high-risk castration-sensitive prostate cancer.

Yonsa is indicated in combination with methylprednisolone for the treatment of patients with metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer: The recommended dose of Zytiga is 1,000 mg (two 500 mg tablets or four 250 mg tablets) administered orally once daily in combination with prednisone 5 mg administered orally twice daily.

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ABIRATERONE

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dose of Yonsa is 500 mg (four 125 mg tablets) administered orally once daily in combination with methylprednisolone 4 mg administered orally twice daily. Yonsa tablets can be taken with or without food. The tablets should be swallowed whole with water. Do not crush or chew tablets.

If a strong CYP3A4 inducer must be co-administered, increase the Yonsa dosing frequency to twice a day only during the co-administration period (e.g., from 500 mg once daily to 500 mg twice a day). Reduce the dose back to the previous dose and frequency, if the concomitant strong CYP3A4 inducer is discontinued.

Metastatic high-risk castration-sensitive prostate cancer: The recommended dose of Zytiga is 1,000 mg (two 500 mg tablets or four 250 mg tablets) administered orally once daily in combination with prednisone 5 mg administered orally once daily.

Patients receiving Zytiga or Yonsa should also receive a gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) analog concurrently or should have had bilateral orchiectomy. Zytiga must be taken on an empty stomach, either one hour before or two hours after a meal. The tablets should be swallowed whole with water. Do not crush or chew tab.

If a strong CYP3A4 inducer must be co-administered, increase the Zytiga dosing frequency to twice a day only during the co-administration period (e.g., from 1,000 mg once daily to 1,000 mg twice a day).

REFERENCES

- Yonsa [Prescribing Information]. Sun Pharma. Cranbury, NJ. May 2018.
- Zytiga [Prescribing Information]. Horsham, PA. Janssen Biotech; February 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

ACALABRUTINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ACALABRUTINIB	CALQUENCE	44607		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of mantle cell lymphoma (MCL) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient has received at least one prior therapy for mantle cell lymphoma (MCL)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #60 capsules per 30 days.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ACALABRUTINIB (Calquence)** requires a diagnosis of mantle cell lymphoma (MCL) and the following criteria must also be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has received at least one prior therapy for mantle cell lymphoma (MCL)

RATIONALE

To promote appropriate utilization of Calquence based on FDA approved indication.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Calquence is a kinase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of adult patients with mantle cell lymphoma (MCL) who have received at least one prior therapy.

This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on overall response rate. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in confirmatory trials.

DOSING AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dose of Calquence is 100 mg taken orally approximately every twelve hours until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

Patients should swallow capsule whole with water. Patients should not open, break or chew the capsules. Calquence may be taken with or without food. If a dose of Calquence is missed by more than 3 hours, it should be skipped and the next dose should be taken at its regularly scheduled time. Extra capsules of Calquence should not be taken to make up for a missed dose.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

ACALABRUTINIB

REFERENCES

- Calquence [Prescribing Information]. AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals: Wilmington, DE; October 2017.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ACETAMINOPHEN DAILY LIMIT OVERRIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/other
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the patient taking a dose of the requested drug in an amount exceeding 4000mg of acetaminophen per day?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Is the requested medication being taken together with other acetaminophen containing product(s) and the combination will exceed 4000mg of acetaminophen per day?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, **approve for ONE FILL count by GPID for the requested medication and set override type MAXINGREDIENTDOSE to a value of "Y".**

3. Will the patient discontinue the concurrent acetaminophen containing drug(s) that place the patient over 4000mg of acetaminophen per day?

If yes, **approve for ONE FILL count by GPID for the requested medication and set override type MAXINGREDIENTDOSE to a value of "Y".**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ACETAMINOPHEN DAILY LIMIT OVERRIDE** will cause a claim for acetaminophen to deny when the dose of 4000mg of acetaminophen per day is exceeded. The claim will also deny if the requested drug is being used concurrently with other acetaminophen containing product(s) that exceed 4000mg of acetaminophen per day limit. An approval will be provided if the patient will discontinue the concurrent acetaminophen containing drug(s) that cause the daily acetaminophen dose to exceed 4000mg.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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ACETAMINOPHEN DAILY LIMIT OVERRIDE

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of acetaminophen products and address overuse from a medication safety perspective while preserving patient access to medically necessary drug regimens. The maximum daily dose for an adult is 4000 mg. However, in some people, taking the maximum daily dose or more for an extended period of time can lead to serious liver damage.

A claim may reject at POS due to exceeding the acetaminophen daily limit as a result of concurrent use with other acetaminophen products. An approval is granted if the the concurrent acetaminophen containing product will be discontinued. In some cases, the member’s history claim may have an incorrect day supply due to a pharmacy error. This will cause the new claim to reject at POS for exceeding the acetaminophen daily limit. This is addressed in question #2.

REFERENCES

- “FDA Drug Safety Communication: Prescription Acetaminophen Products to be Limited to 325 mg Per Dosage Unit; Boxed Warning Will Highlight Potential for Severe Liver Failure”. January 13, 2011. Available at <https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm239821.htm> [Accessed 12/3/18].
- “Medicare Part D Overutilization Monitoring System – Updates”. October 25, 2013. Available at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prescription-Drug-Coverage/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/Downloads/MemoMedicare-Part-D-OMS-Updates-10-25-13.pdf> [Accessed 12/3/18].

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ACNE AGE RESTRICTION OVERRIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ADAPALENE	DIFFERIN, PLIXDA	11233		
ADAPALENE/BENZOYL PEROXIDE	EPIDUO, EPIDUO FORTE	36015		
TRETINOIN	ATRALIN, AVITA, RETIN-A, TRETIN-X	02468		ROUTE ≠ ORAL OR MISCELL.
TRETINOIN MICROSPHERES	RETIN-A MICRO, RETIN-A MICRO PUMP	32888		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the patient 26 years of age or older?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, guideline does not apply. (**NOTE:** If the request also rejects for step therapy required, please review as such and evaluate if the patient has met the step therapy requirements.)

2. Is the request for a cosmetic indication such as melasma, photoaging, or wrinkles?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ACNE AGE RESTRICTION OVERRIDE** requires a non-cosmetic diagnosis.

If no, **approve for 12 months by HICL (NOTE: Please override both PA and step therapy [if applicable] restrictions by entering 'Y' for OVR_RES).**

RATIONALE

To prevent use of tretinoin and adapalene products for the treatment of cosmetic conditions such as melasma, photoaging or wrinkles.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Tretinoin and Adapalene are indicated for the topical treatment of acne vulgaris.

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ACNE AGE RESTRICTION OVERRIDE

REFERENCES

- Galderma Laboratories, L.P. Differin package insert. Fort Worth, TX. March 2010.
- DPT Laboratories. Atralin package insert. San Antonio, TX, July 2007.
- Ortho-Dermatological. Retin-A package insert. Skillman, NJ, April 2007.
- Ortho-Neutrogena. Retin-A Micro package insert. Los Angeles, CA, May 2006.
- Micromedex® Healthcare Series [database online]. Greenwood Village, CO: Thomson Healthcare. Available at: www.thomsonhc.com/hcs/librarian/. [Accessed: June 20, 2011].
- Galderma Laboratories, L.P. Epiduo package insert. Fort Worth, TX. November 2015.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ADALIMUMAB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ADALIMUMAB	HUMIRA	24800		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID for Humira 40mg/0.4mL syringe/pen OR 40mg/0.8mL syringe/pen with a quantity limit of #2 syringes/pens per month.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - The patient is 2 years of age or older
 - Documentation of the patient's current weight

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #2 syringes/pens per month based on patient weight as follows:**

- **If 10kg to <15kg in weight: Approve Humira 10mg/0.2mL syringe OR 10mg/0.1mL syringe.**
- **If 15kg to <30kg in weight: Approve Humira 20mg/0.4mL syringe OR 20mg/0.2mL syringe.**
- **If 30kg or heavier: Approve Humira 40mg/0.8mL pen/syringe OR 40mg/0.4mL pen/syringe.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #3.

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ADALIMUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID for Humira 40mg/0.8mL syringe/pen OR 40mg/0.4mL syringe/pen with a quantity limit of #2 syringes/pens per month.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for psoriatic arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis (AS) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID for Humira 40mg/0.8mL syringe/pen OR 40mg/0.4mL syringe/pen with a quantity limit of #2 syringes/pens per month.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for ankylosing spondylitis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained an improvement of at least 50% or 2 units (scale of 1-10) in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) while on therapy.

If no, continue to #5.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ADALIMUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

5. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
- The patient has plaque psoriasis involving at least 10% body surface area (BSA) or psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least ONE of the following conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for a total of 6 months by GPID. Please enter two authorizations as follows:**

- **Approve for 1 fill for Humira 40mg/0.8mL Psoriasis Starter Package with a quantity of #4 pens OR for Humira Psoriasis Starter Package (contains one 80 mg/0.8 mL pen and two 40 mg/0.4 mL pens) with a quantity limit of #3 pens.**
- **Approve for 5 months for Humira 40mg/0.8mL syringe/pen OR 40mg/0.4mL syringe/pen with a quantity limit of #2 syringes/pens per month.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe plaque psoriasis requires that the patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more while on therapy.

If no, continue to #6.

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ADALIMUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

6. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe Crohn's disease (CD) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following conventional agents such as corticosteroids (i.e., budesonide, methylprednisolone), azathioprine, mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or mesalamine
 - The patient is 6 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for a total of 6 months by GPID. Please enter two authorizations as follows:**

- **Approve for 1 fill for Humira 40mg/0.8mL Crohn's Disease Starter Package with a quantity limit of #6 pens, OR for Humira 40mg/0.8mL Pediatric Crohn's Starter Package with quantity limit of either #3 syringes or #6 syringes, OR for Humira 80mg/0.8mL Pediatric Crohn's Disease Starter Package with a quantity limit of #3 syringes, OR for Humira Pediatric Crohn's Disease Starter Package (contains one 40mg/0.4mL syringe and one 80mg/0.8mL syringe) with a quantity limit of #2 syringes, OR for Humira 80 mg/0.8 mL Crohn's Disease Starter Package with a quantity limit of #3 pens.**
- **Approve for 5 months for Humira 40mg/0.8mL syringe/pen, OR Humira 40mg/0.4mL syringe/pen, OR Humira 20mg/0.4mL syringe, OR Humira 20mg/0.2mL syringe with a quantity limit of #2 syringes/pens per month.**

If no, continue to #7.

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ADALIMUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

7. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis (UC) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following conventional agents such as corticosteroids (i.e., budesonide, methylprednisolone), azathioprine, mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or mesalamine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for a total of 6 months by GPID. Please enter two authorizations as follows:**

- **Approve for 1 fill for Humira 40mg/0.8mL Pen Ulcerative Colitis (UC) Starter Package with a quantity limit of #6 pens OR for Humira 80 mg/0.8 mL Ulcerative Colitis Starter Package with a quantity limit of #3 pens.**
- **Approve for 5 months for Humira 40mg/0.8mL syringe/pen OR 40mg/0.4mL syringe/pen with a quantity limit of #2 syringes/pens per month.**

If no, continue to #8.

8. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa (HS) and is 12 years of age or older?

If yes, **approve for a total of 6 months by GPID. Please enter two authorizations as follows:**

- **Approve for 1 fill for Humira 40mg/0.8mL Pen Starter Package for Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) with a quantity limit of #6 pens OR for Humira 80 mg/0.8 mL Hidradenitis Suppurativa Starter Package with a quantity limit of #3 pens.**
- **Approve for 5 months for Humira 40mg/0.8mL syringe/pen OR 40mg/0.4mL syringe/pen with a quantity limit of #4 syringes/pens per month.**

If no, continue to #9.

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ADALIMUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

9. Does the patient have a diagnosis of non-infectious intermediate, posterior and panuveitis and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with an ophthalmologist
- The patient is 2 years of age or older
- The patient does **NOT** have isolated anterior uveitis
- Documentation of the patient's current weight if between 2 to 17 years of age

If yes, **approve for a total of 6 months by GPID as follows:**

- **For age 2 to 17 years, approve with a quantity limit of #2 syringes/pens per month based on patient weight as follows:**
 - If 10kg to <15kg in weight: Approve Humira 10mg/0.2mL syringe OR 10mg/0.1mL syringe.
 - If 15kg to <30kg in weight: Approve Humira 20mg/0.4mL syringe OR 20mg/0.2mL syringe.
 - If 30kg or heavier: Approve Humira 40mg/0.8mL pen/syringe OR 40mg/0.4mL pen/syringe.
- **For age 18 years and above, please enter two authorizations as follows:**
 - Approve for 1 fill for Humira 40mg/0.8mL Uveitis Starter Package with a quantity limit of #4 pens OR for Humira Uveitis Starter Package (contains one 80 mg/0.8 mL pen and two 40 mg/0.4 mL pens) with a quantity limit of #3 pens.
 - Approve for 5 months for Humira 40mg/0.8mL syringe/pen OR 40mg/0.4mL syringe/pen with a quantity limit of #2 syringes/pens per month.

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for Uveitis requires that the patient has not experienced treatment failure, defined as development of new inflammatory chorioretinal or retinal vascular lesions, a 2-step increase from baseline in anterior chamber cell grade or vitreous haze grade, or a worsening of best-corrected visual acuity (BCVA) by at least 15 letters relative to best state achieved.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ADALIMUMAB (Humira)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, moderate to severe plaque psoriasis, moderate to severe Crohn's disease, moderate to severe ulcerative colitis, or moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa, or non-infectious intermediate, posterior and panuveitis. The following criteria must also be met:

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ADALIMUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

For patients with moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least ONE of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

For patients with moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least ONE of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 2 years of age or older
- Documentation of the patient's current weight

For patients with psoriatic arthritis (PsA), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least ONE of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

For patients with ankylosing spondylitis (AS), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

For patients with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
- The patient has plaque psoriasis involving at least 10% body surface area (BSA) or psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least ONE of the following conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ADALIMUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

For patients with moderate to severe Crohn's disease (CD), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least ONE of the following conventional agents such as corticosteroids (i.e. budesonide, methylprednisolone), azathioprine, mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or mesalamine
- The patient is 6 years of age or older

For patients with moderate to severe ulcerative colitis (UC), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least ONE of the following conventional agents such as corticosteroids (i.e. budesonide, methylprednisolone), azathioprine, mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or mesalamine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

For patients with moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa (HS), approval requires:

- The patient is 12 years of age or older

For patients with non-infectious intermediate, posterior and panuveitis, approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with an ophthalmologist
- The patient is 2 years of age or older
- The patient does NOT have isolated anterior uveitis
- Documentation of the patient's current weight if between 2 to 17 years of age

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA)?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #4.

2. Is the request for Humira 40mg dosed **every other week** and has the following criteria been met?

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for Humira 40mg/0.8mL syringe/pen OR 40mg/0.4mL syringe/pen with a quantity limit of #2 syringes/pens per month.**

If no, continue to #3.

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ADALIMUMAB

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

3. Is the request for Humira 40mg dosed **every week** and have **ALL** of the following criteria been met?

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy
- The patient had a trial of at least a 3-month regimen of Humira 40mg dosed every other week

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for Humira 40mg/0.8mL syringe/pen OR 40mg/0.4mL syringe/pen with a quantity limit of #4 syringes/pens per month.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

PAC NOTE: Please enter a proactive prior authorization for 12 months by GPID for Humira 40mg/0.8mL syringe/pen OR 40mg/0.4mL syringe/pen with a quantity limit of #2 syringes/pens per month.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for Humira 10mg/0.1mL syringe, OR Humira 10mg/0.2mL syringe, OR Humira 20mg/0.2mL syringe, OR Humira 20mg/0.4mL syringe, OR Humira 40mg/0.4mL syringe/pen, OR Humira 40mg/0.8mL syringe/pen with a quantity limit of #2 syringes/pens per month.**

If no, continue to #5.

5. Does the patient have a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for Humira 40mg/0.8mL syringe/pen OR Humira 40mg/0.4mL syringe/pen with a quantity limit of #2 syringes/pens per month.**

If no, continue to #6.

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ADALIMUMAB

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

6. Does the patient have a diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis (AS) **AND** meet the following criterion?
- The patient has experienced or maintained an improvement of at least 50% or 2 units (scale of 1-10) in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for Humira 40mg/0.8mL syringe/pen OR Humira 40mg/0.4mL syringe/pen with a quantity limit of #2 syringes/pens per month.**

If no, continue to #7.

7. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for Humira 40mg/0.8mL syringe/pen OR Humira 40mg/0.4mL syringe/pen with a quantity limit of #2 syringes/pens per month.**

If no, continue to #8.

8. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe Crohn's disease (CD)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for Humira 40mg/0.8mL syringe/pen, OR Humira 40mg/0.4 mL syringe/pen, OR Humira 20mg/0.4mL syringe, OR Humira 20mg/0.2mL syringe with a quantity limit of #2 syringes/pens per month.**

If no, continue to #9.

9. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis (UC)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for Humira 40mg/0.8mL syringe/pen OR Humira 40mg/0.4mL syringe/pen with a quantity limit of #2 syringes/pens per month.**

If no, continue to #10.

10. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa (HS)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for Humira 40mg/0.8mL syringe/pen OR Humira 40mg/0.4mL syringe/pen with a quantity limit of #4 syringes/pens per month.**

If no, continue to #11.

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ADALIMUMAB

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

11. Does the patient have a diagnosis of non-infectious intermediate, posterior and panuveitis **AND** meet the following criteria?

- The patient has not experienced treatment failure, defined as **ONE** of the following criteria:
 - Development of new inflammatory chorioretinal or retinal vascular lesions
 - A 2-step increase from baseline in anterior chamber cell grade or vitreous haze grade
 - A worsening of best-corrected visual acuity (BCVA) by at least 15 letters relative to best state achieved

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for Humira 10mg/0.1mL syringe, OR Humira 10mg/0.2mL syringe, OR Humira 20mg/0.2mL syringe, OR Humira 20mg/0.4mL syringe, OR Humira 40mg/0.8mL syringe/pen, OR Humira 40mg/0.4mL syringe/pen with a quantity limit of #2 syringes/pens per month.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ADALIMUMAB (Humira)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, moderate to severe juvenile idiopathic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, moderate to severe plaque psoriasis, moderate to severe Crohn's disease, moderate to severe ulcerative colitis, moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa, or non-infectious intermediate, posterior and panuveitis for renewal. The following criteria must also be met:

Renewal for the diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy
- Requests for Humira weekly dosing requires that the patient had a trial of at least a 3-month regimen of Humira 40mg every other week

Renewal for the diagnosis of moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

Renewal for the diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

Renewal for the diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained an improvement of at least 50% or 2 units (scale of 1-10) in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) while on therapy

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ADALIMUMAB

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

Renewal for the diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis requires:

- The patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more while on therapy

Renewal for the diagnosis of non-infectious intermediate, posterior and panuveitis requires:

- The patient has not experienced treatment failure, defined as **ONE** of the following criteria:
 - Development of new inflammatory chorioretinal or retinal vascular lesions
 - A 2-step increase from baseline in anterior chamber cell grade or vitreous haze grade
 - A worsening of best-corrected visual acuity (BCVA) by at least 15 letters relative to best state achieved

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Humira.

REFERENCES

- Humira [Prescribing Information]. North Chicago, IL: AbbVie Inc.; January 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

AFATINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
AFATINIB DIMALEATE	GILOTRIF	40478		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - Disease progression after platinum-based chemotherapy (i.e., cisplatin, carboplatin, oxaliplatin)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**
If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - The patient's tumors have non-resistant epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **AFATINIB (Gilotrif)** requires a diagnosis of metastatic squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). The following criteria must also be met:

For the diagnosis of metastatic squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), approval requires:

- Disease progression after platinum-based chemotherapy (i.e., cisplatin, carboplatin, oxaliplatin).

For the diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer, approval requires:

- Patient's tumors have non-resistant epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

AFATINIB

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **Afatinib** based on FDA approved indications.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Gilotrif is a kinase inhibitor indicated for:

- First-line treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose tumors have non-resistant epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test.
 - Limitation of Use: The safety and efficacy of Gilotrif have not been established in patients whose tumors have resistant EGFR mutations.
- Treatment of patients with metastatic, squamous NSCLC progressing after platinum-based chemotherapy.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dose of Gilotrif is 40 mg orally once daily until disease progression or no longer tolerated by the patient. Take Gilotrif at least 1 hour before or 2 hours after a meal.

For patients who require therapy with a P-glycoprotein (P-gp) inhibitor, *reduce* Gilotrif daily dose by 10 mg if not tolerated. Resume the previous dose after discontinuation of the P-gp inhibitor as tolerated.

For patients who require chronic therapy with a P-gp inducer, *increase* Gilotrif daily dose by 10 mg as tolerated. Resume the previous dose 2 to 3 days after discontinuation of the P-gp inducer.

Reduce dose to 30mg daily in patients with severe renal impairment (eGFR 15 to 29 ml/min).

Withhold Gilotrif in patients with NCI CTCAE Grade 3 or higher, diarrhea of Grade 2 or higher persisting for 2 or more consecutive days while taking anti-diarrheal medication, cutaneous reactions of Grade 2 that are prolonged (lasting more than 7 days) or intolerable, or renal impairment of Grade 2 or higher . Resume treatment when the adverse reaction fully resolves, returns to baseline, or improves to Grade 1, and resume at a reduced dose of 10mg per day less than the dose at which the adverse reaction occurred.

Permanently discontinue for life-threatening bullous, blistering, or exfoliative skin lesions, confirmed interstitial lung disease, severe drug-induced hepatic impairment, persistent ulcerative keratitis, symptomatic left ventricular dysfunction, and severe or intolerable adverse reaction occurring at a dose of 20 mg per day.

HOW SUPPLIED

Tablets: 40 mg, 30 mg, and 20 mg

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

AFATINIB

REFERENCES

- Gilotrif (afatinib) [prescribing information]. Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Ridgefield, CT. January 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ALECTINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ALECTINIB	ALECENSA	42895		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - Patient is positive for anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) fusion oncogene as detected by an FDA-approved test

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #240 capsules per 30 days.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ALECTINIB (Alecensa)** requires a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) **AND** patient is positive for anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) fusion oncogene as detected by an FDA-approved test.

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of ALECTINIB based on its FDA approved indication.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Alecensa is a kinase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of patients with anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive, metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) as detected by an FDA-approved test.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dose of Alecensa is 600 mg orally twice daily with food. Alecensa therapy is continued until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

The dose of Alecensa can be modified if certain adverse reactions or laboratory abnormalities occur (e.g., elevated hepatic transaminases, bradycardia, elevated CPK). The dose should be reduced first to 450 mg twice daily, then to 300 mg twice daily, and discontinued if intolerability persists thereafter. If treatment-related ILD/pneumonitis, elevated ALT or AST greater than 3 times ULN with total bilirubin greater than 2 times ULN in the absence of cholestasis or hemolysis, grade 4 renal impairment, or life-threatening bradycardia occurs, Alecensa should be permanently discontinued.

The contents of the capsule should not be opened or dissolved. If a dose is missed or vomiting occurs after taking a dose, the next dose should be taken at the scheduled time.

REFERENCES

- Alecensa [Prescribing Information]. South San Francisco, CA: Genentech, Inc. November 2017.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

ALECTINIB

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ALIROCUMAB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ALIROCUMAB	PRALUENT PEN, PRALUENT SYRINGE	42347		

*******Customer Service/PAC Alert*******
(For Internal Use Only)

THIS IS A HIGH-IMPACT MEDICATION. DO NOT OVERRIDE OR APPROVE WITHOUT SUBMITTING FOR PHARMACIST REVIEW.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Is the requested medication prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist, endocrinologist, or lipidologist?
 - If yes, continue to #2.
 - If no, do not approve.
 - DENIAL TEXT:** See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has been taking a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily) for a duration of at least 8 weeks
 - The patient has been taking a maximally tolerated dose of any statin for a duration of at least 8 weeks given that the patient cannot tolerate a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily)
 - If yes, continue to #3.
 - If no, continue to #4.

3. Will the patient continue statin treatment as described above in combination with Praluent?
 - If yes, continue to #5.
 - If no, do not approve.
 - DENIAL TEXT:** See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ALIROCUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- The patient has an absolute contraindication to statin therapy (e.g., active decompensated liver disease, nursing female, pregnancy or plans to become pregnant, hypersensitivity reaction)
- The patient has complete statin intolerance as defined by severe and intolerable adverse effects (e.g., creatine kinase elevation greater than or equal to 10 times the upper limit of normal, liver function test elevation greater than or equal to 3 times the upper limit of normal, rhabdomyolysis, severe muscle weakness leading to temporary disability, fall, or inability to use a major muscle group) that have occurred with trials of at least two separate statins and have improved with the discontinuation of each statin

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Does the patient have an LDL-cholesterol level greater than or equal to 70 mg/dL?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

6. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has **ONE** of the following diagnoses:
 - Established cardiovascular disease (e.g., history of myocardial infarction or other acute coronary syndrome, coronary or other revascularization procedure, transient ischemic attack, ischemic stroke, atherosclerotic peripheral arterial disease, coronary atherosclerosis, renal atherosclerosis, aortic aneurysm secondary to atherosclerosis, carotid plaque with 50% or more stenosis)
 - Primary hyperlipidemia (e.g., heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH)) as determined by meeting **ONE** of the following:
 - Simon Broome diagnostic criteria (definite)
 - Dutch Lipid Network criteria with a score of at least 6

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2mL (2 syringes/pens) per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ALIROCUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ALIROCUMAB (Praluent)** requires a diagnosis of established cardiovascular disease (e.g., history of myocardial infarction or other acute coronary syndrome, coronary or other revascularization procedure, transient ischemic attack, ischemic stroke, atherosclerotic peripheral arterial disease, coronary atherosclerosis, renal atherosclerosis, aortic aneurysm secondary to atherosclerosis, carotid plaque with 50% or more stenosis) **OR** primary hyperlipidemia (e.g., heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH)). The following criteria must also be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The agent is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist, endocrinologist, or lipidologist
- The patient has an LDL-cholesterol level greater than or equal to 70 mg/dL

For statin tolerant patients, approval also requires:

- The patient meets **ONE** of the following criteria:
 - The patient has been taking a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily) for a duration of at least 8 weeks
 - The patient has been taking a maximally tolerated dose of any statin for a duration of at least 8 weeks given that the patient cannot tolerate a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily)
- The patient will continue statin treatment in combination with Praluent

For statin intolerant patients, approval also requires ONE of the following:

- The patient has an absolute contraindication to statin therapy (e.g., active decompensated liver disease, nursing female, pregnancy or plans to become pregnant, hypersensitivity reaction)
- The patient has complete statin intolerance as defined by severe and intolerable adverse effects (e.g., creatine kinase elevation greater than or equal to 10 times the upper limit of normal, liver function test elevation greater than or equal to 3 times the upper limit of normal, rhabdomyolysis, severe muscle weakness leading to temporary disability, fall, or inability to use a major muscle group) that have occurred with trials of at least two separate statins and have improved with the discontinuation of each statin

For patients with primary hyperlipidemia (e.g., heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH)), approval also requires the diagnosis is determined by meeting **ONE** of the following:

- Simon Broome diagnostic criteria (definite)
- Dutch Lipid Network criteria with a score of at least 6

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ALIROCUMAB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of established cardiovascular disease **OR** primary hyperlipidemia (e.g., heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH)) **AND** meet **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has continued concurrent therapy with a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily)
 - The patient has continued concurrent therapy with a maximally tolerated dose of any statin
 - The patient has an absolute contraindication to statin therapy
 - The patient has complete statin intolerance

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2mL (2 syringes/pens) per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ALIROCUMAB (Praluent)** requires a diagnosis of established cardiovascular disease or primary hyperlipidemia (e.g., heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH)). In addition, **ONE** of the following must be met:

- The patient has continued concurrent therapy with a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily)
- The patient has continued concurrent therapy with a maximally tolerated dose of any statin
- The patient has an absolute contraindication to statin therapy
- The patient has complete statin intolerance

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Praluent.

REFERENCES

- Praluent [Prescribing Information]. Bridgewater, NJ: Sanofi-Aventis US LLC; April 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ALLERGEN EXTRACT-HOUSE DUST MITE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
HOUSE DUST MITE	ODACTRA		42527	ROUTE = SUBLINGUAL

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of house dust mite (HDM)-induced allergic rhinitis with or without conjunctivitis and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Diagnosis is confirmed by in vitro testing for IgE antibodies to *Dermatophagoides farinae* or *Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus* house dust mites, or skin testing to licensed house dust mite allergen extracts
 - Patient is between 18 and 65 years old
 - The medication is prescribed by or in consultation with an allergist, immunologist, or other physician experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of allergic diseases
 - The patient has persistent symptoms of allergic rhinitis (persistent symptoms are defined as symptoms presenting at least 4 days a week or for at least 4 weeks)
 - The patient has moderate to severe symptoms of allergic rhinitis (moderate-to-severe symptoms include one or more of the following: troublesome symptoms, sleep disturbance, impairment of daily activities, or impairment of school or work)
 - The patient has a current claim or prescription for auto-injectable epinephrine within the past 365 days

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #1 tablet (12 SQ-HDM) per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires an improvement in signs and symptoms of allergic rhinitis from baseline.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ALLERGEN EXTRACT-HOUSE DUST MITE (Odactra)** requires a diagnosis of house dust mite (HDM)-induced allergic rhinitis with or without conjunctivitis. The following criteria must also be met:

- Diagnosis is confirmed by in vitro testing for IgE antibodies to *Dermatophagoides farinae* or *Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus* house dust mites, or skin testing to licensed house dust mite allergen extracts
- Patient is between 18 and 65 years old
- The medication is prescribed by or in consultation with an allergist, immunologist, or other physician experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of allergic diseases
- The patient has persistent symptoms of allergic rhinitis (persistent symptoms are defined as symptoms presenting at least 4 days a week or for at least 4 weeks)

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ALLERGEN EXTRACT-HOUSE DUST MITE

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

- The patient has moderate to severe symptoms of allergic rhinitis (moderate-to-severe symptoms include one or more of the following: troublesome symptoms, sleep disturbance, impairment of daily activities, or impairment of school or work)
- The patient has a current claim or prescription for auto-injectable epinephrine within the past 365 days

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Has the patient experienced an improvement in signs and symptoms of allergic rhinitis from baseline?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #1 tablet (12 SQ-HDM) per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ALLERGEN EXTRACT-HOUSE DUST MITE (Odactra)** requires that the patient has experienced an improvement in signs and symptoms of allergic rhinitis from baseline for renewal.

RATIONALE

Promote clinically appropriate utilization of Odactra based on its FDA approved indications.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Odactra is an allergen extract indicated as immunotherapy for house dust mite (HDM)-induced allergic rhinitis, with or without conjunctivitis, confirmed by *in vitro* testing for IgE antibodies to *Dermatophagoides farinae* or *Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus* house dust mites, or skin testing to licensed house dust mite allergen extracts. Odactra is approved for use in adults 18 through 65 years of age.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

One tablet (12 SQ-HDM) daily. For sublingual use only.

Administer the first dose of Odactra in a healthcare setting under the supervision of a physician with experience in the diagnosis and treatment of allergic diseases. After receiving the first dose of Odactra, observe the patient for at least 30 minutes to monitor for signs or symptoms of a severe systemic or a severe local allergic reaction. If the patient tolerates the first dose, the patient may take subsequent doses at home.

REFERENCES

- Odactra [Prescribing Information]. Merck, Sharp & Dohme Corp. Whitehouse Station, NJ. March 2017.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

ALLERGEN EXTRACT-HOUSE DUST MITE

Library	Commercial	NSA
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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ALLERGEN EXTRACT-MIXED GRASS POLLEN

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
GR POL-ORC/SW VER/RYE/KENT/TIM	ORALAIR	39918		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of grass pollen-induced allergic rhinitis that is confirmed by a positive skin prick test and/or a positive titer to specific IgE antibodies for any of the five grass (Sweet Vernal, Orchard, Perennial Rye, Timothy, and Kentucky Blue Grass Mixed Pollens) species included in Oralair?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Was Oralair prescribed or recommended by an allergist, immunologist, or other physician experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of allergic diseases?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Does the patient have persistent and moderate-to-severe symptoms of allergic rhinitis (persistent symptoms are defined as symptoms presenting at least 4 days a week or for at least 4 weeks, and moderate-to-severe symptoms include one or more of the following items: troublesome symptoms, sleep disturbance, impairment of daily activities, or impairment of school or work)?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Does patient have a current claim or prescription for auto-injectable epinephrine?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Is the patient between the ages of 5 and 17 years of age?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for a quantity limit of #3 tablets of 100 IR for the first 2 days of therapy initiation and #1 tablet of 300 IR per day thereafter.**

If no, continue to #6.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ALLERGEN EXTRACT-MIXED GRASS POLLEN

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

6. Is the patient between 18 and 65 years of age?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for a quantity limit of #1 tablet (300 IR) per day.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ALLERGEN EXTRACT-MIXED GRASS POLLEN (Oralair)** requires a diagnosis of grass pollen-induced allergic rhinitis. The following criteria must also be met:

- Diagnosis is confirmed by a positive skin prick test and/or a positive titer to specific IgE antibodies for any of the five grass species included in Oralair (Sweet Vernal, Orchard, Perennial Rye, Timothy, and Kentucky Blue Grass Mixed Pollens)
- Prescribed or recommended by an allergist, immunologist, or other physician experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of allergic diseases
- Presentation of persistent and moderate-to-severe symptoms of allergic rhinitis (persistent symptoms are defined as symptoms presenting at least 4 days a week or for at least 4 weeks, and moderate-to-severe symptoms include one or more of the following items: troublesome symptoms, sleep disturbance, impairment of daily activities, or impairment of school or work)
- Patient is between 5 and 65 years of age
- Patient has a current claim or prescription for auto-injectable epinephrine

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Has the patient experienced an improvement in signs and symptoms of allergic rhinitis from baseline?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for a quantity limit of #1 tablet (300IR or 100 IR) per day.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ALLERGEN EXTRACT-MIXED GRASS POLLEN (Oralair)** requires that the patient has experienced an improvement in signs and symptoms of allergic rhinitis from baseline.

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Oralair.

REFERENCES

- Oralair [Prescribing Information]. Lenoir, NC: GREER Laboratories, Inc., December 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ALLERGEN EXTRACT-SHORT RAGWEED POLLEN

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
WEED POLLEN-SHORT RAGWEED	RAGWITEK	41079		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of ragweed pollen-induced allergic rhinitis that is confirmed by a positive skin prick test or in vitro testing for pollen-specific IgE antibodies for short ragweed pollen?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Was Ragwitek prescribed or recommended by an allergist, immunologist, or other physician experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of allergic diseases?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Does the patient have persistent and moderate-to-severe symptoms of allergic rhinitis (persistent symptoms are defined as symptoms presenting at least 4 days a week or for at least 4 weeks, and moderate-to-severe symptoms include one or more of the following items: troublesome symptoms, sleep disturbance, impairment of daily activities, or impairment of school or work)?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Does patient have a current claim or prescription for auto-injectable epinephrine?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ALLERGEN EXTRACT-SHORT RAGWEED POLLEN

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

5. Is the patient at least 18 years of age?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 tablet (12 Amb a 1-U) per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ALLERGEN EXTRACT-SHORT RAGWEED POLLEN (Ragwitek)** requires a diagnosis of short ragweed pollen-induced allergic rhinitis and a positive skin prick test or in vitro testing for pollen-specific IgE antibodies for short ragweed pollen; product must be prescribed or recommended by an allergist, immunologist, or other physician experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of allergic diseases; presentation of persistent and moderate-to-severe symptoms of allergic rhinitis; age of at least 18 years old; and a current claim or prescription for auto-injectable epinephrine.

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Has the patient experienced an improvement in signs and symptoms of allergic rhinitis from baseline?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 tablet (12 Amb a 1-U) per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ALLERGEN EXTRACT-SHORT RAGWEED POLLEN (Ragwitek)** requires that the patient has experienced an improvement in signs and symptoms of allergic rhinitis from baseline.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

ALLERGEN EXTRACT-SHORT RAGWEED POLLEN

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of Ragwitek based on FDA approved indication, dosage, and guidelines adopted from ARIA (Allergic Rhinitis and its Impact on Asthma).

Ragwitek is a ragweed allergen-specific immunotherapy agent with FDA approval for sublingual use. The approval of oral allergen immunotherapy for allergic rhinitis provides a convenient and safe alternative to customary allergy shots. Ragwitek improves symptoms of allergic rhinoconjunctivitis and reduces use of rescue medication in adults. Allergen immunotherapy should be considered in patients who have persistent and moderate to severe symptoms despite pharmacotherapy, patients who experience intolerable side effects to medications, and those desiring to limit cost burden associated with chronic medication use. According to ARIA guidelines, persistent symptoms are defined as symptoms presenting at least 4 days a week or for at least 4 weeks, and moderate to severe symptoms include one or more of the following items: troublesome symptoms, sleep disturbance, impairment of daily activities, or impairment of school or work.

Side effects are considered mild, with the majority of adverse events involving throat irritation (16.6% Ragwitek, 3.3% placebo), oral pruritus (10.9% Ragwitek, 2.0% placebo), ear pruritus (10.4% Ragwitek, 1.1% placebo), and oral paresthesia (10.1% Ragwitek, 4.0% placebo). One subject (1/1057, 0.1%) who received Ragwitek experienced anaphylaxis which led to discontinuation from the trial. The subject fully recovered after treatment with epinephrine, antihistamines, and oral corticosteroids. There were no reports of death during clinical trials.

Ragwitek has a black box warning that cites the following: Ragwitek can cause life-threatening allergic reactions such as anaphylaxis and severe laryngopharyngeal restriction; Do not administer Ragwitek to patients with severe, unstable or uncontrolled asthma; Observe patients in the office for at least 30 minutes following the initial dose; Prescribe auto-injectable epinephrine, instruct and train patients on its appropriate use, and instruct patients to seek immediate medical care upon its use; Ragwitek may not be suitable for patients with certain underlying medical conditions that may reduce their ability to survive a serious allergic reaction; Ragwitek may not be suitable for patients who may be unresponsive to epinephrine or inhaled bronchodilators, such as those taking beta-blockers.

DOSAGE

For adults 18 through 65 years of age, the dose is 1 tablet (12 Amb a 1-U) daily.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Ragwitek (short ragweed pollen extract) approved and indicated for the treatment of short ragweed pollen-induced allergic rhinitis, with or without conjunctivitis, confirmed by a positive skin prick test or in vitro testing for pollen-specific IgE antibodies for short ragweed pollen in adults 18 years through 65 years of age.

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ALLERGEN EXTRACT-SHORT RAGWEED POLLEN

REFERENCES

- Brozek JL, Bousquet J, Baena-Cagnani CE, Bonini S, Canonica GW, Casale TB, et al. Allergic Rhinitis and Its Impact on Asthma (ARIA) guidelines: 2010 revision. J Allergy Clin Immunol. 2010;126:466–476.
- Merck, Sharp & Dohme Corp. Ragwitek Package Insert. Whitehouse Station, NJ. April 2014.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ALLERGEN EXTRACT-TIMOTHY GRASS POLLEN

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
GRASS POLLEN-TIMOTHY, STD	GRASTEK	22138		ROUTE = SUBLINGUAL

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of grass pollen-induced allergic rhinitis that is confirmed by a positive skin prick test and/or a positive titre to specific IgE antibodies for Timothy grass or cross-reactive grass pollens?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Was Grastek prescribed or recommended by an allergist, immunologist, or other physician experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of allergic diseases?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Does the patient have persistent and moderate-to-severe symptoms of allergic rhinitis (persistent symptoms are defined as symptoms presenting at least 4 days a week or for at least 4 weeks, and moderate-to-severe symptoms include one or more of the following: troublesome symptoms, sleep disturbance, impairment of daily activities, or impairment of school or work)?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Does patient have a current claim or prescription for auto-injectable epinephrine within the past 365 days?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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ALLERGEN EXTRACT-TIMOTHY GRASS POLLEN

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

5. Is the patient at least 5 years of age?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for a quantity limit of #1 tablet (2800 BAU) per day.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ALLERGEN EXTRACT-TIMOTHY GRASS POLLEN (Grastek)** requires a diagnosis of grass pollen-induced allergic rhinitis and a positive skin prick test and/or a positive titre to specific IgE antibodies for Timothy grass or cross-reactive grass pollens; product must be prescribed or recommended by an allergist, immunologist, or other physician experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of allergic diseases; presentation of persistent and moderate-to-severe symptoms of allergic rhinitis; age of at least 5 years old; and a current claim or prescription for auto-injectable epinephrine.

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Has the patient experienced an improvement in signs and symptoms of allergic rhinitis from baseline?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for a quantity limit of #1 tablet (2800 BAU) per day.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ALLERGEN EXTRACT-TIMOTHY GRASS POLLEN (Grastek)** requires that the patient has experienced an improvement in signs and symptoms of allergic rhinitis from baseline.

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of Grastek based on FDA approved indication, dosage, and guidelines adopted from ARIA (Allergic Rhinitis and its Impact on Asthma).

Grastek is a grass allergen-specific immunotherapy agent with FDA approval for sublingual use. The approval of oral allergen immunotherapy for allergic rhinitis provides a convenient and safe alternative to customary allergy shots. Grastek improves symptoms of allergic rhino conjunctivitis and reduces use of rescue medication in adults and children. Allergen immunotherapy should be considered in patients who have persistent and moderate to severe symptoms despite pharmacotherapy, patients who experience intolerable side effects to medications, and those desiring to limit cost burden associated with chronic medication use. According to ARIA guidelines, persistent symptoms are defined as symptoms presenting at least 4 days a week or for at least 4 weeks, and moderate to severe symptoms include of one or more of the following items: troublesome symptoms, sleep disturbance, impairment of daily activities, or impairment of school or work.

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ALLERGEN EXTRACT-TIMOTHY GRASS POLLEN

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Side effects are considered mild, with the majority of adverse events involving oral pruritus (26.7% Grastek, 3.5% placebo), throat irritation (22.6% Grastek, 2.8% placebo), ear pruritus (12.5% Grastek, 1.1% placebo), and mouth edema (11.1% Grastek, 0.8% placebo). There were no reports of death or anaphylaxis during clinical trials.

Grastek has a black box warning that cites the following: Grastek can cause life-threatening allergic reactions such as anaphylaxis and severe laryngopharyngeal edema; Do not administer Grastek to patients with severe, unstable or uncontrolled asthma; Observe patients in the office for at least 30 minutes following the initial dose; Prescribe auto-injectable epinephrine, instruct and train patients on its appropriate use, and instruct patients to seek immediate medical care upon its use; Grastek may not be suitable for patients with certain underlying medical conditions that may reduce their ability to survive a serious allergic reaction; Grastek may not be suitable for patients who may be unresponsive to epinephrine or inhaled bronchodilators, such as those taking beta-blockers.

DOSAGE

For children and adults 5 to 65 years of age, the dose is 1 tablet (2800 BAU) daily.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Grastek (Timothy grass pollen extract) approved and indicated for the treatment of grass pollen-induced allergic rhinitis with or without conjunctivitis confirmed by positive skin test or in vitro testing for pollen-specific IgE antibodies for Timothy grass or cross-reactive grass pollens, in people ages 5 through 65 years.

REFERENCES

- Brozek JL, Bousquet J, Baena-Cagnani CE, Bonini S, Canonica GW, Casale TB, et al. Allergic Rhinitis and Its Impact on Asthma (ARIA) guidelines: 2010 revision. J Allergy Clin Immunol. 2010;126:466–476.
- Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. Grastek Package Insert. Whitehouse Station, NJ. April 2014.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

AMANTADINE EXTENDED RELEASE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
AMANTADINE EXTENDED RELEASE	GOCOVRI		43787	
			43788	
AMANTADINE HCL	OSMOLEX ER		44471	
			44472	
			44473	

**** Please use the criteria for the specific drug requested ****

GUIDELINES FOR USE

GOCOVRI

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of dyskinesia and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease
 - The patient is receiving levodopa-based therapy
 - The patient has had a trial of generic amantadine capsules, tablets or solution

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all the following strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- **68.5mg capsule (GPID 43787): #1 capsule per day.**
- **137mg capsule (GPID 43788): #2 capsules per day.**

If no, do not approve.

GOCOVRI DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **AMANTADINE EXTENDED RELEASE (Gocovri)** requires that patients have a diagnosis of dyskinesia. In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- Patient has a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease
- Patient is receiving levodopa-based therapy
- Patient has had a trial of generic amantadine capsules, tablets or solution

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AMANTADINE EXTENDED RELEASE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

OSMOLEX ER

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease or is an adult being treated for drug-induced extrapyramidal symptoms (EPS) and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The requested medication is being prescribed by or in consultation with a psychiatrist, neurologist, or geriatrician
 - The patient has had a trial of generic amantadine IR capsules, tablets, or solution

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all strengths with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

OSMOLEX ER DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **AMANTADINE EXTENDED RELEASE (Osmolex ER)** requires that patients have a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease, or the patient is an adult being treated for drug-induced extrapyramidal symptoms. In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- The requested medication is being prescribed by or in consultation with a psychiatrist, neurologist, or geriatrician
- The patient has had a trial of generic amantadine IR capsules, tablets or solution

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of AMANTADINE EXTENDED RELEASE based on its FDA approved indication and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Gocovri is indicated for the treatment of dyskinesia in patients with Parkinson's disease receiving levodopa-based therapy, with or without concomitant dopaminergic medications.

Osmolex ER is indicated for the treatment of Parkinson's disease or of drug-induced extrapyramidal reactions in adult patients.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The initial daily dosage of GOCOVRI is 137 mg, administered orally once daily at bedtime. After one week, increase to the recommended dosage of 274 mg (two 137 mg capsules) once daily at bedtime.

The recommended initial dosage of OSMOLEX ER is 129 mg administered orally once daily in the morning. The dosage may be increased in weekly intervals to a maximum daily dose of 322 mg (administered as a 129 mg and 193 mg tablet), taken in the morning.

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AMANTADINE EXTENDED RELEASE

REFERENCES

- Gocovri [Prescribing Information]. Emeryville, CA: Adamas Pharma, LLC. August 2017.
- Osmolex ER [Prescribing Information]. Bridgewater, NJ: Vertical Pharmaceuticals, LLC. May 2018.

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

AMIFAMPRIDINE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
AMIFAMPRIDINE	FIRDAPSE	36930		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of Lambert-Eaton myasthenic syndrome (LEMS) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist or hematologist-oncologist
 - Diagnosis is confirmed by electrodiagnostic studies and/or voltage-gated calcium channel (VGCC) antibody testing **AND** clinical triad of muscle weakness, autonomic dysfunction, and decreased tendon reflexes

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #8 tablets (80mg) per day.**
APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires physician attestation of stabilization in muscle weakness compared to baseline.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **AMIFAMPRIDINE (Firdapse)** requires a diagnosis of Lambert-Eaton myasthenic syndrome (LEMS). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist or hematologist-oncologist
- Diagnosis is confirmed by electrodiagnostic studies and/or voltage-gated calcium channel (VGCC) antibody testing **AND** clinical triad of muscle weakness, autonomic dysfunction, and decreased tendon reflexes

RENEWAL CRITERIA

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of Lambert-Eaton myasthenic syndrome (LEMS) and meet the following criterion?
 - Physician attestation of improvement or stabilization in muscle weakness compared to baseline

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #8 tablets (80mg) per day.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **AMIFAMPRIDINE (Firdapse)** requires a diagnosis of Lambert-Eaton myasthenic syndrome (LEMS). In addition, the following criterion must be met:

- Physician attestation of improvement or stabilization in muscle weakness compared to baseline

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AMIFAMPRIDINE

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Firdapse.

REFERENCES

- Firdapse [Prescribing Information]. Coral Gables, FL: Catalyst Pharmaceuticals, Inc: November 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

AMIKACIN LIPOSOMAL INHALATION

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
AMIKACIN LIPOSOMAL/NEB. ACCESSR	ARIKAYCE	45298		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA, SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of *Mycobacterium avium complex* (MAC) lung disease with limited or no alternative treatment options and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient has **NOT** achieved negative sputum cultures after a minimum of 6 consecutive months of multidrug background regimen therapy
 - Arikayce will be used as part of a combination antibacterial drug regimen
 - Arikayce is being prescribed by or in consultation with a pulmonologist or infectious disease specialist physician

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 vial (590mg/8.4mL) per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires the patient has not had a positive MAC sputum culture after consecutive negative cultures and physician attestation of improvement in symptoms. Additionally, for first renewal requests, approval requires documentation of at least one negative sputum culture for MAC by six months of Arikayce treatment. For second and subsequent renewal requests, approval requires documentation of at least three negative sputum cultures for MAC by 12 months of Arikayce treatment.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **AMIKACIN LIPOSOMAL INHALATION (Arikayce)** requires a diagnosis of *Mycobacterium avium complex* (MAC) lung disease with limited or no alternative treatment options. In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has NOT achieved negative sputum cultures after a minimum of 6 consecutive months of multidrug background regimen therapy
- Arikayce will be used as part of a combination antibacterial drug regimen
- Arikayce is being prescribed by or in consultation with a pulmonologist or infectious disease specialist physician

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AMIKACIN LIPOSOMAL INHALATION

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Is the request for the first renewal of Arikayce for the treatment of patients with a diagnosis of *Mycobacterium avium complex* (MAC) lung disease and the patient meets **ALL** of the following criteria?

- There is documentation of at least **ONE** negative sputum culture for MAC by 6 months of Arikayce treatment
- The patient has **NOT** had a positive MAC sputum culture after consecutive negative cultures
- Physician attestation of improvement in symptoms

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 vial (590mg/8.4mL) per day.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Is the request for the second or subsequent renewal of Arikayce for treatment of patients with a diagnosis of *Mycobacterium avium complex* (MAC) lung disease and the patient meets **ALL** of the following criteria?

- There is documentation of at least **THREE** negative sputum cultures for MAC by 12 months of Arikayce treatment
- The patient has **NOT** had a positive MAC sputum culture after consecutive negative cultures
- Physician attestation of improvement in symptoms

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 vial (590mg/8.4mL) per day.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **AMIKACIN LIPOSOMAL INHALATION (Arikayce)** requires the diagnosis of *Mycobacterium avium complex* (MAC) lung disease for renewal. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient has not had a positive MAC sputum culture after consecutive negative cultures
- Physician attestation of improvement in symptoms
- The patient meets ONE of the following:
 - For first requests for renewal, approval requires:
 - There is documentation of at least ONE negative sputum culture for MAC by 6 months of Arikayce treatment
 - For second or subsequent requests for renewal, approval requires:
 - There is documentation of at least THREE negative sputum cultures for MAC by 12 months of Arikayce treatment

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AMIKACIN LIPOSOMAL INHALATION

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Arikayce.

REFERENCES

- Arikayce [Prescribing information]. Bridgewater, NJ: Insmmed Incorporated; September 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

AMPHETAMINE SULFATE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
AMPHETAMINE SULFATE	EVEKEO	02064		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of narcolepsy and meets the following criteria?

- Age \geq 6 years old

If yes, **approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of #180 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of attention deficit disorder with hyperactivity and meets all the following criteria?

- Age \geq 3 years old
- Previous trial of at least one of the following stimulant medications: mixed amphetamine salts (Adderall IR), methylphenidate (Ritalin IR), dextroamphetamine (Dexedrine)

If yes, **approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of #120 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the requested medication being use for weight loss or exogenous obesity?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Are weight loss products (anti-obesity medications) a covered benefit?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, guideline does not apply for plans that exclude treatment of obesity.

5. Is this an initial request (per MRF and claims history)?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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AMPHETAMINE SULFATE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

6. Has the patient met all of the following criteria?

- Age \geq 12 years old
- Previous trial of other weight loss medications (e.g., Contrave, Belviq, Qsymia, Xenical, phentermine, phendimetrazine, benzphetamine, diethylpropion)

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks with a quantity limit of #90 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **AMPHETAMINE SULFATE** requires a diagnosis of narcolepsy, attention deficit disorder with hyperactivity, or use for weight loss or exogenous obesity. The approval of Evekeo for use as a short-term adjunct in a regimen of weight reduction is for a maximum duration of 12 weeks. Additional guideline requirements apply.

For narcolepsy, approval requires:

- Patient must be 6 years or older.

For attention deficit disorder with hyperactivity, approval requires:

- Patient must be 3 years or older **AND**
- Previous trial of at least one of the following stimulant medications: mixed amphetamine salts (Adderall IR), methylphenidate (Ritalin IR), dextroamphetamine (Dexedrine)

For weight loss or exogenous obesity, approval requires:

- Patient must be 12 years or older **AND**
- Previous trial of other weight loss medications (e.g., Contrave, Belviq, Qsymia, Xenical, phentermine, phendimetrazine, benzphetamine, diethylpropion).

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of amphetamine sulfate based on FDA approved indication.

Evekeo is a re-introduction of amphetamine sulfate, which was originally approved in 1976 and marketed under the brand name Benzedrine. Evekeo is approved to treat narcolepsy, attention deficit disorder with hyperactivity and exogenous obesity (defined as the excess consumption of food than an individual's activity level requires, leading to increased body fat storage). For weight loss, it is indicated for short-term (few weeks) use in patients who have failed to lose weight with diet, exercise, and other adjunct weight loss products (e.g., other approved medications for weight loss).

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AMPHETAMINE SULFATE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE

Narcolepsy: 5 to 60mg per day in divided doses depending on the individual patient response. Narcolepsy seldom occurs in children under 12 years of age; however, when it does Evekeo may be used.

Ages 6-12 years old: 5mg daily; daily dose may be raised in increments of 5mg at weekly intervals until optimal response obtained.

Ages 12 years and older: start with 10mg daily; daily dosage may be raised in increments of 10mg at weekly intervals until optimal response is obtained.

Give the first dose on awakening; additional doses (5 or 10mg) at intervals of 4 to 6 hours.

Attention Deficit Disorder with Hyperactivity: not recommended for children under 3 years of age. Ages 3-5 years old: start with 2.5mg daily; daily dosage may be raised in increments of 2.5mg at weekly intervals until optimal response is obtained.

Ages 6 years and older: start with 5mg once or twice daily; daily dosage may be raised in increments of 5mg at weekly intervals until optimal response is obtained. Only in rare cases will it be necessary to exceed a total of 40mg per day.

With tablets give first dose on awakening; additional doses (1 to 2) at intervals of 4 to 6 hours.

Exogenous obesity: usual doses is up to 30mg daily, taken in divided doses of 5 to 10mg, 30-60 minutes before meals. Not recommended for this use in children under 12 years of age.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

- Narcolepsy
- Attention Deficit Disorder with Hyperactivity
- Exogenous Obesity as a short term (a few weeks) adjunct in a regimen of weight reduction based on caloric restriction for patients refractory to alternative therapy, e.g., repeated diets, group programs, and other drugs.

REFERENCES

- Evekeo [Prescribing Information]. Atlanta, GA: Arbor Pharmaceuticals LLC; April 2014.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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ANABOLIC STEROIDS

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
OXYMETHOLONE	ANADROL-50	01409		ROUTE ≠ MISCELL.
OXANDROLONE	OXANDRIN	01412		ROUTE ≠ MISCELL.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

ANADROL

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia and meets the following criteria?
 - Anemia caused by one of the following conditions: acquired aplastic anemia, congenital aplastic anemia, myelofibrosis and the hypoplastic anemias, or Fanconi's anemia
 - Patient does **not** have any of the following contraindications to anabolic steroid therapy:
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the prostate or breast in male patients
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the breast in females with hypercalcemia
 - Known or suspected nephrosis (the nephrotic phase of nephritis)
 - Known or suspected hypercalcemia
 - Severe hepatic dysfunction
 - Patient will be monitored for peliosis hepatis, liver cell tumors and blood lipid changes

If yes, **approve for 6 months.**

If no, continue to #2.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ANABOLIC STEROIDS

INITIAL CRITERIA - ANADROL (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of cachexia associated with AIDS and meets the following criteria?
- Patient on anti-retroviral therapy
 - Documented viral load (with date) of less than 200 copies per mL within the past 3 months
 - Prescribed by or in consultation with one of the following specialist: Gastroenterologist, Nutritional Support Specialist (SBS) or Infectious Disease Specialist
 - One of the following criteria must be met:
 - 10% unintentional weight loss over 12 months, **or**
 - 7.5% unintentional weight loss over 6 months, **or**
 - 5% body cell mass (BCM) loss within 6 months, **or**
 - BCM less than 35% (men) and a body mass index (BMI) less than 27 kg per meter squared, **or**
 - BCM less than 23% (women) of total body weight and a body mass index (BMI) less than 27 kg per meter squared, **or**
 - BMI less than 18.5 kg per meter squared
 - Patient does **not** have any of the following contraindications to anabolic steroid therapy:
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the prostate or breast in male patients
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the breast in females with hypercalcemia
 - Known or suspected nephrosis (the nephrotic phase of nephritis)
 - Known or suspected hypercalcemia
 - Severe hepatic dysfunction
 - Patient will be monitored for peliosis hepatis, liver cell tumors and blood lipid changes

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **ANABOLIC STEROIDS-ANADROL** requires one of the following diagnoses: anemia or cachexia associated with AIDS. Additional guideline requirements apply.

For the diagnosis of anemia, approval requires:

- Anemia caused by one of the following conditions: acquired aplastic anemia, congenital aplastic anemia, myelofibrosis and the hypoplastic anemias, or Fanconi's anemia
 - Patient does not have any of the following contraindications to anabolic steroid therapy:
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the prostate or breast in male patients
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the breast in females with hypercalcemia
 - Known or suspected nephrosis (the nephrotic phase of nephritis)
 - Known or suspected hypercalcemia
 - Severe hepatic dysfunction
 - Patient will be monitored for peliosis hepatis, liver cell tumors and blood lipid changes
- (Anadrol denial text continued on next page)***

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ANABOLIC STEROIDS

INITIAL CRITERIA - ANADROL (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of cachexia associated with AIDS, approval requires:

- Patient on anti-retroviral therapy
- Documented viral load (with date) of less than 200 copies per mL within the past 3 months
- Prescribed by or in consultation with one of the following specialist: gastroenterologist, nutritional support specialist (SBS) or infectious disease specialist
- One of the following criteria must be met:
 - 10% unintentional weight loss over 12 months, **or**
 - 7.5% unintentional weight loss over 6 months, **or**
 - 5% body cell mass (BCM) loss within 6 months, **or**
 - BCM less than 35% (men) and a body mass index (BMI) less than 27 kg per meter squared, **or**
 - BCM less than 23% (women) of total body weight and a body mass index (BMI) less than 27 kg per meter squared, **or**
 - BMI less than 18.5 kg per meter squared
- Patient does not have any of the following contraindications to anabolic steroid therapy:
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the prostate or breast in male patients
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the breast in females with hypercalcemia
 - Known or suspected nephrosis (the nephrotic phase of nephritis)
 - Known or suspected hypercalcemia
 - Severe hepatic dysfunction
- Patient will be monitored for peliosis hepatis, liver cell tumors and blood lipid changes

OXANDRIN

1. Is the request for adjunctive therapy to promote weight gain and the patient meets the following criteria?
 - Weight loss due to one of the following conditions: extensive surgery, chronic infections, or severe trauma
 - Patient does not have any of the following contraindications to anabolic steroid therapy:
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the prostate or breast in male patients
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the breast in females with hypercalcemia
 - Known or suspected nephrosis (the nephrotic phase of nephritis)
 - Known or suspected hypercalcemia
 - Severe hepatic dysfunction
 - Patient will be monitored for peliosis hepatis, liver cell tumors and blood lipid changes

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks.**

If no, continue to #2.

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ANABOLIC STEROIDS

INITIAL CRITERIA - OXANDRIN (CONTINUED)

2. Is the request for adjunctive therapy to offset the protein catabolism associated with prolonged administration of corticosteroids and the patient meets the following criteria?

- Patient does not have any of the following contraindications to anabolic steroid therapy:
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the prostate or breast in male patients
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the breast in females with hypercalcemia
 - Known or suspected nephrosis (the nephrotic phase of nephritis)
 - Known or suspected hypercalcemia
 - Severe hepatic dysfunction
- Patient will be monitored for peliosis hepatis, liver cell tumors and blood lipid changes

If yes, **approve for 6 months.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the request for the relief of the bone pain accompanying osteoporosis and the patient meets the following criteria?

- Patient does not have any of the following contraindications to anabolic steroid therapy:
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the prostate or breast in male patients
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the breast in females with hypercalcemia
 - Known or suspected nephrosis (the nephrotic phase of nephritis)
 - Known or suspected hypercalcemia
 - Severe hepatic dysfunction
- Patient will be monitored for peliosis hepatis, liver cell tumors and blood lipid changes

If yes, **approve for 6 months.**

If no, continue to #4.

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ANABOLIC STEROIDS

INITIAL CRITERIA - OXANDRIN (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of cachexia associated with AIDS and meets the following criteria?
- Patient on anti-retroviral therapy
 - Documented viral load (with date) of less than 200 copies per mL within the past 3 months
 - Prescribed by or in consultation with one of the following specialist: Gastroenterologist, Nutritional Support Specialist (SBS) or Infectious Disease Specialist
 - One of the following criteria must be met:
 - 10% unintentional weight loss over 12 months, **or**
 - 7.5% unintentional weight loss over 6 months, **or**
 - 5% body cell mass (BCM) loss within 6 months, **or**
 - BCM less than 35% (men) and a body mass index (BMI) less than 27 kg per meter squared, **or**
 - BCM less than 23% (women) of total body weight and a body mass index (BMI) less than 27 kg per meter squared, **or**
 - BMI less than 18.5 kg per meter squared
 - Patient does not have any of the following contraindications to anabolic steroid therapy:
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the prostate or breast in male patients
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the breast in females with hypercalcemia
 - Known or suspected nephrosis (the nephrotic phase of nephritis)
 - Known or suspected hypercalcemia
 - Severe hepatic dysfunction
 - Patient will be monitored for peliosis hepatis, liver cell tumors and blood lipid changes

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks.**

If no, continue to #4.

5. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Turner's Syndrome and meets all the following criteria?
- Patient does not have any of the following contraindications to anabolic steroid therapy:
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the prostate or breast in male patients
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the breast in females with hypercalcemia
 - Known or suspected nephrosis (the nephrotic phase of nephritis)
 - Known or suspected hypercalcemia
 - Severe hepatic dysfunction
 - Patient will be monitored for peliosis hepatis, liver cell tumors and blood lipid changes

If yes, **approve for 6 months.**

If no, do not approve.

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ANABOLIC STEROIDS

INITIAL CRITERIA - OXANDRIN (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **ANABOLIC STEROIDS-OXANDRIN** requires one of the following diagnoses: weight loss, protein catabolism associated with prolonged administration of corticosteroids, bone pain accompanying osteoporosis, cachexia associated with AIDS, or Turner's Syndrome. Additional guideline requirements apply.

For the diagnosis of weight loss, approval requires:

- Weight loss due to one of the following conditions: extensive surgery, chronic infections, or severe trauma
- Use as adjunctive therapy to promote weight gain
- Patient does not have any of the following contraindications to anabolic steroid therapy:
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the prostate or breast in male patients
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the breast in females with hypercalcemia
 - Known or suspected nephrosis (the nephrotic phase of nephritis)
 - Known or suspected hypercalcemia
 - Severe hepatic dysfunction
- Patient will be monitored for peliosis hepatis, liver cell tumors and blood lipid changes

For the diagnosis of protein catabolism associated with prolonged administration of corticosteroids, bone pain accompanying osteoporosis, or Turner's Syndrome, approval requires:

- Patient does not have any of the following contraindications to anabolic steroid therapy:
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the prostate or breast in male patients
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the breast in females with hypercalcemia
 - Known or suspected nephrosis (the nephrotic phase of nephritis)
 - Known or suspected hypercalcemia
 - Severe hepatic dysfunction
- Patient will be monitored for peliosis hepatis, liver cell tumors and blood lipid changes

For the diagnosis of cachexia associated with AIDS, approval requires:

- Patient on anti-retroviral therapy
- Documented viral load (with date) of less than 200 copies per mL within the past 3 months
- Prescribed by or in consultation with one of the following specialist: gastroenterologist, nutritional support specialist (SBS) or infectious disease specialist
- One of the following criteria must be met:
 - 10% unintentional weight loss over 12 months, **or**
 - 7.5% unintentional weight loss over 6 months, **or**
 - 5% body cell mass (BCM) loss within 6 months, **or**
 - In men: BCM < 35% of total body weight and body mass index (BMI) < 27kg/m(2), **or**
 - In women: BCM < 23% of total body weight and BMI < 27kg/m(2), **or**
 - BMI < 18.5 kg/m(2)

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ANABOLIC STEROIDS

INITIAL CRITERIA - OXANDRIN (CONTINUED)

- Patient does not have any of the following contraindications to anabolic steroid therapy:
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the prostate or breast in male patients
 - Known or suspected carcinoma of the breast in females with hypercalcemia
 - Known or suspected nephrosis (the nephrotic phase of nephritis)
 - Known or suspected hypercalcemia
 - Severe hepatic dysfunction
- Patient will be monitored for peliosis hepatis, liver cell tumors and blood lipid changes

RENEWAL CRITERIA

OXANDRIN and ANADROL

1. Is the request for cachexia associated with AIDS and the patient meets all the following criteria?
 - Patient is on anti-retroviral therapy
 - Patient's viral load is less than 200 copies per mL within the past 3 months
 - Patient has responded to therapy as measured by at least a 10% increase in weight from baseline (current weight must have been measured within the last 4 weeks, document date of measurement)
 - Patient has not received more than 24 weeks of therapy in calendar year

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks.** (Note: therapy is limited to 24 weeks per calendar year.)

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **ANABOLIC STEROIDS** renewal requires the diagnoses of cachexia associated with AIDS. The following criteria must also be met:

- Patient is on anti-retroviral therapy
- Patient's viral load is less than 200 copies per mL within the past 3 months
- Patient has responded to therapy as measured by at least a 10% increase in weight from baseline (current weight must have been measured within the last 4 weeks, document date of measurement)
- Patient has not received more than 24 weeks of therapy in calendar year

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ANABOLIC STEROIDS

RATIONALE

To cover oxandrolone or oxymetholone for FDA approved indications and the following compendia indication: HIV wasting syndrome or HIV related cachexia.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Anadrol®-50 Tablets is indicated in the treatment of anemias caused by deficient red cell production. Acquired aplastic anemia, congenital aplastic anemia, myelofibrosis and the hypoplastic anemias due to the administration of myelotoxic drugs often respond. Anadrol®-50 Tablets should not replace other supportive measures such as transfusion, correction of iron, folic acid, vitamin B12 or pyridoxine deficiency, antibacterial therapy and the appropriate use of corticosteroids.

Oxandrin is indicated as adjunctive therapy to promote weight gain after weight loss following extensive surgery, chronic infections, or severe trauma, and in some patients who without definite pathophysiologic reasons fail to gain or to maintain normal weight, to offset the protein catabolism associated with prolonged administration of corticosteroids, and for the relief of the bone pain frequently accompanying osteoporosis

Compendia uses include (but not limited):

- Anadrol-50 (oxymetholone): Cachexia associated with AIDS & Fanconi's Anemia
- Oxandrin (oxandrolone): Cachexia associated with AIDS & Turner's Syndrome

DOSAGE

Anadrol-50

The recommended daily dose in children and adults is 1-5 mg/kg of body weight per day. The usual effective dose is 1-2 mg/kg/day but higher doses may be required, and the dose should be individualized. Response is not often immediate, and a minimum trial of three to six months should be given. Following remission, some patients may be maintained without the drug; others may be maintained on an established lower daily dosage. A continued maintenance dose is usually necessary in patients with congenital aplastic anemia.

Oxandrin: Therapy with anabolic steroids is adjunctive to and not a replacement for conventional therapy. The duration of therapy with Oxandrin (oxandrolone) will depend on the response of the patient and the possible appearance of adverse reactions. Therapy should be intermittent.

Adults: The response of individuals to anabolic steroids varies. The daily adult dosage is 2.5 mg to 20 mg given in 2 to 4 divided doses. The desired response may be achieved with as little as 2.5 mg or as much as 20 mg daily. A course of therapy of 2 to 4 weeks is usually adequate. This may be repeated intermittently as indicated.

Children: For children the total daily dosage of Oxandrin is ≤ 0.1 mg per kilogram body weight or ≤ 0.045 mg per pound of body weight. This may be repeated intermittently as indicated.

Geriatric Use: Recommended dose for geriatric patients is 5 mg bid.

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ANABOLIC STEROIDS

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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ANAKINRA

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ANAKINRA	KINERET	22953		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Actemra, Enbrel, Humira, Xeljanz (IR/XR) [**NOTE:** Pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #28 syringes per 28 days.**
APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.
 If no, continue to #2.

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of Neonatal-Onset Multisystem Inflammatory Disease (NOMID) Cryopyrin-Associated Periodic Syndromes (CAPS)?

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL.**
 If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ANAKINRA (Kineret)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis or Neonatal-Onset Multisystem Inflammatory Disease (NOMID) Cryopyrin-Associated Periodic Syndromes (CAPS). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For patients with moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis, approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Actemra, Enbrel, Humira, Xeljanz (IR/XR)

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ANAKINRA

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

The use of pharmaceutical samples (from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program) will not be considered when evaluating the medical condition or prior prescription history for drugs that require prior authorization.

RENEWAL CRITERIA

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #28 syringes per 28 days.**
If no, continue to #2.

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of Neonatal-Onset Multisystem Inflammatory Disease (NOMID) Cryopyrin-Associated Periodic Syndromes (CAPS)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**
If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ANAKINRA (Kineret)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis or Neonatal-Onset Multisystem Inflammatory Disease (NOMID) Cryopyrin-Associated Periodic Syndromes (CAPS) for renewal. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis, approval requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Kineret.

REFERENCES

- Kineret [Prescribing Information]. SE-112 76 Stockholm, Sweden: Swedish Orphan Biovitrum AB (publ); June 2018.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ANTIMIGRAINE AGENTS

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ALMOTRIPTAN	AXERT	21894		
ELETRIPTAN HBR	RELPAX	23093		
FROVATRIPTAN SUCCINATE	FROVA	22988		
NARATRIPTAN HCL	AMERGE	13266		
RIZATRIPTAN BENZOATE	MAXALT, MAXALT MLT	18535		
SUMATRIPTAN	IMITREX NASAL SPRAY	12779		
SUMATRIPTAN SUCCINATE	ALSUMA, IMITREX, SUMAVEL DOSEPRO	06587		
SUMATRIPTAN SUCC/NAPROXEN SOD	TREXIMET	35534		
ZOLMITRIPTAN	ZOMIG, ZOMIG ZMT	12958		

These agents have quantity restrictions in place. If the following criteria are met, an increased quantity beyond the quantity restrictions can be given:

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the requested medication rejecting for nonformulary?

If yes, this guideline does not apply. **Note:** Follow nonformulary procedure.
If no, continue to #2.

2. Is the requested medication rejecting for step therapy not met?

If yes, this guideline does not apply. **Note:** Follow step therapy procedure.
If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the request for a quantity limit override?

If yes, continue to #4
If no, this guideline does not apply. Forward to Clinical for Review.

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ANTIMIGRAINE AGENTS

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

4. Has the member currently tried/failed or have a contraindication to one of the following medications used for prophylactic migraine treatment?
- a. Calcium Channel Blockers: (nifedipine and verapamil)
 - b. Beta-Blockers: (propranolol, metoprolol, atenolol, timolol and nadolol)
 - c. Tricyclic Antidepressants: (amitriptyline, trazodone and nortriptyline)
 - d. Anticonvulsants: (divalproex sodium, carbamazepine, gabapentin, topiramate, valproic acid etc.)

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. **Approve for 12 months with quantity limit below per month:**

- **ALSUMA (SUMATRIPTAN):** #8 auto-injectors
- **AMERGE (NARATRIPTAN):** #18 tablets
- **AXERT (ALMOTRIPTAN):** #24 tablets
- **FROVA (FROVATRIPTAN):** #18 tablets
- **IMITREX (SUMATRIPTAN):** #18 tablets
#24 for 5mg or 20mg nasal sprays
#8 vial/cartridge/pen
- **MAXALT OR MAXALT MLT (RIZATRIPTAN):** #18 tablets
- **RELPAX (ELETRIPTAN):** #24 tablets
- **SUMAVEL DOSEPRO (SUMATRIPTAN):** #8 syringes
- **TREXIMET (SUMATRIPTAN/NAPROXEN):** #18 tablets
- **ZOMIG OR ZOMIG ZMT (ZOLMITRIPTAN):** #24 tablets
#24 nasal sprays

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **ANTIMIGRAINE AGENTS** requires a trial of a formulary prophylactic migraine agent such as calcium channel blockers, beta blockers, tricyclic antidepressants, or anticonvulsants.

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate utilization of abortive migraine therapy and limit occurrence of rebound headache.

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ANTIMIGRAINE AGENTS

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Treatment of migraine headache with or without aura (all triptans), treatment of cluster headache (Imitrex injection).

REFERENCES

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ANTI-OBESITY AGENTS

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
NALTREXONE HCL/BUPROPION HCL	CONTRAVE ER	41389		
LORCASERIN HCL	BELVIQ, BELVIQ XR	40373		
PHENTERMINE/TOPIRAMATE	QSYMIA	39347		
LIRAGLUTIDE	SAXENDA		37637	
ORLISTAT	XENICAL		95213	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Are weight loss products (anti-obesity medications) a covered benefit?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, guideline does not apply.

2. Is the request for weight loss or weight management and does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has **ONE** of the following:
 - Body mass index (BMI) of 30 kg/m² or greater **OR**
 - BMI of 27 kg/m² or greater **AND** at least one weight-related comorbidity (e.g., hypertension, type 2 diabetes mellitus, or hyperlipidemia)
- Evidence of active enrollment in an exercise and caloric reduction program or a weight loss/behavioral modification program

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Is the request for **Contrave AND** the patient is 18 years of age or older?

If yes, **approve for a total of 4 months by HICL as follows:**

- **FIRST APPROVAL: #70 tablets for 1 month.**
- **SECOND APPROVAL: #4 tablets per day for 3 months with a start date of one day after the end date of the first approval.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for Contrave requires the patient has lost at least 5% of baseline body weight after 3 months of treatment at the maintenance dose (two 8/90mg tablets twice daily).

If no, continue to #4.

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ANTI-OBESITY AGENTS

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

4. Is the request for **Xenical**?

If yes, **approve for a total of 3 months by GPID (95213) with a quantity limit of #3 capsules per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for Xenical requires the patient has lost at least 5% of baseline body weight after 3 months of treatment.

If no, continue to #5.

5. Is the request for **Belviq, Belviq XR, or Qsymia** and does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has had a previous trial of or contraindication to Contrave
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve the requested agent as follows:**

- **QSYMIA: Please enter two authorizations by GPID as follows:**
 - **QSYMIA 3.75/23mg (GPID 32515): #1 capsule per day for 2 weeks.**
 - **QSYMIA 7.5/46mg (GPID 32744): #1 capsule per day for 3 months with a start date of one day after the end date of the first authorization.**
- **BELVIQ (GPID 34744): Approve for 3 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**
- **BELVIQ XR (GPID 41868): Approve for 3 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for Belviq or Belviq XR requires the patient has lost at least 5% of baseline body weight after 3 months of treatment. Renewal for Qsymia 7.5/46mg and 15/92mg requires the patient to have lost 3% and 5%, respectively, of baseline body weight after 3 months of treatment.

If no, continue to #6.

6. Is the request for **Saxenda** and does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is **NOT** currently taking a GLP-1 receptor agonist (e.g., Victoza, Byetta, Bydureon, Tanzeum)
- The patient has had a previous trial of or contraindication to Contrave
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 4 months by GPID (37637) with a quantity limit of #15mL per 30 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for Saxenda requires the patient has lost at least 4% of baseline body weight after 4 months of treatment.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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ANTI-OBESITY AGENTS

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ANTI-OBESITY AGENTS (Contrave, Belviq, Belviq XR, Qsymia, Saxenda, Xenical)** requires an indication of weight loss or weight loss management. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient has **ONE** of the following:
 - Body mass index (BMI) of 30 kg/m² or greater **OR**
 - BMI of 27 kg/m² or greater **AND** at least one weight-related comorbidity (e.g., hypertension, type 2 diabetes mellitus, or hyperlipidemia)
- Evidence of active enrollment in an exercise and caloric reduction program or a weight loss/behavioral modification program

Requests for Contrave, approval also requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older

Requests for Belviq, Belviq XR, or Qsymia, approval also requires:

- The patient has had a previous trial of or contraindication to Contrave
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

Requests for Saxenda, approval also requires:

- The patient is **NOT** currently taking a GLP-1 receptor agonist (e.g., Victoza, Byetta, Bydureon, Tanzeum)
- The patient has had a previous trial of or contraindication to Contrave
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Is the request for weight loss or weight management?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the request for **Saxenda AND** does the patient meet the following criterion?

- The patient lost at least 4% of baseline body weight after 4 months of treatment

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (37637) with a quantity limit of #15mL per 30 days.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the request for **Xenical AND** does the patient meet the following criterion?

- The patient lost at least 5% of baseline body weight after 3 months of treatment

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (95213) with a quantity limit of #3 capsules per day.**

If no, continue to #4.

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ANTI-OBESITY AGENTS

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

4. Is the request for **Belviq AND** does the patient meet the following criterion?

- The patient lost at least 5% of baseline body weight after 3 months of treatment

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (34744) with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #5.

5. Is the request for **Belviq XR AND** does the patient meet the following criterion?

- The patient lost at least 5% of baseline body weight after 3 months of treatment

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (41868) with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**

If no, continue to #6.

6. Is the request for **Contrave AND** does the patient meet the following criterion?

- The patient lost at least 5% of baseline body weight after 3 months of treatment at the maintenance dose (two 8/90mg tablets twice daily)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #7.

7. Is the request for **Qsymia 7.5/46mg AND** does the patient meet the following criterion?

- The patient lost at least 3% of baseline body weight on Qsymia after at least 3 months of treatment

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (32744) with a quantity limit of #1 capsule per day.**

If no, continue to #8.

8. Is the request for dose escalation to **Qsymia 11.25/69mg** for 2 weeks, followed by **Qsymia 15/92mg**?

If yes, **approve and enter two authorizations by GPID as follows:**

- **QSYMIA 11.25/69mg (GPID 32746): #1 capsule per day for 2 weeks.**
- **QSYMIA 15/92mg (GPID 32745): #1 capsule per day for 3 months with a start date of one day after the end date of the first authorization.**

If no, continue to #9.

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ANTI-OBESITY AGENTS

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

9. Is the request for continuation of therapy after at least 12 weeks on **Qsymia 15/92mg** **AND** does the patient meet the following criterion?
- The patient lost at least 5% of baseline body weight after 3 months of treatment

If yes, **approve QSYMIA 15/92mg for 12 months by GPID (32745) for #1 capsule per day.** If no, do not approve. Please enter a partial approval for one fill of Qsymia by HICL up to #4 capsules total to taper dose in order to discontinue therapy.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ANTI-OBESITY AGENTS (Contrave, Belviq, Belviq XR, Qsymia, Saxenda)** requires an indication of weight loss or weight management. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

Requests for Saxenda, approval requires:

- The patient lost at least 4% of baseline body weight after 4 months of treatment

Requests for Xenical, approval requires:

- The patient lost at least 5% of baseline body weight after 3 months of treatment

Requests for Belviq or Belviq XR, approval requires:

- The patient lost at least 5% of baseline body weight after 3 months of treatment

Requests for Contrave, approval requires:

- The patient lost at least 5% of baseline body weight after 3 months of treatment at the maintenance dose (two 8/90mg tablets twice daily)

Requests for continuation of therapy with Qsymia 7.5/46mg approval requires:

- The patient lost at least 3% of baseline body weight after 3 months of treatment at the requested maintenance dose. The dose should be escalated or discontinued if patient has not lost at least 3% of baseline body weight after 3 months of treatment

Requests for continuation of therapy with Qsymia 15/92mg approval requires:

- The patient lost at least 5% of baseline body weight after 3 months of treatment at the requested maintenance dose

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for the requested Anti-Obesity agent.

REFERENCES

- Belviq [Prescribing Information]. Woodcliff, NJ Eisai, Inc.; May 2017.
- Belviq XR [Prescribing Information]. Woodcliff, NJ: Eisai, Inc.; May 2017.
- Contrave [Prescribing Information]. La Jolla, CA: Orexigen Therapeutics, Inc.; June 2018.
- Qsymia [Prescribing Information]. Mountain View, CA: Vivus, Inc.; March 2018.
- Saxenda [Prescribing Information]. Plainsboro, NJ Novo Nordisk, Inc.; October 2018.
- Xenical [Prescribing Information]. Greifswald, Germany CHEPLAPHARM Arzneimittel GmbH; January 2018.

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ANTI-OBESITY AGENTS

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 04/15/19

Created: 10/14

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P&T Approval: 01/19



**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

APALUTAMIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
APALUTAMIDE	ERLEADA	44773		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of non-metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer **AND** meet the following criteria?

- The patient has high risk prostate cancer (i.e., rapidly increasing prostate specific antigen [PSA] levels)

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Has the patient previously received a bilateral orchiectomy?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the requested medication being used concurrently with a gonadotropin releasing hormone agonist or antagonist (i.e., leuprolide, goserelin, histrelin, degarelix)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **APALUTAMIDE (Erleada)** requires a diagnosis of non-metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer. In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- The patient has high risk prostate cancer (i.e., rapidly increasing prostate specific antigen [PSA] levels)
- The requested medication will be used concurrently with a gonadotropin releasing hormone agonist or antagonist (i.e., leuprolide, goserelin, histrelin, degarelix) **OR** the patient has previously received a bilateral orchiectomy

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APALUTAMIDE

RATIONALE

To promote appropriate utilization of ERLEADA based on FDA approved indication and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Erleada is an androgen receptor inhibitor indicated for the treatment of patients with non-metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer.

DOSAGE & ADMINISTRATION

Erleada 240 mg (four 60 mg tablets) administered orally once daily. Swallow tablets whole. Erleada can be taken with or without food.

Patients should also receive a gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) analog concurrently or should have had bilateral orchiectomy.

REFERENCES

- Erleada [Prescribing Information]. Horsham, PA: Janssen. February 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 07/01//18

Created: 05/18

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

APOMORPHINE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
APOMORPHINE	APOKYN		42078	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of advanced Parkinson's disease and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Apokyn is being used for the acute, intermittent treatment of hypomobility, OFF episodes associated with advanced Parkinson's disease
 - Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist
 - The physician has optimized drug therapy as evidenced by **BOTH** of the following:
 - Change in levodopa/carbidopa dosing strategy or formulation
 - Trial of or contraindication to at least **TWO** Parkinson disease agents from two different classes: dopamine agonist (i.e., ropinirole, pramipexole, rotigotine), monoamine oxidase-inhibitors (MAO-I) (i.e., selegiline, rasagiline), catechol-O-methyl transferase (COMT) inhibitors (i.e., entacapone, tolcapone)

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID (42078) with a quantity limit of #60mL (20 cartridges) per month.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Physician attestation of patient improvement with motor fluctuations during OFF episodes with the use of Apokyn (e.g., improvement in speech, facial expression, tremor at rest, action or postural tremor of hands, rigidity, finger taps, hand movements, rapid alternating movements of hands, posture, leg agility, arising from chair)

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **APOMORPHINE (Apokyn)** requires a diagnosis of advanced Parkinson's disease. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- Apokyn is being used for the acute, intermittent treatment of hypomobility, OFF episodes associated with advanced Parkinson's disease
- Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist
- The physician has optimized drug therapy as evidenced by **BOTH** of the following:
 - Change in levodopa/carbidopa dosing strategy or formulation
 - Trial of or contraindication to at least **TWO** Parkinson disease agents from two different classes: dopamine agonist (i.e., ropinirole, pramipexole, rotigotine), monoamine oxidase-inhibitors (MAO-I) (i.e., selegiline, rasagiline), catechol-O-methyl transferase (COMT) inhibitors (i.e., entacapone, tolcapone)

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APOMORPHINE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of advanced Parkinson's disease **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - Physician attestation of patient improvement with motor fluctuations during OFF episodes with the use of Apokyn (e.g., improvement in speech, facial expression, tremor at rest, action or postural tremor of hands, rigidity, finger taps, hand movements, rapid alternating movements of hands, posture, leg agility, arising from chair)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (42078) with a quantity limit of #60mL (20 cartridges) per month.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **APOMORPHINE (Apokyn)** requires a diagnosis of advanced Parkinson's disease. In addition, the following must be met:

- Physician attestation of patient improvement with motor fluctuations during OFF episodes with the use of Apokyn (e.g., improvement in speech, facial expression, tremor at rest, action or postural tremor of hands, rigidity, finger taps, hand movements, rapid alternating movements of hands, posture, leg agility, arising from chair)

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Apokyn.

REFERENCES

- Apokyn [Prescribing Information]. Louisville, KY: US WorldMeds, LLC, March 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 07/01/19

Created: 11/04

Client Approval: 05/19

P&T Approval: 04/19



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

APREMILAST

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
APREMILAST	OTEZLA	40967		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to **ONE** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Cosentyx, Enbrel, Humira, Stelara [**NOTE:** Pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, enter approval(s) by GPID as follows:

- **If the starter pack is requested for dosage titration, approve for 1 fill for either #1 Otezla Two Week Starter Pack (#27 tablets) OR for #1 Otezla 28-day Starter Pack (#55 tablets) AND**
- **Approve for 6 months for #2 tablets per day**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for psoriatic arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #2.

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APREMILAST

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
- The patient has plaque psoriasis involving at least 10% body surface area (BSA) or psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one or more forms of preferred therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, enter approval(s) by GPID as follows:

- **If the starter pack is requested for dosage titration, approve for 1 fill for either #1 Otezla Two Week Starter Pack (#27 tablets) OR for #1 Otezla 28-day Starter Pack (#55 tablets) AND**
- **Approve for 6 months for #2 tablets per day**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe plaque psoriasis requires that the patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **APREMILAST (Otezla)** requires a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis or moderate to severe plaque psoriasis. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For patients with psoriatic arthritis, approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to **ONE** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Cosentyx, Enbrel, Humira, Stelara

The use of pharmaceutical samples (from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program) will not be considered when evaluating the medical condition or prior prescription history for drugs that require prior authorization.

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APREMILAST

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

For patients with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis, approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
- The patient has plaque psoriasis involving at least 10% body surface area (BSA) or psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one or more forms of preferred therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have psoriatic arthritis (PsA) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender or swollen joint count while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for #2 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for #2 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **APREMILAST (Otezla)** requires a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis or moderate to severe plaque psoriasis for renewal. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For the diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis, approval requires:

- a. The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender or swollen joint count while on therapy.

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis, approval requires:

- The patient has achieved clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more.

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APREMILAST

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Otezla.

REFERENCES

- Otezla [Prescribing Information]. Summit, NJ: Celgene Corporation; June 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 04/01/19

Created: 04/14

Client Approval: 03/19

P&T Approval: 01/18



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ARIPIPRAZOLE SENSOR TABS

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ARIPIPRAZOLE TABLETS WITH SENSOR	ABILIFY MYCITE		44437 44438 44439 44441 44442 44443	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Abilify MyCite is prescribed by or in consultation with a psychiatrist
- Physician attestation that the patient has a medical necessity for tracking medication ingestion

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient have **ONE** of the following diagnoses?

- Diagnosis of schizophrenia
- Diagnosis of major depressive disorder (MDD) **AND** the request is for use as an adjunctive treatment

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID as follows:**

- **Abilify MyCite 2mg (GPID 44437): 1 kit per 30 days.**
- **Abilify MyCite 5mg (GPID 44438): 1 kit per 30 days.**
- **Abilify MyCite 10mg (GPID 44439): 1 kit per 30 days.**
- **Abilify MyCite 15mg (GPID 44441): 1 kit per 30 days.**
- **Abilify MyCite 20mg (GPID 44442): 1 kit per 30 days.**
- **Abilify MyCite 30mg (GPID 44443): 1 kit per 30 days.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of bipolar I disorder?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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ARIPIPRAZOLE SENSOR TABS

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- The request is for acute treatment of manic and mixed episodes as monotherapy, **OR** as an adjunct to lithium or valproate
- The request is for maintenance treatment as monotherapy, **OR** as an adjunct to lithium or valproate

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID as follows:**

- **Abilify MyCite 2mg (GPID 44437): 1 kit per 30 days.**
- **Abilify MyCite 5mg (GPID 44438): 1 kit per 30 days.**
- **Abilify MyCite 10mg (GPID 44439): 1 kit per 30 days.**
- **Abilify MyCite 15mg (GPID 44441): 1 kit per 30 days.**
- **Abilify MyCite 20mg (GPID 44442): 1 kit per 30 days.**
- **Abilify MyCite 30mg (GPID 44443): 1 kit per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ARIPIPRAZOLE SENSOR TABS (Abilify MyCite)** requires a diagnosis of schizophrenia, bipolar I disorder, or major depressive disorder. The patient must be 18 years of age or older, and the prescription must be prescribed by or in consultation with a psychiatrist, with physician attestation of medical necessity for medication ingestion tracking. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For the diagnosis of major depressive disorder (MDD), approval requires:

- The request is for use as an adjunctive treatment

For the diagnosis of bipolar I disorder, approval requires ONE of the following:

- The request is for acute treatment of manic and mixed episodes as monotherapy, **OR** as an adjunct to lithium or valproate
- The request is for maintenance treatment as monotherapy, **OR** as an adjunct to lithium or valproate

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Abilify MyCite.

REFERENCES

- Abilify MyCite [Prescribing Information]. Redwood City, CA: Proteus Digital Health, Inc.: November 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ASFOTASE ALFA

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ASFOTASE ALFA	STRENSIQ	42649		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Is this a request for treatment of perinatal/infantile-onset hypophosphatasia (HPP)?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #3.

2. Does the patient have a documented diagnosis of perinatal/infantile-onset hypophosphatasia (HPP) and have **ALL** of the following criteria been met?

- Prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist
- Patient was 6 months of age or younger at hypophosphatasia (HPP) onset
- Positive for a tissue non-specific alkaline phosphatase (TNSALP) (ALPL) gene mutation as confirmed by genetic testing **OR** meets at least **TWO** of the following criteria:
 - Serum alkaline phosphatase (ALP) level below that of normal range for patient age
 - Serum pyridoxal-5'-phosphate (PLP) levels elevated **AND** patient has not received vitamin B₆ supplementation in the previous week
 - Urine phosphoethanolamine (PEA) level above that of normal range for patient age
 - Radiographic evidence of hypophosphatasia (HPP) (e.g., flared and frayed metaphyses, osteopenia, widened growth plates, areas of radiolucency or sclerosis)
 - Presence of **two or more** of the following:
 - Rachitic chest deformity
 - Craniosynostosis (premature closure of skull bones)
 - Delay in skeletal growth resulting in delay of motor development
 - History of vitamin B₆ dependent seizures
 - Nephrocalcinosis or history of elevated serum calcium
 - History or presence of non-traumatic postnatal fracture and delayed fracture healing

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Is this a request for treatment of juvenile-onset hypophosphatasia (HPP)?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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ASFOTASE ALFA

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient have a documented diagnosis of juvenile-onset hypophosphatasia (HPP) and have **ALL** of the following criteria been met?

- Prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist
- Patient was 18 years of age or younger at hypophosphatasia (HPP) onset
- Positive for a tissue non-specific alkaline phosphatase (TNSALP) (ALPL) gene mutation as confirmed by genetic testing **OR** meets at least **TWO** of the following criteria:
 - Serum alkaline phosphatase (ALP) level below that of normal range for patient age
 - Serum pyridoxal-5'-phosphate (PLP) levels elevated **AND** patient has not received vitamin B₆ supplementation in the previous week
 - Urine phosphoethanolamine (PEA) level above that of normal range for patient age
 - Radiographic evidence of hypophosphatasia (HPP) (e.g., flared and frayed metaphyses, osteopenia, osteomalacia, widened growth plates, areas of radiolucency or sclerosis)
 - Presence of **two or more** of the following:
 - Rachitic deformities (rachitic chest, bowed legs, knock-knees)
 - Premature loss of primary teeth prior to 5 years of age
 - Delay in skeletal growth resulting in delay of motor development
 - History or presence of non-traumatic fractures or delayed fracture healing

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Patient is not currently receiving treatment with a bisphosphonate [e.g., Boniva (ibandronate), Fosamax (alendronate), Actonel (risedronate)].
- Patient does not have serum calcium or phosphate levels below the normal range.
- Patient does not have a treatable form of rickets.

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that, while on therapy with Strensiq, the patient experiences a documented improvement in skeletal characteristics of hypophosphatasia (HPP) (e.g., improvement of irregularity of the provisional zone of calcification, physeal widening, metaphyseal flaring, radiolucencies, patchy osteosclerosis, ratio of mid-diaphyseal cortex to bone thickness, gracile bones, bone formation and fractures).

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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ASFOTASE ALFA

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **ASFOTASE ALFA (Strensiq)** requires a documented diagnosis of perinatal/infantile-onset hypophosphatasia (HPP) or juvenile-onset hypophosphatasia (HPP). Additional guideline requirements apply.

For patients with perinatal/infantile-onset hypophosphatasia (HPP), all of the following criteria must be met:

- Prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist
- Patient was 6 months of age or younger at hypophosphatasia (HPP) onset
- Positive for a tissue non-specific alkaline phosphatase (TNSALP) (ALPL) gene mutation as confirmed by genetic testing **OR** meets at least **TWO** of the following criteria:
 - Serum alkaline phosphatase (ALP) level below that of normal range for patient age
 - Serum pyridoxal-5'-phosphate (PLP) levels elevated **AND** patient has not received vitamin B₆ supplementation in the previous week
 - Urine phosphoethanolamine (PEA) level above that of normal range for patient age
 - Radiographic evidence of hypophosphatasia (HPP) (e.g., flared and frayed metaphyses, osteopenia, widened growth plates, areas of radiolucency or sclerosis)
 - Presence of **two or more** of the following:
 - Rachitic chest deformity
 - Craniosynostosis (premature closure of skull bones)
 - Delay in skeletal growth resulting in delay of motor development
 - History of vitamin B₆ dependent seizures
 - Nephrocalcinosis or history of elevated serum calcium
 - History or presence of non-traumatic postnatal fracture and delayed fracture healing

For patients with juvenile-onset hypophosphatasia (HPP), all of the following criteria must be met:

- Prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist
- Patient was 18 years of age or younger at hypophosphatasia (HPP) onset
- Positive for a tissue non-specific alkaline phosphatase (TNSALP) (ALPL) gene mutation as confirmed by genetic testing **OR** meets at least **TWO** of the following criteria:
 - Serum alkaline phosphatase (ALP) level below that of normal range for patient age
 - Serum pyridoxal-5'-phosphate (PLP) levels elevated **AND** patient has not received vitamin B₆ supplementation in the previous week
 - Urine phosphoethanolamine (PEA) level above that of normal range for patient age
 - Radiographic evidence of hypophosphatasia (HPP) (e.g., flared and frayed metaphyses, osteopenia, osteomalacia, widened growth plates, areas of radiolucency or sclerosis)

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ASFOTASE ALFA

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

- Presence of **two or more** of the following:
 - Rachitic deformities (rachitic chest, bowed legs, knock-knees)
 - Premature loss of primary teeth prior to 5 years of age
 - Delay in skeletal growth resulting in delay of motor development
 - History or presence of non-traumatic fractures or delayed fracture healing

Strensiq will not be approved for the following patients:

- Patients currently receiving treatment with a bisphosphonate [e.g., Boniva (ibandronate), Fosamax (alendronate), Actonel (risedronate)]
- Patients with serum calcium or phosphate levels below the normal range
- Patients with a treatable form of rickets

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. During the last 6 months of treatment, has the patient experienced improvement in the skeletal characteristics of hypophosphatasia (HPP) (e.g., improvement of the irregularity of the provisional zone of calcification, physeal widening, metaphyseal flaring, radiolucencies, patchy osteosclerosis, ratio of mid-diaphyseal cortex to bone thickness, gracile bones, bone formation and fractures)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **ASFOTASE ALFA (Strensiq)** renewal requires that the patient has experienced an improvement in the skeletal characteristics of hypophosphatasia (HPP) (e.g., improvement of the irregularity of the provisional zone of calcification, physeal widening, metaphyseal flaring, radiolucencies, patchy osteosclerosis, ratio of mid-diaphyseal cortex to bone thickness, gracile bones, bone formation and fractures).

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of Strensiq consistent with FDA approved indication.

Strensiq (asfotase alfa) is the first therapy approved for the treatment of hypophosphatasia (HPP), a genetic, ultra-rare metabolic disorder. HPP is caused by a mutation in the tissue non-specific alkaline phosphatase (TNSALP) gene, which results in defective bone mineralization. Its prevalence is estimated to be less than 20 patients per one million in the general population and it is estimated to affect approximately one in 100,000 live births. HPP can affect people of all ages and the forms of HPP are classified primarily by the age of onset of symptoms and diagnosis. The clinical manifestations vary widely, ranging from stillbirth without mineralized bone to skeletal abnormalities due to softened bones. In perinatal HPP (onset *in-utero*), signs of HPP manifest *in utero* and may cause stillbirth or neonatal death shortly after birth.

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ASFOTASE ALFA

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Patients with infantile HPP (onset prior to 6 months of age) often appear normal at birth but typically present with skeletal abnormalities and failure to thrive within the first 6 months of life. Mortality, usually due to pulmonary complications, has been reported to be as high as 50% within the first year of life. Juvenile or childhood HPP (onset ≥ 6 months to < 18 years), is often first recognized when there is premature loss of the deciduous teeth, and radiographs reveal skeletal defects. First signs of HPP may also present later in life (onset ≥ 18 years of age); however, some adult patients report a history of early tooth loss or rickets during childhood. In adult HPP, hypomineralization manifests as osteomalacia. Manifestations of the disease can be severe and debilitating, often requiring multiple surgeries, multiple pain medications, and the use of supportive devices to perform activities of daily living.

Current treatment of HPP has been directed toward the management of specific symptoms and complications. The approval of Strensiq is the turning point for patients with HPP for which there is no cure. This biological agent targets the bone and replaces the deficient TNSALP enzyme, thereby preventing or reversing the complications of a defective mineralization process.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Strensiq is approved for the treatment of patients with perinatal/infantile- and juvenile-onset hypophosphatasia (HPP).

DOSAGE

Perinatal/Infantile-Onset hypophosphatasia (HPP)

Recommended dosage regimen is 2mg/kg administered subcutaneously three times per week, or 1mg/kg six times per week. Injection site reactions may limit the tolerability of the six times per week regimen. The dosage may be increased to 3mg/kg three times per week for insufficient efficacy.

Juvenile-Onset hypophosphatasia (HPP)

Recommended dosage regimen is 2mg/kg administered subcutaneously three times per week, or 1mg/kg six times per week. Injection site reactions may limit the tolerability of the six times per week regimen.

Please refer to prescribing information for tables of weight-based dosing by treatment regimen.

Strensiq is available as single-use vials in the following strengths: 18mg/0.45ml, 28mg/0.7ml, 40mg/ml, 80mg/0.8ml. The vials must be stored in the original carton until time of use under refrigerated conditions and protected from light. Once removed from refrigeration, Strensiq should be administered within 1 hour.

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ASFOTASE ALFA

AVAILABLE STRENGTHS:

- 18mg/0.45ml single-use vial
- 28mg/0.7ml single-use vial
- 40mg/ml single-use vial
- 80mg/0.8ml single-use vial

REFERENCES

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ASPIRIN ER

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ASPIRIN ER	DURLAZA		17988	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic coronary artery disease, (e.g., a history of MI or unstable angina), or a history of an ischemic stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA)?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of guideline.

2. Does the patient meet the following criteria?

- Patient has previously tried aspirin over-the-counter (OTC)
- Durlaza is NOT being used for acute treatment of myocardial infarction or before percutaneous coronary intervention

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for a quantity limit of #30 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **ASPIRIN ER** requires a diagnosis of chronic coronary artery disease, (e.g., a history of MI or unstable angina), or a history of an ischemic stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA). Additional guideline requirements apply.

- Patient has previously tried aspirin over-the-counter (OTC)
- Durlaza is not being used for acute treatment of myocardial infarction or before percutaneous coronary intervention

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of Durlaza based on FDA approved indication and cost-effectiveness.

DURLAZA is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug indicated to reduce the risk of death and myocardial infarction (MI) in patients with chronic coronary artery disease, such as patients with a history of MI or unstable angina pectoris or with chronic stable angina and to reduce the risk of death and recurrent stroke in patients who have had an ischemic stroke or transient ischemic attack.

Limitation of Use: Use immediate-release aspirin, not DURLAZA in situations where a rapid onset of action is required (such as acute treatment of myocardial infarction or before percutaneous coronary intervention).

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ASPIRIN ER

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Durlaza is a 162.5mg extended release formulation of aspirin. Aspirin is available in multiple strengths as an over the counter (OTC) product. There were no new studies on the safety and efficacy of Durlaza performed. The platelet inhibitory effects of aspirin last for the life of the circulating platelets, which is ~10 days, thus an extended release formulation of aspirin has not been demonstrated to be superior to previously available OTC aspirin.

DOSAGE

The recommended dose is 162.5 mg per day with a full glass of water at the same time each day.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

DURLAZA is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug indicated to reduce the risk of death and myocardial infarction (MI) in patients with chronic coronary artery disease, such as patients with a history of MI or unstable angina pectoris or with chronic stable angina and to reduce the risk of death and recurrent stroke in patients who have had an ischemic stroke or transient ischemic attack.

Limitation of Use: Use immediate-release aspirin, not DURLAZA in situations where a rapid onset of action is required (such as acute treatment of myocardial infarction or before percutaneous coronary intervention).

REFERENCES

- New haven Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Durlaza Package Insert. North Haven, CT. September 2015.
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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ASPIRIN-OMEPRAZOLE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ASPIRIN-OMEPRAZOLE	YOSPRALA		42297	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient require aspirin for secondary prevention of cardiovascular or cerebrovascular events and have **ONE** of the following diagnoses?

- Ischemic stroke
- Transient ischemia of the brain due to fibrin platelet emboli
- Previous myocardial infarction
- Unstable angina pectoris
- Chronic stable angina pectoris
- Previously undergone revascularization procedures (i.e., coronary artery bypass graft, percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty)

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient have a risk of developing aspirin associated gastrointestinal (GI) ulcers and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 55 years of age or older
- Documented history of gastrointestinal (GI) ulcers

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Has the patient tried **ALL** of the following medications?

- Aspirin over-the-counter (OTC)
- Generic proton pump inhibitors (e.g., omeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, or rabeprazole)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (42297) with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ASPIRIN-OMEPRAZOLE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ASPIRIN-OMEPRAZOLE (Yosprala)** requires that Aspirin request is for secondary prevention of cardiovascular or cerebrovascular events in a patient with a diagnosis of Ischemic stroke, transient ischemia of the brain due to fibrin platelet emboli, previous myocardial infarction, unstable angina pectoris, chronic stable angina pectoris, or previously undergone revascularization procedures (i.e., coronary artery bypass graft, percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient has a risk of developing aspirin associated gastrointestinal (GI) ulcers due to age (55 years or older) **AND** documented history of gastrointestinal (GI) ulcers
- The patient has tried both aspirin over-the-counter (OTC) **AND** generic proton pump inhibitors (e.g., omeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole, or rabeprazole)

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Yosprala.

REFERENCES

- Yosprala [Prescribing Information]. Princeton, NJ: Aralez Pharmaceuticals US Inc. June 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

AVATROMBOPAG

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
AVATROMBOPAG	DOPTELET	44942		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of thrombocytopenia and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient has chronic liver disease
 - The patient is scheduled to undergo a procedure 10 to 13 days following the initiation of Doptelet therapy
 - The patient has a platelet count of $<50 \times 10^9/L$ measured within the last 30 days
 - The medication is being prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist, gastroenterologist, hepatologist, immunologist, or endocrinologist
 - The patient is not receiving other thrombopoietin receptor agonist therapy (e.g., Promacta)

If yes, **approve for 1 fill with a quantity limit of #15 tablets by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **AVATROMBOPAG (Doptelet)** requires a diagnosis of thrombocytopenia. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has chronic liver disease
- The patient is scheduled to undergo a procedure 10 to 13 days following the initiation of Doptelet therapy
- The patient has a platelet count of $<50 \times 10(9)/L$ measured within the last 30 days
- The medication is being prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist, gastroenterologist, hepatologist, immunologist, or endocrinologist
- The patient is not receiving other thrombopoietin receptor agonist therapy (e.g., Promacta)

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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AVATROMBOPAG

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of Doptelet consistent with FDA-approved indications.

FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Doptelet is a thrombopoietin receptor agonist indicated for the treatment of thrombocytopenia in adult patients with chronic liver disease who are scheduled to undergo a procedure.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Begin Doptelet therapy 10 to 13 days before the scheduled procedure. The recommended daily dose of Doptelet is based on the patient's platelet count prior to the scheduled procedure (refer to Table 1). Patients should undergo their procedure 5 to 8 days after the last dose of Doptelet.

Table 1: Recommended Doptelet Dosing Regimen

Platelet Count (x 10 ⁹ /L)	Once Daily Dose	Duration
Less than 40	60 mg (3 tablets)	5 days
40 to less than 50	40 mg (2 tablets)	

Doptelet should be taken orally once daily for 5 consecutive days with food.

REFERENCES

- Doptelet [prescribing information]. Durham, NC. Dova Pharmaceuticals, Inc. May 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

AXITINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
AXITINIB	INLYTA	38446		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC)?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Has the patient tried at least one systemic therapy for the treatment of RCC such as Nexavar (sorafenib), Torisel (temsirolimus), Sutent (sunitinib), Votrient (pazopanib), or Avastin (bevacizumab) in combination with interferon?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- **Inlyta 1mg (GPID 31294): #6 tablets per day.**
- **Inlyta 5mg (GPID 31295): #4 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **AXITINIB (Inlyta)** requires a diagnosis of advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC) and a trial of at least one systemic therapy for the treatment of RCC such as Nexavar (sorafenib), Torisel (temsirolimus), Sutent (sunitinib), Votrient (pazopanib), or Avastin (bevacizumab) in combination with interferon, all of which may require prior authorization. Additionally, Avastin may be covered under the medical benefit rather than the pharmacy benefit.

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of Inlyta based on FDA approved indication and NCCN guidelines.

Inlyta (axitinib) is a receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitor shown to have activity against vascular endothelial growth factor receptors 1, 2, and 3. National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) category 1 options for first line treatment of patients with relapsed or medically unresectable predominantly clear cell stage IV renal carcinoma include sunitinib, bevacizumab with interferon-alfa, pazopanib, and temsirolimus. NCCN lists sorafenib as a category 2A option.

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AXITINIB

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Approval of Inlyta was based on a randomized, open-label, multicenter Phase 3 study comparing progression-free survival (PFS) of patients with advanced RCC whose disease had progressed on or after treatment with 1 prior systemic therapy, including sunitinib, bevacizumab, temsirolimus, or cytokine-containing regimens. Other endpoints included objective response rate (ORR) and overall survival (OS) 99% of study subjects had clear cell histology. Patients were randomized to receive Inlyta or sorafenib. There was a statistically significant advantage for Inlyta over sorafenib for the endpoint of PFS (6.7 vs. 4.7 months, respectively, P < 0.0001). There was no statistically significant difference between the arms in OS.

The most common (≥ 20%) adverse reactions are diarrhea, hypertension, fatigue, decreased appetite, nausea, dysphonia, palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia (hand-foot) syndrome, weight loss, vomiting, asthenia, and constipation. Please reference the prescribing information for a complete list of warnings and precautions.

Dosage: The starting dose is 5 mg orally twice daily. Administer dose approximately 12 hours apart with or without food. Dose may be increased to 7mg twice daily and further increased to 10mg twice daily for patients who tolerate Inlyta for at least two consecutive weeks. In the pivotal trial, the dosage of 10mg twice daily was not associated with an improved outcome over the 5mg twice daily dosage. If a strong CYP3A4/5 inhibitor is required or for patients with moderate hepatic impairment, the dose may be decreased to 3mg twice daily and further reduced to 2mg twice daily.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Inlyta is indicated for the treatment of advanced renal cell carcinoma after failure of one prior systemic therapy.

REFERENCES

- National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. The NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology. Kidney Cancer. (Version 1.2017).
- Pfizer. Inlyta package insert. New York, NY. August 2014.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

AZTREONAM INHALED

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
AZTREONAM LYSINE	CAYSTON		28039	

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the patient at least 7 years old?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Does the patient have a lung infection with a Gram negative species (such as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*; not *Staphylococcus aureus* because it is not a Gram negative species)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months for 6 fills of #84 vials per 56 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis, patient age of at least 7 years, and lung infection with a Gram negative species.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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AZTREONAM INHALED

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of Cayston based on FDA approved indication.

Dosage: One ampule three times daily in repeated cycles of 28 days on drug followed by 28 days off drug.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Cayston is indicated to improve respiratory symptoms in cystic fibrosis patients with *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Safety and effectiveness have not been established in pediatric patients below the age of 7 years, patients with FEV₁ <25% or >75% predicted, or patients colonized with *Burkholderia cepacia*.

REFERENCES

- Gilead Sciences, Inc. Cayston package insert. Foster City, CA. February 2010.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

BARICITINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
BARICITINIB	OLUMIANT	44296		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Actemra, Enbrel, Humira, Xeljanz (IR/XR) [**Note:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **BARICITINIB (Olumiant)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA). In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Actemra, Enbrel, Humira, Xeljanz (IR/XR)

The use of pharmaceutical samples (from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program) will not be considered when evaluating the medical condition or prior prescription history for drugs that require prior authorization.

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BARICITINIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**
If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **BARICITINIB (Olumiant)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Olumiant.

REFERENCES

- Olumiant [Prescribing Information]. Indianapolis, IN: Eli Lilly and Company; May 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

BEDAQUILINE FUMARATE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
BEDAQUILINE FUMARATE	SIRTURO		33934	

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the patient at least 18 years of age?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient have one of the following diagnoses?

- Latent or extra-pulmonary tuberculosis
- Latent infection due to Mycobacterium tuberculosis
- Drug-sensitive tuberculosis
- Infections caused by non-tuberculous mycobacteria

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of pulmonary multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) or evidence of an isolate of M. tuberculosis that is resistant to at least isoniazid and rifampin, and possibly additional agents?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Will Sirturo be used in combination with at least three other antibiotics?

If yes, **approve for 24 weeks by GPID with a quantity limit of #68 tablets for the first 28 days of treatment and then followed by #24 tablets per 28 days for the next 20 weeks (5 fills); (Note: The total duration of treatment with Sirturo is 24 weeks.)**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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BEDAQUILINE FUMARATE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **BEDAQUILINE FUMARATE** requires a diagnosis of pulmonary multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB). In addition, the following criteria are required:

- patient is 18 years of age or older
- requested medication will be used in combination with at least three other antibiotics to which the patient's MDR-TB isolate has been shown to be susceptible
- This medication is not approved for patients with one of the following diagnoses:
 - Latent or extra-pulmonary tuberculosis
 - Latent infection due to *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*
 - Drug-sensitive tuberculosis
 - Infections caused by non-tuberculous mycobacteria

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use aligned with FDA approved indication.

The recommended dosage of Sirturo is 400 mg once daily for 2 weeks followed by 200 mg 3 times per week for 22 weeks. Sirturo should be administered by directly observed therapy (DOT). Sirturo should be swallowed whole and administered with food and water. No dosage adjustment is necessary in patients with mild to moderate renal or hepatic impairment.

Sirturo should only be used in combination with at least 3 other antibiotics to which the patient's MDR-TB isolate has been shown to be susceptible in vitro. If in vitro testing results are not available, treatment may be initiated with Sirturo in combination with at least 4 other drugs to which the patient's MDR-TB isolate is likely to be susceptible.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

BEDAQUILINE FUMARATE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

The term multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) refers to an isolate of *M. tuberculosis* that is resistant to at least isoniazid and rifampin, and possibly additional agents. Treatment of suspected MDR-TB should be guided by drug susceptibility testing whenever possible. Susceptibility data is often not available (at least initially), and empiric therapy must be used. Empiric regimens for patients in areas with a known high prevalence of MDR-TB (or for patients with a new diagnosis of TB following contact with an individual known to have MDR-TB) should include first-line agents plus any additional drugs necessary to ensure a combination regimen containing at least four drugs which are active against the most prevalent drug-resistant strains. In general, treatment of MDR-TB should include a fluoroquinolone (levofloxacin 1000mg daily is favored by the WHO MDR-TB treatment guidelines) and an injectable agent (in many countries, [kanamycin](#) [dosed at 15mg/kg/daily IV or IM] is the first-choice injectable agent since it is relatively inexpensive and readily available). There is no role for the use of more than one fluoroquinolone or injectable agent. Subsequently, if needed, [ethionamide](#), [cycloserine](#), and aminosalicylic acid may be added to complete the regimen such that it consists of at least four active drugs. Alternative agents should be added only when the preceding drugs are not sufficient.

Treatment failure refers to failure of cultures to become negative during the course of treatment, or reappearance of positive cultures after the cultures convert to negative during treatment. Treatment failure implies resistance to all of the drugs being administered at the time when failure is diagnosed. The relatively poor response of drug resistant TB to treatment is likely a function of the relatively weak potency of the drugs used rather than the inherent properties of the microbe.

The FDA approval of Sirturo was based on two studies.

Study 1

The placebo-controlled, double-blind, randomized trial enrolled 160 newly diagnosed patients with multi-drug resistant pulmonary *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. Subjects were randomized to receive treatment with either Sirturo or placebo, both added to other drugs used to treat MDR-TB. Sirturo was administered as 400 mg once daily for the first 2 weeks and as 200 mg 3 times per week for the following 22 weeks. After the 24-week Sirturo or placebo treatment phase, subjects continued to receive their other drugs used to treat MDR-TB until a total treatment duration of 18 to 24 months. Time to sputum culture conversion was measured as the interval between the first dose of the study drug and the date of the first two consecutive negative sputum cultures collected. The Sirturo treatment group had a decreased time to culture conversion and improved culture conversion rates compared to the placebo treatment group at Week 24. Treatment success was reached by 77.6% of the Sirturo arm versus 57.6% of the placebo arm at Week 24 ($p=0.014$). At Week 72 success was reached by 70.1% and 56.1% of the respective arms. Median time to culture conversion was 83 days for the Sirturo treatment group compared to 125 days for the placebo treatment group.

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BEDAQUILINE FUMARATE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Study 2

This placebo controlled study was designed similarly to Study 1 except that Sirturo or placebo was given for only 8 weeks instead of 24 weeks. A total of 47 subjects were treated. The Sirturo treatment group had a decreased time to culture conversion and improved culture conversion rates compared to the placebo treatment group at Week 8. At Weeks 8 and 24, the differences in culture conversion proportions were 38.9% (p-value: 0.004) and 15.7% (p-value: 0.32) respectively.

Sirturo has two boxed warnings. The first warns of an increased risk of death seen in those treated with Sirturo (9/79, 11.4%) compared to the placebo treatment group (2/81, 2.5%). The imbalance in deaths is unexplained. No discernible pattern between death and sputum culture conversion, relapse, sensitivity to other drugs used to treat TB, HIV status, or severity of disease could be observed. It is recommended that Sirturo only be used when an effective treatment regimen cannot otherwise be provided. The second warning states that QT prolongation can occur with Sirturo. Concomitant use with other drugs that prolong the QT interval is discouraged as this may cause additive QT prolongation. Sirturo should be discontinued if significant ventricular arrhythmia or a QTc interval > 500 ms develops.

The most common adverse reactions reported in ≥10% of patients treated with Sirturo are nausea, arthralgia, and headache. Additional adverse events reported in ≥10% of patients treated with Sirturo and with a higher frequency than the placebo treatment group are hemoptysis and chest pain. Hepatic-related adverse drug reactions have also been reported with use of Sirturo. As a result, liver function tests should be monitored.

The major CYP isoenzyme involved in the metabolism of bedaquiline is CYP3A4. Co-administration of Sirturo with strong CYP3A4 inhibitors may increase the systemic exposure to bedaquiline, which could potentially increase the risk of adverse reactions. Therefore, the use of strong CYP3A4 inhibitors used systemically for more than 14 consecutive days should be avoided while on Sirturo, unless the benefit of treatment with the drug combination outweighs the risk. Alcohol should also be avoided throughout the treatment period.

Pregnancy Category B.

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BEDAQUILINE FUMARATE

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

SIRTURO is a diarylquinoline antimycobacterial drug indicated as part of combination therapy in the treatment of adults (18 years and older) with pulmonary multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB). Reserve SIRTURO for use when an effective treatment regimen cannot otherwise be provided.

Administer SIRTURO by directly observed therapy (DOT).

This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on time to sputum culture conversion. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in confirmatory trials.

Limitations of Use:

Do not use SIRTURO for the treatment of:

- Latent infection due to Mycobacterium tuberculosis
- Drug-sensitive tuberculosis
- Extra-pulmonary tuberculosis
- Infections caused by non-tuberculous mycobacteria

The safety and efficacy of SIRTURO in the treatment of HIV infected patients with MDR-TB have not been established as clinical data are limited.

REFERENCES

- Sirturo [Prescribing Information]. Titusville, NJ: Janssen Therapeutics; May 2015.
- UpToDate, Inc. Diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of drug-resistant tuberculosis. UpToDate [database online]. Waltham, MA. Available at <http://www.uptodate.com/home/index.html>. Updated March 19, 2013. 25, 2013.
- Center Watch Clinical Trials Listing [database online]. Sirturo (bedaquiline fumarate). Available at <http://www.centerwatch.com/> Accessed: April 30, 2013.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 09/01/15

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

BELIMUMAB - SQ

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
BELIMUMAB	BENLYSTA		43658 43661	

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA, SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of autoantibody positive systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient does **NOT** have severe active lupus nephritis or severe active central nervous system lupus
 - The medication will **NOT** be used in combination with biologics (e.g., Rituxan) or intravenous cyclophosphamide
 - The patient is currently using corticosteroids, antimalarials, NSAIDs, or immunosuppressives
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID for all formulations as follows:**

- **200mg/mL autoinjector (GPID 43658): #4mL (#4 200 mg/mL autoinjectors) per 28 days**
- **200mg/mL syringe (GPID 43661): #4mL (#4 200 mg/mL syringes) per 28 days**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient has achieved or maintained at least a 4 point reduction in their Safety of Estrogens in Erythematosus National Assessment-Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Disease Activity Index (SELENA-SLEDAI) score from baseline.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **BELIMUMAB (Benlysta SQ)** requires that the patient has a diagnosis of autoantibody positive systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and meets **ALL** of the following criteria:

- The patient does **NOT** have severe active lupus nephritis or severe active central nervous system lupus
- The medication will **NOT** be used in combination with biologics (e.g., Rituxan) or intravenous cyclophosphamide
- The patient is currently using corticosteroids, antimalarials, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), or immunosuppressives
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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BELIMUMAB - SQ

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of autoantibody positive systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - The patient has achieved or maintained at least a 4 point reduction in their Safety of Estrogens in Erythematosus National Assessment-Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Disease Activity Index (SELENA-SLEDAI) score from baseline

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all formulations as follows:**

- 200mg/mL autoinjector (GPID 43658): #4mL (#4 200 mg/mL autoinjectors) per 28 days**
- 200mg/mL syringe (GPID 43661): #4mL (#4 200 mg/mL syringes) per 28 days**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guidelines named **BELIMUMAB (Benlysta SQ)** requires that the patient have a diagnosis of autoantibody positive systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and has achieved or maintained at least a 4 point reduction in their Safety of Estrogens in Erythematosus National Assessment-Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Disease Activity Index (SELENA-SLEDAI) score from baseline for renewal.

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Benlysta.

REFERENCES

- Benlysta [Prescribing Information]. Rockville, Maryland: Human Genome Sciences, Inc. April 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 07/01/19

Created: 08/17

Client Approval: 05/19

P&T Approval: 07/19



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

BEXAROTENE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
BEXAROTENE SOFTGEL	TARGRETIN		92373	
BEXAROTENE 1% TOPICAL GEL	TARGRETIN		89921	

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) refractory to systemic therapy; (**Note:** Systemic therapy to treat CTCL may include, but is not limited to, gemcitabine, methotrexate, liposomal doxorubicin, Velcade, and other agents.)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID as follows:**

- **75mg Capsules: quantity of up to #14 capsules per day.**
- **1% Gel: quantity of #1 tube (60g) per month.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. Pregnancy Category X. For more information please ask your doctor or pharmacist. If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma that is refractory to prior systemic therapy.

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of Targretin based on FDA approved indication.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Targretin (bexarotene) capsules are indicated for the treatment of cutaneous manifestations of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma in patients who are refractory to at least one prior systemic therapy.

(Systemic therapy to treat CTCL may include gemcitabine, methotrexate, liposomal doxorubicin, Velcade, and other agents.)

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BEXAROTENE

OTHER INFORMATION

Capsules (weight-based dosing of 4 to 14 capsules per day).

Gel (applications may be titrated from every other day up to four times daily; typical application varies from twice daily up to four times daily).

Targretin capsules should be administered once daily with a meal. The initial dose is 300mg/m²/day. The dose may be increased up to 400mg/m²/day when there is no tumor response after 8 weeks.

OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

In clinical trials oral Targretin was administered for up to 97 weeks and topical Targretin gel was administered for up to 172 weeks.

Dosing information from http://us.eisai.com/pdf_files/prescribing_caps_information.pdf

Initial Dose Level (300 mg/m ² /day)		
Body Surface Area (m ²)	Total Daily Dose (mg/day)	Number of 75 mg Targretin Capsules
0.88 - 1.12	300	4
1.13 - 1.37	375	5
1.38 - 1.62	450	6
1.63 - 1.87	525	7
1.88 - 2.12	600	8
2.13 - 2.37	675	9
2.38 - 2.62	750	10

Targretin contains a **black box warning** that this product is a member of the retinoid class of drugs and should not be administered to pregnant women (Pregnancy Category X).

REFERENCES

- Eisai Inc. Targretin prescribing information. Woodcliff Lake, NJ. April 2011. Accessed online February 2012 at: http://us.eisai.com/pdf_files/prescribing_caps_information.pdf

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A
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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

BINIMETINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
BINIMETINIB	MEKTOVI	45040		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of unresectable or metastatic melanoma and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has BRAF V600E or V600K mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test
- The medication will be used in combination with Braftovi (encorafenib)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #6 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **BINIMETINIB (Mektovi)** requires a diagnosis of unresectable or metastatic melanoma. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient has BRAF V600E or V600K mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test
- The medication will be used in combination with Braftovi (encorafenib)

RATIONALE

To promote appropriate utilization of MEKTOVI based on FDA approved indication and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Mektovi is a kinase inhibitor indicated, in combination with Braftovi (encorafenib), for the treatment of patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with a BRAF V600E or V600K mutation, as detected by an FDA-approved test.

DOSAGE & ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dosage of Mektovi is 45 mg (three 15 mg tablets) orally taken twice daily, approximately 12 hours apart, in combination with Braftovi (encorafenib) until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Refer to the Braftovi (encorafenib) prescribing information for recommended Braftovi (encorafenib) dosing information.

Mektovi may be taken with or without food. Do not take a missed dose of Mektovi within 6 hours of the next dose of Mektovi. Do not take an additional dose if vomiting occurs after Mektovi administration but continue with the next scheduled dose.

REFERENCES

- Mektovi [Prescribing Information]. Boulder, CO: Array BioPharma Inc. June 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 10/01/18

Created: 08/18

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P&T Approval: 07/18



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

BOSUTINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
BOSUTINIB	BOSULIF	39590		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the patient at least 18 years old?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient have a newly diagnosed, chronic phase Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML)?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic, accelerated, or blast phase Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient previously tried or has a contraindication to Gleevec, Sprycel, or Tasisna

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Has the patient had a Breakpoint Cluster Region Abelson Murine Leukemia (BCR-ABL) mutational analysis confirming that both the T315I and V299L mutations are not present?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Bosulif 500mg (GPID 33202): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Bosulif 400mg (GPID 44162): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Bosulif 100mg (GPID 33199): #3 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

BOSUTINIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **BOSUTINIB (Bosulif)** requires that the requested medication is used for newly diagnosed, chronic phase Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML) OR chronic, accelerated, or blast phase Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML). In addition, the patient must be at least 18 years old AND has had a Breakpoint Cluster Region Abelson Murine Leukemia (BCR-ABL) mutational analysis confirming that both the T315I and V299L mutations are not present. The following criteria must also be met:

For the diagnosis of chronic, accelerated, or blast phase Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) chronic myeloid leukemia (CML), approval requires:

- Previous trial of or contraindication to Gleevec, Sprycel, or Tasigna

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of bosutinib based on FDA approved indication and dosage.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Bosulif is a kinase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of adult patients with:

- Newly diagnosed chronic phase Ph+ chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML). This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on molecular and cytogenetic response rates. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and confirmation of clinical benefit in an ongoing long-term follow up trial.
- Chronic, accelerated, or blast phase Ph+ chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML) with resistance or intolerance to prior therapy.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Newly Diagnosed chronic phase Ph+ CML: The recommended dose of Bosulif is 400 mg orally once daily with food and continues until disease progression or patient intolerance.

Chronic Phase, Accelerated Phase, or Blast Phase Ph+ CML with resistance or intolerance to prior therapy: The recommended dose of Bosulif is 500mg once daily with food and continues until disease progression or patient intolerance.

The tablet is to be swallowed whole and should not be broken or cut. Dose escalation to 600mg once daily, by increments of 100 mg once daily, can be considered for patients who do not reach complete hematological response (CHR) by week 8 or have a complete cytogenetic response by week 12, and do not have grade 3 or higher adverse reactions while taking the recommended starting dosage.

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BOSUTINIB

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

If liver transaminases exceed 5x the institutional upper limit of normal (ULN), withhold treatment until recovery of liver transaminases reach a level of no more than 2.5x ULN, and resume at 400mg once daily. If recovery takes longer than 4 weeks or transaminase elevations of at least 3x ULN occur with bilirubin elevations of least 2x ULN, or alkaline phosphates less than 3x ULN, discontinue treatment.

In the presence of grade 3 - 4 diarrhea, withhold Bosulif until recovery to Grade less than or equal to 1, and may resume Bosulif at 400 mg once daily.

For other clinically significant, moderate, or severe non-hematological toxicity, withhold treatment until the toxicity has resolved, then may resume at a dose reduced by 100 mg once daily. If clinically appropriate, consider re-escalating the dose to the starting dose taken once daily. Doses less than 300 mg/day have been used in patients; however, efficacy has not been established. Consider dose reduction by 100mg in the presence of neutropenia or thrombocytopenia.

For creatinine clearance 30 to 50 ml/min, consider dose reduction to 300mg daily for newly diagnosed Ph+ CML and 400mg daily for chronic, accelerated, or blast phase Ph+ CML. For creatinine clearance less than 30 ml/min, consider dose reduction to 200mg daily for 300mg daily for newly diagnosed Ph+ CML and 300mg daily for chronic, accelerated, or blast phase Ph+ CML. For mild, moderate, or severe hepatic impairment, consider dose reduction to 200mg daily.

DOSAGE STRENGTHS

- 100 mg tablets
- 400 mg tablets
- 500 mg tablets

REFERENCES

- Bosulif [Prescribing Information]. New York, NY: Pfizer; December 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 04/01/18

Created: 09/12

Client Approval: 02/18

P&T Approval: 01/18



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

BRIGATINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
BRIGATINIB	ALUNBRIG	44226		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and meet ALL of the following criteria?

- The patient is positive for anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) fusion oncogene
- The patient has progressed or is intolerant to Xalkori (crizotinib)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Alunbrig 30mg (GPID 43325): #120 tablets per 30 days.**
- **Alunbrig 90mg (GPID 43326): #30 tablets per 30 days.**
- **Alunbrig 180mg (GPID 44305): #30 tablets per 30 days.**
- **Alunbrig initiation pack (GPID 44306): #30 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **BRIGATINIB (Alunbrig)** requires a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is positive for anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) fusion oncogene
- The patient has progressed or is intolerant to Xalkori (crizotinib)

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **BRIGATINIB** based on FDA approved indication and dosage.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Alunbrig is indicated for the treatment of patients with anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) who have progressed on or are intolerant to crizotinib. This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on tumor response rate and duration of response. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in a confirmatory trial.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dose of Alunbrig as treatment is 90 mg orally once daily for the first 7 days; if tolerated, increase to 180 mg orally once daily. May be taken with or without food.

Administer Alunbrig until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

If Alunbrig is interrupted for 14 days or longer for reasons other than adverse reactions, resume treatment at 90 mg once daily for 7 days before increasing to the previously tolerated dose.

Alunbrig may be taken with or without food. Instruct patients to swallow tablets whole. Do not crush or chew tablets.

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BRIGATINIB

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

If a dose of Alunbrig is missed or vomiting occurs after taking a dose, do not administer an additional dose and take the next dose of Alunbrig at the scheduled time.

To manage adverse reactions, consider interruption of treatment or dose reduction. Recommended dose reductions are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. Recommended Dose Adjustments

Dose	Dose Reduction Levels		
	First	Second	Third
90 mg once daily	60 mg once daily	Permanently discontinue	N/A
180 mg once daily	120 mg once daily	90 mg once daily	60 mg once daily

Once reduced for adverse reactions, do not subsequently increase the dose of Alunbrig. Permanently discontinue Alunbrig if patients are unable to tolerate the 60 mg once daily dose.

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Tablets: 180 mg, 90 mg, and 30 mg

REFERENCES

- Alunbrig [Prescribing Information]. Cambridge, MA: Ariad Pharmaceuticals; October 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 04/01/18

Created: 07/17

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

BRODALUMAB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
BRODALUMAB	SILIQ	44102		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
 - The patient has psoriatic lesions involving at least 10% of body surface area (BSA) **OR** psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** or more forms of conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient has been counseled on and expresses understanding of the risk of suicidal ideation and behavior
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Cosentyx, Humira, Otezla, Stelara, Tremfya, Skyrizi [**NOTE:** Pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, **approve for 6 months by entering TWO approvals by HICL as follows:**

- FIRST APPROVAL:** approve for 1 month with a quantity limit of #4.5mL (#3 210mg/1.5mL syringes)
- SECOND APPROVAL:** approve for 5 months with a quantity limit of #3mL (#2 210mg/1.5mL syringes) per 28 days (Please enter a start date of 1 WEEK AFTER the END date of the first approval)

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe plaque psoriasis requires that the patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more, and that the patient has not developed or reported worsening depressive symptoms or suicidal ideation and behaviors while on treatment with Siliq.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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BRODALUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **BRODALUMAB (Siliq)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
- The patient has psoriatic lesions involving at least 10% of body surface area (BSA) **OR** psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** or more forms of conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has been counseled on and expresses understanding of the risk of suicidal ideation and behavior
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Cosentyx, Humira, Otezla, Stelara, Tremfya, Skyrizi

The use of pharmaceutical samples (from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program) will not be considered when evaluating the medical condition or prior prescription history for drugs that require prior authorization.

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) **AND** meet the following criteria?
 - The patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more
 - The patient has **NOT** developed or reported worsening depressive symptoms or suicidal ideation and behaviors

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #3mL (#2 210mg/1.5mL syringes) per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **BRODALUMAB (Siliq)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) for renewal. The following criteria must also be met:

- The patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more
- The patient has **NOT** developed or reported worsening depressive symptoms or suicidal ideation and behaviors while on treatment with Siliq

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BRODALUMAB

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Siliq.

REFERENCES

- Siliq [Prescribing Information]. Bridgewater, NJ: Valeant Pharmaceuticals; February 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 06/01/19

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P&T Approval: 04/19



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

C1 ESTERASE INHIBITOR

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
C1 ESTERASE INHIBITOR	BERINERT, CINRYZE HAEGARDA	18568		
C1 ESTERASE INHIBITOR, RECOMBINANT	RUCONEST	37766		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

****Please use the criteria for the specific drug requested****

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

BERINERT

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema (HAE) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Diagnosis is confirmed via complement testing
 - The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an allergist/immunologist or hematologist
 - The medication is being used for acute attacks of hereditary angioedema

If yes, **approve Berinert for 12 months (up to 12 fills) by NDC 63833-0825-02.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **C1 ESTERASE INHIBITOR (Berinert)** requires a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema. In addition, all of the following criteria must be met:

- Diagnosis is confirmed via complement testing
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an allergist/immunologist or hematologist
- The medication is being used for acute attacks of hereditary angioedema

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C1 ESTERASE INHIBITOR

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

CINRYZE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema (HAE) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Diagnosis is confirmed via complement testing
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an allergist/immunologist or hematologist
- The medication is being used for routine prophylaxis against angioedema attacks
- The patient is 6 years of age or older

If yes, **approve Cinryze for 12 months (up to 12 fills) by NDC 42227-0081-05 with a quantity limit of #40 vials per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **C1 ESTERASE INHIBITOR (Cinryze)** requires a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema. In addition, all of the following criteria must be met:

- Diagnosis is confirmed via complement testing
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an allergist/immunologist or hematologist
- The medication is being used for routine prophylaxis against angioedema attacks
- The patient is 6 years of age or older

HAEGARDA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema (HAE) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Diagnosis is confirmed via complement testing
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an allergist/immunologist or hematologist
- The medication is being used for routine prophylaxis against angioedema attacks

If yes, **approve Haegarda for 12 months (up to 12 fills) by GPID for all strengths as follows:**

- **Haegarda 2000 Units (GPID 39478)**
- **Haegarda 3000 Units (GPID 43356)**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **C1 ESTERASE INHIBITOR (Haegarda)** requires a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema. In addition, all of the following criteria must be met:

- Diagnosis is confirmed via complement testing
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an allergist/immunologist or hematologist
- The medication is being used for routine prophylaxis against angioedema attacks

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C1 ESTERASE INHIBITOR

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

RUCONEST

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema (HAE) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Diagnosis is confirmed via complement testing
 - The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an allergist/immunologist or hematologist
 - The medication is being used for acute attacks of hereditary angioedema

If yes, **approve Ruconest for 12 months (up to 12 fills) by GPID (30182) with a quantity limit of #8 vials per fill.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **C1 ESTERASE INHIBITOR (Ruconest)** requires a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema. In addition, all of the following criteria must be met:

- Diagnosis is confirmed via complement testing
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an allergist/immunologist or hematologist
- The medication is being used for acute attacks of hereditary angioedema

RENEWAL CRITERIA

CINRYZE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema (HAE) and meet the following criterion?
 - Physician attestation of improvement (i.e., reductions in attack frequency or attack severity) compared to baseline in HAE attacks with routine prophylaxis

If yes, **approve Cinryze for 12 months by NDC 42227-0081-05 with a quantity limit of #40 vials per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **C1 ESTERASE INHIBITOR (Cinryze)** requires a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema (HAE) for renewal. The following criterion must also be met:

- Physician attestation of improvement (i.e., reductions in attack frequency or attack severity) compared to baseline in HAE attacks with routine prophylaxis

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C1 ESTERASE INHIBITOR

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

HAEGARDA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema (HAE) and meet the following criterion?
 - Physician attestation of improvement (i.e., reductions in attack frequency or attack severity) compared to baseline in HAE attacks with routine prophylaxis

If yes, **approve Haegarda for 12 months by GPID for all strengths as follows:**

- **Haegarda 2000 Units (GPID 39478)**
- **Haegarda 3000 Units (GPID 43356)**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **C1 ESTERASE INHIBITOR (Haegarda)** requires a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema (HAE) for renewal. The following criterion must also be met:

- Physician attestation of improvement (i.e., reductions in attack frequency or attack severity) compared to baseline in HAE attacks with routine prophylaxis

RATIONALE

To ensure the appropriate use of Berinert, Cinryze, Haegarda and Ruconest in patients with hereditary angioedema (HAE).

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Berinert:

- Is a plasma-derived C1 esterase inhibitor (human) indicated for the treatment of acute abdominal, facial, or laryngeal attacks of hereditary angioedema in adult and pediatric patients.
- The safety and efficacy of Berinert for prophylactic therapy have not been established.

Cinryze:

- Is a C1 esterase inhibitor indicated for routine prophylaxis against angioedema attacks in adults, adolescents and pediatric patients (6 years of age and older) with hereditary angioedema (HAE).

Haegarda:

- Is a plasma-derived concentrate of C1 Esterase Inhibitor (Human) (C1-INH) indicated for routine prophylaxis to prevent Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) attacks in adolescent and adult patients.

Ruconest:

- Is a C1 esterase inhibitor (recombinant) indicated for the treatment of acute attacks in adult and adolescent patients with hereditary angioedema (HAE).
- Limitation of use: Effectiveness was not established in HAE patients with laryngeal attacks.

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C1 ESTERASE INHIBITOR

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Berinert

Berinert is for intravenous use after reconstitution only. The dose is 20 International Units (IU) per kg body weight by intravenous injection given at a rate of approximately 4mL/min. Doses lower than 20 IU/kg body weight should not be administered. Each Berinert vial contains 500 IU of C1 esterase inhibitor as a lyophilized concentrate for reconstitution with 10 mL of Sterile Water for Injection. Use a silicone-free syringe for reconstitution and administration. Administer at room temperature within 8 hours after reconstitution. Appropriately trained patients may self-administer Berinert upon recognition of an HAE attack.

Cinryze

Cinryze is for intravenous use after reconstitution only.

Adults and adolescents (12 years old and above): A dose of 1,000 Units with an infusion rate of 1mL/min for 10 minutes can be administered as an intravenous infusion every 3 or 4 days. For patients who have not responded adequately to 1,000 units of Cinryze every 3 or 4 days, doses up to 2,500 units (not to exceed 100 units/kg) every 3 or 4 days may be considered based on individual patient response.

Children (6 to 11 years old): A dose of 500 Units with an infusion rate of 1mL/min for 5 minutes can be administered as an intravenous infusion every 3 or 4 days. The dose may be adjusted according to individual response, up to 1,000 U every 3 to 4 days.

Reconstitute each Cinryze vial with one vial of Sterile Water for Injection, USP (5 mL each) using aseptic sterile technique. Reconstitute as many vials as needed to obtain the required dose. Administer at room temperature within 3 hours of reconstitution. Appropriately trained patients may self-administer Cinryze.

Haegarda

Haegarda is for subcutaneous use after reconstitution only. Haegarda is intended for self-administration after reconstitution at a dose of 60 International Units (IU) per kg body weight by subcutaneous (S.C.) injection twice weekly (every 3 or 4 days). The patient or caregiver should be trained on how to administer Haegarda. Reconstitute Haegarda prior to use using Sterile Water for Injection, USP. Use a silicone-free syringe for reconstitution and administration. Administer at room temperature within 8 hours after reconstitution.

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C1 ESTERASE INHIBITOR

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ruconest

Ruconest is for intravenous use after reconstitution only. The dose is 50 U/kg administered as an intravenous injection for patients less than 84 kg, or 4200 U for patients who weigh 84 kg or more. Each vial (2100 U) should be reconstituted by adding 14mL of Sterile Water for injection to obtain a solution of 150 U/mL. The reconstituted product should be used immediately, or within 8 hours stored at 36°F to 46°F. After reconstitution the dose can be administered as a slow intravenous injection over approximately 5 minutes. If appropriately trained, patients may self-administer the dose as needed upon recognition of an HAE attack. No more than two doses should be administered within a 24- hour period, and no more than 4200 U per dose should be administered.

REFERENCES

- Cinryze [Prescribing Information]. Lexington, MA: Shire Viropharma Inc. June 2018.
- Berinert [Prescribing Information]. Kankakee, IL: CSL Behring LLC. September 2017.
- Haegarda [Prescribing Information]. Marburg, German: CSL Behring LLC. October 2017.
- Ruconest [Prescribing Information]. Raleigh, NC: Salix Pharmaceuticals; March 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

CABOZANTINIB S-MALATE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
CABOZANTINIB S-MALATE	COMETRIQ, CABOMETYX	39815		

**** Please use the criteria for the specific drug requested ****

GUIDELINES FOR USE

COMETRIQ

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of progressive, metastatic medullary thyroid cancer (MTC)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #112 capsules per 28 days for the requested daily dose pack. (NOTE: Cometriq is available in three dosage packs each containing 7 days' supply)**

- **Cometriq 140mg daily dose pack (GPID 33903): Seven 80mg capsules and twenty one 20mg capsules.**
- **Cometriq 100mg daily dose pack (GPID 33904): Seven 80mg capsules and seven 20mg capsules.**
- **Cometriq 60mg daily dose pack (GPID 33905): Twenty one 20mg capsules.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **CABOZANTINIB S-MALATE (Cometriq)** requires a diagnosis of progressive, metastatic medullary thyroid cancer (MTC).

CABOMETYX

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested strength with the applicable quantity limit:**

- **Cabometyx 60mg tablet (GPID 41148): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Cabometyx 40mg tablet (GPID 41147): #2 tablets per day.**
- **Cabometyx 20mg tablet (GPID 41146): #1 tablet per day.**

If no, continue to #2.

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CABOZANTINIB S-MALATE

GUIDELINES FOR USE - CABOMETYX (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) AND meet the following criterion?

- Patient has had a trial of or contraindication to Nexavar (sorafenib)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested strength with the applicable quantity limit:**

- Cabometyx 60mg tablet (GPID 41148): #1 tablet per day.
- Cabometyx 40mg tablet (GPID 41147): #2 tablets per day.
- Cabometyx 20mg tablet (GPID 41146): #1 tablet per day.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **CABOZANTINIB S-MALATE (Cabometyx)** requires a diagnosis of advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC) or hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For patients with hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), approval requires:

- The patient has had a trial of or contraindication to Nexavar (sorafenib)

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Cometriq or Cabometyx.

REFERENCES

- Cometriq [Prescribing Information]. South San Francisco, CA: Exelixis, Inc.; January 2018.
- Cabometyx [Prescribing Information]. South San Francisco, CA: Exelixis, Inc.; January 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

CANNABIDIOL

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
CANNABIDIOL	EPIDIOLEX	45006		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of seizures associated with Dravet syndrome and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 2 years of age or older
 - Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist
 - The patient had a trial of or contraindication to clobazam **AND** valproic acid derivative

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, continue to #2.

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 2 years of age or older
 - Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist
 - The patient had a trial of or contraindication to **TWO** of the following: clobazam, valproic acid derivative, topiramate, lamotrigine

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **CANNABIDIOL (Epidiolex)** requires a diagnosis of seizures associated with Dravet syndrome or Lennox-Gastaut syndrome. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For the diagnosis of seizures associated with Dravet syndrome, approval requires:

- The patient is 2 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist
- The patient had a trial of or contraindication to clobazam **AND** valproic acid derivative

For the diagnosis of seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, approval requires:

- The patient is 2 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist
- The patient had a trial of or contraindication to **TWO** of the following: clobazam, valproic acid derivative, topiramate, lamotrigine

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CANNABIDIOL

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

- 1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of seizures associated with Dravet syndrome or Lennox-Gastaut syndrome?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **CANNABIDIOL (Epidiolex)** requires a diagnosis of seizures associated with Dravet syndrome or Lennox-Gastaut syndrome.

RATIONALE

For further information please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Epidiolex.

REFERENCES

- Epidiolex [Prescribing Information]. Carlsbad, CA: Greenwich Biosciences, Inc.; January 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

CAPECITABINE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
CAPECITABINE	XELODA	18385		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Stage III (Duke's C) colon cancer?

If yes, **approve for 12 fills by GPID as requested up to #112 (500mg tablets) and #56 (150mg tablets) per 21 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC)?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, continue to #4.

3. Is Xeloda being used in combination with oxaliplatin (CapeOX or XELOX regimen) or as monotherapy?

If yes, **approve for 12 fills by GPID as requested up to #112 (500mg tablets) and #56 (150mg tablets) per 21 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic breast cancer?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Has the patient failed an anthracycline-containing therapy (such as epirubicin or doxorubicin)?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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CAPECITABINE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

6. Is the patient using Xeloda in combination with docetaxel?

If yes, **approve for 12 fills by GPID as requested up to #112 (500mg tablets) and #56 (150mg tablets) per 21 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If no, continue to #7.

7. Has the patient failed paclitaxel?

If yes, **approve for 12 fills by GPID as requested up to #112 (500mg tablets) and #56 (150mg tablets) per 21 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of Stage III (Duke's C) colon cancer; or a diagnosis of metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC) and that Xeloda is being used in combination with oxaliplatin (CapeOX or XELOX regimen) or as a monotherapy; or a diagnosis of metastatic breast cancer and that Xeloda is being used as monotherapy in patients resistant to both paclitaxel and an anthracycline-containing regimen or is being used in combination with docetaxel after failure of prior anthracycline-containing therapy. The required therapies may require a prior authorization and may be covered under the medical benefit.

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of Xeloda consistent with FDA approved indication and NCCN guidelines.

Xeloda (capecitabine) which is the pro-drug of 5-fluorouracil (5-FU), is administered orally with food. The daily dose is 1250mg/m² given in two divided doses approximately 12 hours apart at the end of a meal. Individual doses will vary by patient based on the body surface area. Xeloda is approved as first-line monotherapy for mCRC when treatment with fluoropyrimidine therapy alone is preferred and as adjuvant therapy for patients with Stage III (Duke's C) colon cancer. It is also FDA approved for the treatment of breast cancer and has demonstrated efficacy in several other cancers.

NCCN Guidelines Version 2.2013: Colon Cancer / NCCN Guidelines Version 3.2013 Rectal Cancer Surgical removal is the preferred treatment for early stage disease. Surgery is accompanied by adjuvant chemotherapy for patients with high-risk features or more extensive cancer involvement.

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CAPECITABINE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Primary treatment options for resectable synchronous metastases are:

- Chemotherapy (FOLFIRI, FOLFOX, or CapeOX) with or without Avastin
- Chemotherapy (FOLFIRI or FOLFOX) with or without Vectibix (KRAS wild-type patients only)
- Chemotherapy (FOLFIRI) with or without Erbitux (KRAS wild-type patients only)
- Staged resection
- Infusional IV 5-FU with radiation

Primary treatment options for unresectable metachronous metastases previously treated with adjuvant FOLFOX are:

- FOLFIRI with or without Avastin
- FOLFIRI with or without Zaltrap
- Irinotecan with or without Avastin
- Irinotecan with or without Zaltrap
- FOLFIRI or irinotecan with Erbitux or Vectibix (KRAS wild-type patients only)

Initial therapy options for treatment of mCRC in patients appropriate for intensive therapy are:

- FOLFOX, with or without Avastin
- FOLFOX, with or without Vectibix (KRAS wild-type patients only)
- CapeOX with or without Avastin
- FOLFIRI with or without Avastin
- FOLFIRI with or without Erbitux or Vectibix (KRAS wild-type patients only)
- 5-FU/leucovorin or Xeloda with or without Avastin
- FOLFOXIRI

Initial therapy options for treatment of mCRC in patients not appropriate for intensive therapy are:

- Infusional 5-FU with leucovorin or Xeloda with or without Avastin
- Erbitux (KRAS wild-type patients only)
- Vectibix (KRAS wild-type patients only)

Zaltrap in combination with FOLFIRI is a recommended therapeutic regimen following progression of mCRC after an oxaliplatin containing chemotherapy regimen. Stivarga is considered a treatment option in therapy after first, second, or third progression, depending on previous lines of therapy.

Other treatment options after first or second progression include:

- Erbitux or Vectibix with irinotecan (KRAS wild-type patients only)
- FOLFOX, FOLFIRI, CapeOX, or irinotecan with or without Avastin
- Irinotecan and oxaliplatin with or without Avastin

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CAPECITABINE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

The Xeloda prescribing information contains one study (X-ACT) supporting its use in the adjuvant setting for patients with Stage III (Duke's C) colon cancer. A total of 1987 patients were randomized to Xeloda or 5-FU/LV. With a median follow-up of 6.9 years, Xeloda was at least equivalent to 5-FU/LV in terms of disease free survival and OS.

There were two pivotal trials of identical design that evaluated Xeloda as a first line treatment for mCRC. The first trial by Hoff randomized a total of 605 patients to treatment with either Xeloda or 5-FU/LV. The Xeloda treated patients experienced a higher overall objective tumor response rate than the 5-FU/LV patients (24.8% vs. 15.5%). The median time to disease progression (4.3 vs. 4.7 months) and median OS (12.5 vs. 13.3) were similar between treatment arms. Quality of life data was not reported. (32) The second trial led by Van Cutsem included 602 patients. The Xeloda treated patients experienced similar overall response rates (18.9% vs. 15.0%), median time to disease progression (5.2 vs. 4.7 months) and OS (13.2 vs. 12.1 months) as the 5-FU/LV group.

Later the XELOX-1 (Study NO16966) trial investigated Xeloda as a first line treatment in combination with oxaliplatin (XELOX) compared to FOLFOX-4. The trial was later amended to include Avastin resulting in four treatment arms: XELOX vs. FOLFOX-4, with either Avastin or placebo. OS was 19.8 months in the pooled XELOX/XELOX placebo/ XELOX Avastin arms vs. 19.5 months in the pooled FOLFOX4/FOLFOX4-placebo/FOLFOX4-Avastin. In the pooled XELOX/XELOX-placebo arms, median OS was 19.0 vs. 18.9 months in the pooled FOLFOX4/FOLFOX4-placebo arms.

A trial led by Ducreux evaluated XELOX vs. FOLFOX-6 for the first line treatment of mCRC. Efficacy of the two regimens was similar with median PFS of 8.8 months with XELOX and 9.3 months with FOLFOX-6, and median OS of 19.9 and 20.5 months, respectively. A quality of life analysis was performed using two scales: the Cancer Quality of Life Questionnaire-C30 (QLQ-C30) and the module 'Chemotherapy Convenience and Satisfaction Questionnaire' (CCSQ) of the Functional Assessment of Chronic Illness Therapy (FACIT) Measurement System; which is a collection of HRQoL questionnaires related to the management of chronic illnesses, measures the health-care satisfaction of patients. Both regimens had a similar quality of life profile but XELOX was perceived as more convenient and satisfactory to patients.

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CAPECITABINE

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Xeloda is approved for:

- Adjuvant Colon Cancer
 - Patients with Stage III (Duke's C) colon cancer
- Metastatic Colorectal Cancer
 - First-line as monotherapy when treatment with fluoropyrimidine therapy alone is preferred
- Metastatic Breast Cancer
 - In combination with docetaxel after failure of prior anthracycline containing therapy
 - As monotherapy in patients resistant to both paclitaxel and an anthracycline-containing regimen

REFERENCES

- Xeloda [Prescribing Information]. South San Francisco, CA: Genentech Inc.
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Colon Cancer Guideline Version 3.2012. Available at: http://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/colon.pdf [Accessed October 1, 2012].
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Rectal Cancer Guideline Version 3.2012. Available at: http://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/rectal.pdf [Accessed October 1, 2012].

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

CAPLACIZUMAB-YHDP

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
CAPLACIZUMAB-YHDP	CABLIVI	45591		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of acquired thrombotic thrombocytopenia purpura (aTTP) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Has the patient experienced more than two recurrences of aTTP, while on Cablivi therapy (i.e., new drop in platelet count requiring repeat plasma exchange during 30 days post-plasma exchange therapy [PEX] and up to 28 days of extended therapy)?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the request for continuation of Cablivi therapy from inpatient (hospital) setting **AND** the patient meets the following criterion?

- Cablivi was previously initiated as part of the FDA approved treatment regimen in combination with plasma exchange and immunosuppressive therapy within the inpatient setting

If yes, **approve for 30 days by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 vial per day.**

If no, continue to #4.

4. Is the request for continuation of Cablivi therapy from the initial 30 days treatment course (e.g., no break in therapy) and the patient meets **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is receiving immunosuppressive therapy
- Physician attestation that the patient is experiencing signs of persistent underlying disease (e.g., suppressed ADAMTS13 [a disintegrin and metalloproteinase with thrombospondin type 1 motif, member 13] activity level remain present)

If yes, **approve for 28 days by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 vial per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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CAPLACIZUMAB-YHDP

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **CAPLACIZUMAB-YHDP (Cabliivi)** requires a diagnosis of acquired thrombotic thrombocytopenia purpura (aTTP). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist
- The patient has NOT experienced more than two recurrences of aTTP, while on Cabliivi therapy (i.e., new drop in platelet count requiring repeat plasma exchange during 30 days post-plasma exchange therapy [PEX] and up to 28 days of extended therapy)
- The patient also meets ONE of the following:
 - Request is for continuation of Cabliivi therapy from inpatient (hospital) setting and the patient previously received plasma exchange and immunosuppressive therapy within the inpatient setting
 - Requests is for continuation of Cabliivi therapy from the initial 30 days treatment course (e.g., no break in therapy) and meets the following:
 - The patient is receiving immunosuppressive therapy
 - Physician attestation that the patient is experiencing signs of persistent underlying disease (e.g., suppressed ADAMTS13 [a disintegrin and metalloproteinase with thrombospondin type 1 motif, member 13] activity level remain present)

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Cabliivi.

REFERENCES

- Cabliivi [Prescribing Information]. Cambridge, MA: Genzyme Corporation; February 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

CAPSAICIN

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
CAPSAICIN 8% PATCH	QUTENZA	36916		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have neuropathic pain associated with postherpetic neuralgia?

If yes, **approve for 4 fills within 12 months of up to #4 patches per fill (maximum dose 4 patches/every 3 months).**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of neuropathic pain associated with postherpetic neuralgia (PHN).

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate utilization of Qutenza based on FDA indication.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Qutenza is indicated for the management of neuropathic pain associated with postherpetic neuralgia (PHN).

REFERENCES

- Dubinsky RM, Kabbani H, El-Chami Z, et al. Practice parameter: treatment of postherpetic neuralgia: an evidence-based report of the Quality Standards Subcommittee of the American Academy of Neurology. Neurology. 2004; 63(6):959-965.
- Micromedex® Healthcare Series [database online]. Greenwood Village, CO: Thomson Healthcare. Available at: www.thomsonhc.com/hcs/librarian/. [Accessed: June 22, 2011].
- NeurogesX, Inc. Qutenza package insert. San Mateo, CA. November 2009.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 07/01/13

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P&T Approval: 08/11



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

CARBIDOPA-LEVODOPA

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
CARBIDOPA/LEVODOPA	DUOPA		37829	ROUTE = Percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy with jejunal tube (PEG-J)

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for 100mL per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **CARBIDOPA-LEVODOPA** requires a diagnosis of advanced Parkinson's disease.

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of Duopa based on FDA approved indication.

Duopa is the first agent to provide continuous treatment via the enteral route for motor fluctuations in patients with Parkinson's disease. It provides patients with the same active ingredients as orally-administered carbidopa and levodopa immediate release, but is delivered in a suspension that bypasses the stomach and goes directly into the small intestine via a tube placed by a percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy with jejunal extension (PEG-J).

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Duopa is indicated for the treatment of motor fluctuations in patients with advanced Parkinson's disease.

DOSAGE

Duopa is administered over a 16-hour infusion period. The daily dose is determined by individualized patient titration and composed of a morning dose, a continuous dose, and extra doses. The maximum recommended daily dose of Duopa is 2000mg of the levodopa component. At the end of the daily 16-hour infusion, patients will disconnect with pump from the PEG-J and take their nighttime dose of oral immediate release carbidopa/levodopa tablets.

Duopa is administered into the jejunum through a percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy with jejunal tube (PEG-J) with the CADD®-Legacy 1400 portable infusion pump. A Duopa cassette should be taken out of the refrigerator and out of the carton 20 minutes prior to use so that it can be administered at room temperature. The cassettes are for single-use only.

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CARBIDOPA-LEVODOPA

REFERENCES

- Duopa [Prescribing Information]. North Chicago, IL: Abbvie, Inc. January 2015.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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P&T Approval: 05/15



**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

CENEGERMIN-BKBJ

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
CENEGERMIN-BKBJ	OXERVATE	45258		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of neurotrophic keratitis (NK) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with an ophthalmologist
 - The patient has a medical history supportive of causative etiology for trigeminal nerve damage (e.g., herpes zoster infection, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, ocular surgical damage)
 - Physician attestation that patient has loss of corneal sensitivity, corneal epithelium changes, and/or loss of tear production
 - The patient is refractory to conservative management (i.e., artificial tears, ocular lubricants, topical antibiotics, therapeutic contact lenses)

If yes, **approve for 8 weeks by HICL as follows:**

- If treatment is for 1 eye: #28 vials per 28 days per lifetime.**
- If treatment is for 2 eyes: #56 vials per 28 days per lifetime.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **CENEGERMIN-BKBJ (Oxervate)** requires a diagnosis of neurotrophic keratitis. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with an ophthalmologist
- The patient has a medical history supportive of causative etiology for trigeminal nerve damage (e.g., herpes zoster infection, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, ocular surgical damage)
- Physician attestation that patient has loss of corneal sensitivity, corneal epithelium changes, and/or loss of tear production
- The patient is refractory to conservative management (i.e., artificial tears, ocular lubricants, topical antibiotics, therapeutic contact lenses)

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Oxervate.

REFERENCES

- Oxervate [Prescribing Information]. Boston, MA: Dompe U.S., Inc., August 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 04/01/19

Created: 02/19

Client Approval: 03/19

P&T Approval: 01/19



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

CERITINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
CERITINIB	ZYKADIA	41111		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - Tumor is anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) positive, as detected by an FDA-approved test

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #3 capsules/tablets per day.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **CERITINIB (Zykadia)** requires a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive tumor as detected by an FDA-approved test.

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Zykadia.

REFERENCE

- Zykadia [Prescribing Information]. East Hanover, NJ: Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation; March 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 06/01/19

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Client Approval: 05/19

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

CERTOLIZUMAB PEGOL

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
CERTOLIZUMAB PEGOL	CIMZIA	35554		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient meets **ONE** of the following:
 - The patient is pregnant, breastfeeding, or trying to become pregnant
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any TWO of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Actemra, Enbrel Humira, Xeljanz (IR/XR) [**NOTE:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, **approve for a total of 6 months. Please enter two authorizations as follows:**

- **FIRST APPROVAL: Approve for 1 month for 1 fill with a quantity limit of #3 (1200 mg) per 28 days (equals one starter kit of 6 syringes or three kits of 2 syringes/vials per kit) then,**
- **SECOND APPROVAL: Approve for 5 months with a quantity limit of #1 kit (each kit contains 2 syringes/vials) per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #2.

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CERTOLIZUMAB PEGOL

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient meets **ONE** of the following:
 - The patient is pregnant, breastfeeding, or trying to become pregnant
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Enbrel, Humira, Cosentyx, Stelara [**NOTE:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, approve for a total of 6 months. Please enter two authorizations as follows:

- **FIRST APPROVAL:** Approve for 1 month for 1 fill with a quantity limit of #3 (1200 mg) per 28 days (equals one starter kit of 6 syringes or three kits of 2 syringes/vials per kit) then,
- **SECOND APPROVAL:** Approve for 5 months with a quantity limit of #1 kit (each kit contains 2 syringes/vials) per 28 days.

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for psoriatic arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #3.

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CERTOLIZUMAB PEGOL

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis (AS) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient meets **ONE** of the following:
 - The patient is pregnant, breastfeeding, or trying to become pregnant
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Enbrel, Humira, Cosentyx (**NOTE:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify)

If yes, **approve for a total of 6 months. Please enter two authorizations as follows:**

- **FIRST APPROVAL: Approve for 1 month for 1 fill with a quantity limit of #3 (1200 mg) per 28 days (equals one starter kit of 6 syringes or three kits of 2 syringes/vials per kit) then,**
- **SECOND APPROVAL: Approve for 5 months with a quantity limit of #1 kit (each kit contains 2 syringes/vials) per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for ankylosing spondylitis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained an improvement of at least 50% or 2 units (scale of 1-10) in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) while on therapy.

If no, continue to #4.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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CERTOLIZUMAB PEGOL

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe Crohn's disease (CD) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to one or more of the following conventional agents such as corticosteroids (i.e., budesonide, methylprednisolone), azathioprine, mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or mesalamine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient meets **ONE** of the following:
 - The patient is pregnant, breastfeeding, or trying to become pregnant
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to **ONE** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Humira **OR** Stelara [**NOTE:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, approve for a total of 6 months. Please enter two authorizations as follows:

- **FIRST APPROVAL:** Approve for 1 month for 1 fill with a quantity limit of #3 (1200 mg) per 28 days (equals one starter kit of 6 syringes or three kits of 2 syringes/vials per kit) then,
- **SECOND APPROVAL:** Approve for 5 months with a quantity limit of #1 kit (each kit contains 2 syringes/vials) per 28 days.

If no, continue to #5.

5. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Documentation of the patient's current weight
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
- The patient has psoriatic lesions involving greater than or equal to 10% of body surface area (BSA) **OR** psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to one or more forms of conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine
- The patient meets **ONE** of the following:
 - The patient is pregnant, breastfeeding, or trying to become pregnant
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Cosentyx, Humira, Otezla, Stelara, Tremfya, Skyrizi [**NOTE:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, continue to #7.

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CERTOLIZUMAB PEGOL

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

6. Does the patient weigh 90 kg or less?

If yes, **approve for a total of 6 months. Please enter two authorizations as follows:**

- **FIRST APPROVAL: Approve for 1 month for 1 fill with a quantity limit of #3 (1200 mg) per 28 days (equals one starter kit of 6 syringes or three kits of 2 syringes/vials per kit) then,**
- **SECOND APPROVAL: Approve for 5 months with a quantity limit of #1 kit (each kit contains 2 syringes/vials) per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe plaque psoriasis requires that the patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more while on therapy.

If no, **approve for 6 months with a quantity limit of #2 kits (each kit contains 2 syringes/vials) per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe plaque psoriasis requires that the patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more while on therapy.

7. Does the patient have a diagnosis of non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient meets ONE of the following objective signs of inflammation:
 - C-reactive protein (CRP) levels above the upper limit of normal
 - Sacroiliitis on magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

If yes, **approve for a total of 6 months. Please enter two authorizations as follows:**

- **FIRST APPROVAL: Approve for 1 month for 1 fill with a quantity limit of #3 (1200 mg) per 28 days (equals one starter kit of 6 syringes or three kits of 2 syringes/vials per kit) then,**
- **SECOND APPROVAL: Approve for 5 months with a quantity limit of #1 kit (each kit contains 2 syringes/vials) per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA) requires that the patient has experienced or maintained an improvement of at least 50% or 2 units (scale of 1-10) in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) while on therapy.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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CERTOLIZUMAB PEGOL

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **CERTOLIZUMAB PEGOL (Cimzia)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, moderate to severe Crohn's disease, moderate to severe psoriasis, or non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient is pregnant, breastfeeding, or trying to become pregnant **OR** the patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any TWO of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Actemra, Humira, Enbrel, Xeljanz (IR/XR)

For the diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient is pregnant, breastfeeding, or trying to become pregnant **OR** the patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Enbrel, Humira, Cosentyx, Stelara

For the diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis (AS), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient is pregnant, breastfeeding, or trying to become pregnant **OR** the patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Enbrel, Humira, Cosentyx

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe Crohn's disease (CD), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to one or more of the following conventional agents such as corticosteroids (i.e., budesonide, methylprednisolone), azathioprine, mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or mesalamine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient is pregnant, breastfeeding, or trying to become pregnant **OR** the patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to **ONE** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Humira **OR** Stelara

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CERTOLIZUMAB PEGOL

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO), approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Documentation of the patient's current weight
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
- The patient has psoriatic lesions involving greater than or equal to 10% of body surface area (BSA) **OR** psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to one or more forms of conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine
- The patient is pregnant, breastfeeding, or trying to become pregnant **OR** the patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Cosentyx, Humira, Otezla, Stelara, Tremfya, Skyrizi

For the diagnosis of non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA), approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient meets **ONE** of the following objective signs of inflammation:
 - C-reactive protein (CRP) levels above the upper limit of normal
 - Sacroiliitis on magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

The use of pharmaceutical samples (from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program) will not be considered when evaluating the medical condition or prior prescription history for drugs that require prior authorization.

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of #1 kit (each kit contains 2 syringes/vials) per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of #1 kit each kit contains 2 syringes/vials) per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #3.

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CERTOLIZUMAB PEGOL

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis (AS) **AND** meet the following criterion?
- The patient has experienced or maintained an improvement of at least 50% or 2 units (scale of 1-10) in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of #1 kit (each kit contains 2 syringes/vials) per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe Crohn's disease (CD)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of #1 kit (each kit contains 2 syringes/vials) per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #5.

5. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more while on therapy

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, continue to #7.

6. Does the patient weigh 90 kg or less?

If yes, **approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of #1 kit (each kit contains 2 syringes/vials) per 28 days.**

If no, **approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of #2 kits (each kit contains 2 syringes/vials) per 28 days.**

7. Does the patient have a diagnosis of non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has experienced or maintained an improvement of at least 50% or 2 units (scale of 1-10) in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of #1 kit (each kit contains 2 syringes/vials) per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

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CERTOLIZUMAB PEGOL

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **CERTOLIZUMAB PEGOL (Cimzia)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, moderate to severe Crohn's disease, moderate to severe plaque psoriasis, or non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis for renewal. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA), approval requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

For the diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA), approval requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

For the diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis (AS), approval requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained an improvement of at least 50% or 2 units (scale of 1-10) in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) while on therapy.

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO), approval requires:

- The patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more while on therapy.

For the diagnosis of non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis (nr-axSpA), approval requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained an improvement of at least 50% or 2 units (scale of 1-10) in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) while on therapy.

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Cimzia.

REFERENCES

- Cimzia [Prescribing Information]. Smyrna, GA: UCB, Inc. March 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 05/03/19

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P&T Approval: 01/19



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

CHENODIOL

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
CHENODIOL	CHENODAL	01364		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Is the requested medication being prescribed for the treatment of cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis (CTX)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #3 tablets daily.**
If no, continue to #2.

2. Is the requested medication being prescribed for the treatment of radiolucent gallstones?

If yes, continue to #3.
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Has the patient received previous chenodiol therapy with a total duration exceeding 24 months?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #4.

4. Has the patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to ursodiol?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #7 tablets daily.**
If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **CHENODIOL (Chenodal)** requires a diagnosis of radiolucent gallstones or cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis. The following criteria must also be met:

For the diagnosis of radiolucent gallstones:

- The patient has had a previous trial of or contraindication to ursodiol
- The patient has not received previous chenodiol therapy with a total duration exceeding 24 months

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CHENODIOL

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Is the requested medication being used for radiolucent gallstones?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #5.

2. Has the patient previously received a total duration of chenodiol therapy exceeding 24 months?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have complete or no gallstone dissolution seen on imaging after 12 months of therapy?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have partial gallstone dissolution seen on imaging after 12 months of therapy?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #7 tablets daily.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Does the patient have a diagnosis of cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis (CTX) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- Physician attestation of improvement in **ONE** of the following:
 - Normalization of elevated serum or urine bile alcohols
 - Normalization of elevated serum cholestanol levels
 - Improvement in neurologic and psychiatric symptoms (dementia, pyramidal tract and cerebellar signs)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #3 tablets daily.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

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CHENODIOL

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline for **CHENODIOL (Chenodal)** requires a diagnosis of radiolucent gallstones or cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis. The following criteria must also be met:

For the diagnosis of radiolucent gallstones:

- The patient has **NOT** exceeded a total of 24 months of previous chenodiol therapy
- The patient does **NOT** have complete or no gallstone dissolution seen on imaging (e.g., oral cholecystograms or ultrasonograms) after 12 months of therapy
- The patient has partial gallstone dissolution seen on imaging (e.g., oral cholecystograms or ultrasonograms) after 12 months of therapy

For the diagnosis of cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis:

- Physician attestation of improvement in **ONE** of the following:
 - Normalization of elevated serum or urine bile alcohols
 - Normalization of elevated serum cholestanol levels
 - Improvement in neurologic and psychiatric symptoms (dementia, pyramidal tract and cerebellar signs)

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization for chenodiol.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Chenodiol is indicated for patients with radiolucent stones in well-opacifying gallbladders, in whom selective surgery would be undertaken except for the presence of increased surgical risk due to systemic disease or age. The likelihood of successful dissolution is far greater if the stones are floatable or small. For patients with nonfloatable stones, dissolution is less likely and added weight should be given to the risk that more emergent surgery might result from a delay due to unsuccessful treatment. Safety of use beyond 24 months is not established. Chenodiol will not dissolve calcified (radiopaque) or radiolucent bile pigment stones.

Because of the potential hepatotoxicity of chenodiol, poor response rate in some subgroups of chenodiol-treated patients, and an increased rate of a need for cholecystectomy in other chenodiol-treated subgroups, chenodiol is not an appropriate treatment for many patients with gallstones. Chenodiol should be reserved for carefully selected patients and treatment must be accompanied by systematic monitoring for liver function alterations. Aspects of patient selection, response rates and risks versus benefits are given in the package insert.

Chenodiol is used off-label for the treatment of cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis.

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CHENODIOL

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Radiolucent gallstones:

The recommended dose range for chenodiol is 13 to 16mg/kg/day in two divided doses, morning and night. Starting with 250 mg two times a day for the first two weeks and increasing by 250 mg/day each week thereafter until the recommended or maximum tolerated dose is reached. If diarrhea occurs during dosage buildup or later in treatment, it usually can be controlled by temporary dosage adjustment until symptoms abate, after which the previous dosage usually is tolerated. Dosage less than 10 mg/kg usually is ineffective and may be associated with increased risk of cholecystectomy, so is not recommended.

Cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis:

The recommended dose for chenodiol for adults is 250 mg three times a day and 15 mg/kg per day in three divided doses for children.

REFERENCES

- Chenodal [Prescribing Information]. Manchester Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Fort Collins, CO. Sept 2009.
- Ransohoff DF, Gracie WA. Guidelines for the Treatment of Gallstones. *Ann Intern Med.* 1993; 119:620-622.
- UpToDate, Inc. Cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis. UpToDate [database online]. Last updated Dec 20, 2016.
- UpToDate, Inc. Nonsurgical treatment of gallstones. UpToDate [database online]. Last updated Mar 6, 2018.

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

CHOLIC ACID

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
CHOLIC ACID	CHOLBAM	39124		ROUTE = ORAL

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient exhibit manifestations of liver disease, steatorrhea, or complications from decreased fat-soluble vitamin absorption secondary to one of the following conditions:
 - Bile acid synthesis disorders **or**
 - Peroxisomal disorders (i.e., Zellweger spectrum disorders)?

If yes, **approve for 3 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **CHOLIC ACID** requires that the patient exhibit manifestations of liver disease, steatorrhea, or complications from decreased fat-soluble vitamin absorption secondary to one of the following conditions:

- Bile acid synthesis disorders **or**
- Peroxisomal disorders (i.e., Zellweger spectrum disorders).

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Did the patient experience improvement in liver function (as defined by at least one of the following criteria):
 - ALT or AST values reduced to <50 U/L or baseline levels reduced by 80% **or**
 - Total bilirubin values reduced to <1 mg/dl **or**
 - No evidence of cholestasis on liver biopsy?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **CHOLIC ACID** renewal requires improvement in liver function (as defined by at least one of the following criteria):

- ALT or AST values reduced to <50 U/L or baseline levels reduced by 80% **or**
- Total bilirubin values reduced to <1 mg/dL **or**
- No evidence of cholestasis on liver biopsy.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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CHOLIC ACID

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of Cholbam (cholic acid) based on FDA approved indication.

Cholbam (cholic acid) is the first FDA approved treatment for pediatric and adult patients with bile acid synthesis disorders due to single enzyme defects (SEDs), and for patients with peroxisomal disorders (PDs), including Zellweger spectrum disorders. Ursodeoxycholic acid treatment has been found to have limited benefits for the treatment of bile acid defects, however, oral primary bile acid replacement by chenodeoxycholic acid or cholic acid is required for these defects to down-regulate endogenous bile acid synthesis. Cholic acid is now recognized as the bile acid of choice because it is not hepatotoxic, and it is effective therapy for errors in bile acid synthesis due to SEDs. Cholic acid has previously been available as an Investigation New Drug (IND), and study trials for cholic acid have exceeded eighteen years in duration.

The combined incidence of peroxisomal disorders is in excess of 1 in 20,000 individuals. Zellweger syndrome (ZWS) is the most common peroxisomal disorder to manifest itself in early infancy. Its incidence has been estimated to be 1 in 50,000-100,000. Patients with these rare disorders lack the enzymes needed to synthesize cholic acid, a primary bile acid normally produced in the liver from cholesterol. The absence of cholic acid in these patients leads to reduced bile flow, and malabsorption of fats and fat-soluble vitamins in the diet. If untreated, patients fail to grow and can develop life-threatening liver injury.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

- Treatment of bile acid synthesis disorders due to single enzyme defects (SEDs).
- Adjunctive treatment of peroxisomal disorders (PDs) including Zellweger spectrum disorders in patients who exhibit manifestations of liver disease, steatorrhea or complications from decreased fat-soluble vitamin absorption.

Limitations of use: The effectiveness of Cholbam for the management of extrahepatic manifestations of bile acid synthesis disorders due to SEDs or PDs has not been established.

DOSAGE

The dosage regimen for bile acid synthesis disorders due to SEDs and for PDs, including Zellweger Spectrum Disorders, is 10 to 15mg/kg given orally once daily or in two divided doses. Patients with newly diagnosed or a family history of familial hypertriglyceridemia may have poor absorption of Cholbam and require a 10% increase in the recommended dosage (11 to 17mg/kg orally once or twice daily).

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CHOLIC ACID

DOSAGE (CONTINUED)

Cholbam is available in 50mg and 250mg capsules and should be given in the lowest dose that effectively maintains liver function. Cholbam should be taken with food, and at least one hour before or 4-6 hours after a bile acid binding resin or an aluminum-based antacid. For patients unable to swallow the capsules, the capsules can be opened and the contents mixed with either infant formula or expressed breast milk (for younger children), or soft food such as mashed potatoes or apple puree (for older children and adults) in order to mask any unpleasant taste.

REFERENCES

- Cholbam [Prescribing Information]. Baltimore, MD: Asklepiion Pharmaceuticals, LLC; March 2015.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

CLADRIBINE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
CLADRIBINE	MAVENCLAD		44338	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of a relapsing form of multiple sclerosis (MS) **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - The patient had a previous trial of **ONE** agent indicated for the treatment of multiple sclerosis (MS) (**Please note:** other MS agents may also require prior authorization)
 - Physician attestation that the patient shows signs of severe disease requiring high-efficacy disease modifying therapy (DMT) (e.g., high lesion volume and/or count, walking disability, or rapid decline)

If yes, **approve for 48 weeks by GPID for the requested quantity up to a maximum quantity limit of #20 tablets for 1 fill (NOTE: If the requested quantity is less than or equal to 10 tablets, please enter a proactive PA for 48 weeks by GPID with a maximum quantity limit of #10 tablets for 1 fill to cover the second cycle).**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires 1) physician attestation that the patient has demonstrated a clinical benefit compared to pre-treatment baseline, 2) the patient does not have lymphopenia, and 3) the patient has not received a total of two years of Mavenclad treatment (i.e., two treatment cycles divided into 2 yearly treatment courses).

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **CLADRIBINE (Mavenclad)** requires a diagnosis of a relapsing form of multiple sclerosis (MS). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient meets ONE of the following:
 - The patient had a previous trial of **ONE** agent indicated for the treatment of multiple sclerosis (MS) (**Please note:** The following agents are preferred and may also require prior authorization: Avonex, Copaxone/Glatiramer/Glatopa, Gilenya, Plegridy, Rebif, Tecfidera)
 - Physician attestation that the patient shows signs of severe disease requiring high-efficacy disease modifying therapy (DMT) (e.g., high lesion volume and/or count, walking disability, or rapid decline)

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CLADRIBINE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of a relapsing form of multiple sclerosis (MS)?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Has the patient received a total of two years of Mavenclad treatment (i.e., two treatment cycles divided into 2 yearly treatment courses)?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Physician attestation that the patient has demonstrated a clinical benefit compared to pre-treatment baseline
- The patient does not have lymphopenia

If yes, **approve for 48 weeks by GPID for the requested quantity up to a maximum quantity limit of #20 tablets for 1 fill (NOTE: If the requested quantity is less than or equal to 10 tablets, please enter a proactive PA for 48 weeks by GPID with a maximum quantity limit of #10 tablets for 1 fill to cover the second cycle).**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **CLADRIBINE (Mavenclad)** requires a diagnosis of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS) AND the patient has not received a total of two years of Mavenclad treatment. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- Physician attestation that the patient has demonstrated a clinical benefit compared to pre-treatment baseline
- The patient does not have lymphopenia

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CLADRIBINE

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Mavenclad.

REFERENCES

- Mavenclad [Prescribing Information]. Rockland, MA: EMD Serono, Inc., March 2019.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

CLOBAZAM-SYMPAZAN

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
CLOBAZAM	SYMPAZAN		45264 45265 45266	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Lennox-Gastaut syndrome and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The requested medication will be used for adjunctive treatment of seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome (i.e., in combination with lamotrigine or topiramate)
- The patient is 2 years of age or older
- Physician attestation that the patient is unable to take tablets or suspension
- The patient has had a trial of or contraindication to generic/branded clobazam products (Onfi)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all of the following strengths with a quantity limit of #2 films per day:**

- **Sympazan 5mg film (GPID 45264).**
- **Sympazan 10mg film (GPID 45265).**
- **Sympazan 20mg film (GPID 45266).**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **CLOBAZAM-SYMPAZAN** requires a diagnosis of Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome. The following criteria must also be met:

- The requested medication will be used for adjunctive treatment of seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome (i.e., in combination with lamotrigine or topiramate)
- The patient is 2 years of age or older
- Physician attestation that the patient is unable to take tablets or suspension
- The patient has had a trial of or contraindication to generic/branded clobazam products (Onfi)

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Sympazan.

REFERENCES

- Sympazan [Prescribing Information]. Warren, NJ. Aquestive Therapeutics; November 2018.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

COBIMETINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
COBIMETINIB FUMARATE	COTELLIC	42796		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of unresectable or metastatic melanoma and have **ALL** of the following criteria been met?
 - Positive for BRAF V600E **OR** V600K mutation
 - Cobimetinib will be used in combination with vemurafenib (Zelboraf)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #63 tablets per 28 days.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **COBIMETINIB (Cotellic)** requires a diagnosis of unresectable or metastatic melanoma. In addition, all of the following criteria must be met:

- Positive for BRAF V600E **OR** V600K mutation, and
- Cobimetinib will be used in combination with vemurafenib (Zelboraf).

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of Cotellic consistent with FDA approved indication.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Cotellic (cobimetinib) is a kinase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with a BRAF V600E or V600K mutation, in combination with vemurafenib. Cotellic is not indicated for treatment of patients with wild-type BRAF melanoma.

DOSAGE

The recommended dose is 60 mg orally once daily for the first 21 days of each 28-day cycle until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

AVAILABLE STRENGTHS:

- 20 mg tablet

REFERENCES

- Cotellic [Prescribing Information]; San Francisco, CA: Genentech USA, Inc.; November 2015.

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Yes	Yes	No

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITORS - STAND-ALONE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
BLOOD-GLUCOSE METER, CONTINUOUS	DEXCOM, DEXCOM G4, DEXCOM G5, DEXCOM G6	36756		
BLOOD-GLUCOSE TRANSMITTER	DEXCOM G4, DEXCOM G5, DEXCOM G6			NDC = 08627-0013-01 NDC = 08627-0014-01 NDC = 08627-0016-01
BLOOD-GLUCOSE SENSOR	DEXCOM G6, DEXCOM G5-G4 SENSOR			NDC = 08627-0051-04 NDC = 08627-0053-03
FLASH GLUCOSE SCANNING READER	FREESTYLE LIBRE READER	44578		
FLASH GLUCOSE SENSOR	FREESTYLE LIBRE SENSOR	44576		
BLOOD-GLUCOSE SENSOR	GUARDIAN SENSOR 3			NDC = 43169-0704-05
BLOOD-GLUCOSE TRANSMITTER	GUARDIAN CONNECT TRANSMITTER			NDC = 76300-0002-60

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the claim rejecting for the following POS message: ***“Coverage of this product should be provided through medical benefit, available manufacturer programs, or patient assistance programs”?***

If yes, guideline does not apply.
If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of type 1 diabetes **OR** type 2 diabetes and the patient is insulin dependent as defined by **ONE** of the following?
 - The patient utilizes 3 or more daily injections of insulin
 - The patient utilizes a continuous insulin infusion pump

If yes, continue to #3.
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITORS - STAND-ALONE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is performing at least 4 finger-stick glucose tests daily
- The patient's insulin treatment plan requires frequent adjustment of insulin dosing

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline

4. Is the request for FreeStyle Libre System (i.e., reader, sensor) **AND** the patient meets the following criterion?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 12 months for all of the following:**

- **Freestyle Libre Reader (HICL 44578): #1 reader per 12 months.**
- **Freestyle Libre 14 Day Sensor (NDC 57599-0001-01): #2 sensors per 28 days.**
- **Freestyle Libre 10 Day Sensor (NDC 57599-0000-19): #3 sensors per 30 days.**

If no, continue to #5.

5. Is the request for Dexcom (i.e., meter, sensor, transmitter) **AND** the patient meets the following criterion?

- The patient is 2 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 12 months for all of the following:**

- **Dexcom System meter (HICL 36756): #1 meter per 12 months.**
- **Dexcom Transmitters**
 - **G4 Transmitter (NDC 08627-0013-01): #1 transmitter per 180 days.**
 - **G5 Transmitter (NDC 08627-0014-01): #1 transmitter per 90 days.**
 - **G6 Transmitter (NDC 08627-0016-01): #1 transmitter per 90 days.**
- **Dexcom Sensors**
 - **G4-5 Sensor (NDC 08627-0051-04): #4 sensors (#1 kit) per 28 days.**
 - **G6 Sensor (NDC 08627-0053-03): #3 sensors (#1 kit) per 30 days.**

If no, continue to #6.

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CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITORS - STAND-ALONE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

6. Is the request for Medtronic Guardian Connect (i.e., sensor, transmitter) **AND** the patient meets the following criterion?

- The patient is 14 to 75 years of age

If yes, **approve for 12 months by NDC for all of the following:**

- **Guardian Connect Transmitter (NDC 76300-0002-60): #1 transmitter per 12 months.**
- **Guardian Sensor 3 (NDC 43169-0704-05): #5 sensors every 35 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **Continuous Glucose Monitors** requires a diagnosis of type 1 diabetes or type 2 diabetes. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient must be insulin dependent as defined by 3 or more daily injections of insulin, OR use of a continuous insulin infusion pump
- The patient is performing at least 4 finger-stick glucose tests daily
- The patient's insulin treatment plan requires frequent adjustment of insulin dosing

For request of FreeStyle Libre System (i.e., reader, sensor), approval also requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older

For request of Dexcom systems (i.e., meter, sensor, transmitter), approval also requires:

- The patient is 2 years of age or older

For request of Medtronic Guardian Connect (i.e., sensor, transmitter), approval also requires:

- The patient is 14 to 75 years of age

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for the related continuous glucose monitor.

REFERENCES

- FreeStyle Libre Flash Glucose Monitoring System. Abbott Laboratories. Indications and Safety Information. Available at: <https://www.freestylelibre.us/safety-information>
- Dexcom Continuous Glucose Monitoring Products. Dexcom, Inc. Available at: <https://www.dexcom.com/>
- Medtronic Guardian Connect. Medtronic MiniMed, Inc. Available at: <https://www.medtronicdiabetes.com/products/guardian-connect-continuous-glucose-monitoring-system>

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CONTRACEPTIVE ZERO COST SHARE OVERRIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
CONTRACEPTIVES, ORAL				STC = 0248
CONTRACEPTIVES, TRANSDERMAL				STC = 9495
CONTRACEPTIVES, INTRAVAGINAL, SYSTEMIC				STC = 9654
INTRA-UTERINE DEVICES (IUD'S)				STC = 4730
CONTRACEPTIVES, INJECTABLE				STC = 4139
CONTRACEPTIVE, INTRAVAGINAL				STC = 0249
DIAPHRAGMS/CERVICAL CAP				STC = 3322
CONTRACEPTIVES, IMPLANTABLE				STC = 3669

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the patient requesting a cost share exception for the requested contraceptive agent **AND** does the plan cover contraceptives at zero cost share (i.e., the plan follows Affordable Care Act [ACA] recommendations and is linked to MedImpact's Essential Health Benefit Tables)?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, guideline does not apply.

2. Do **ANY** of the following criteria apply?
 - The patient's plan has specific procedures, instructions, and/or policies for cost share exception processes or for multi-source brand agent overrides (DAW1 override)
 - The request is for an agent with an excluded route of administration, such that the agent will be covered on the medical benefit

If yes, guideline does not apply.

If no, continue to #3.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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CONTRACEPTIVE ZERO COST SHARE OVERRIDE

GUIDELINE FOR USE (CONTINUED)

3. Is the request for a single-source brand contraceptive agent that has no preferred generic agents or therapeutically equivalent products available **AND** the physician has provided documentation confirming that the requested drug is considered as medically necessary (considerations may include severity of side effects, differences in permanence and reversibility of contraceptives, and ability to adhere to the appropriate use of the item or service)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID at zero cost share.**

If no, continue to #4.

4. Is the request for a single-source or multi-source brand contraceptive agent that is rejecting for step therapy required **AND** the physician has provided documentation that satisfies at least **ONE** of the following criteria?

- Two preferred products are medically inappropriate for the patient (alternatively, one if only one agent is available)
- The patient has tried or has a documented medical contraindication to two preferred products (alternatively, a trial of one if only one agent is available)
- The requested drug is considered as medically necessary (considerations may include severity of side effects, differences in permanence and reversibility of contraceptives, and ability to adhere to the appropriate use of the item or service)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID at zero cost share.**

APPROVAL TEXT (applicable to multi-source brand agents only): Although your cost share has been reduced to zero-dollar, you may incur a dispense-as-written (DAW) penalty fee if you choose to fill a brand prescription instead of its generic equivalent.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **Contraceptive Zero Cost Share Override** requires that step therapy requirements are met in order to receive a zero-dollar cost share for the requested contraceptive agent. In addition, the prescriber must also provide documentation supporting one of the following criteria:

- Two preferred products are medically inappropriate for the patient (alternatively, one if only one agent is available)
- The patient has tried or has a documented medical contraindication to two preferred products (alternatively, a trial of one if only one agent is available)
- The requested drug is considered as medically necessary (considerations may include severity of side effects, differences in permanence and reversibility of contraceptives, and ability to adhere to the appropriate use of the item or service)

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CONTRACEPTIVE ZERO COST SHARE OVERRIDE

RATIONALE

This guideline applies to plans where the pharmacy benefit allows for coverage of contraceptives at zero copay. The override criteria allow patient access to all FDA-approved contraceptive methods at zero copay by waiving the applicable cost-sharing for branded or non-preferred branded contraceptives.

The MedImpact standard Zero Copay list currently offers coverage of all methods at zero cost share. The zero cost share list offers a variety of contraceptives. Covered methods (zero cost share) include 1)

specified barrier contraceptives (condoms, diaphragms, cervical caps, and nonoxynol-9) 2) generic oral hormonal contraceptives under STC 0248, including generic emergency contraceptives and Ella 3) generic transdermal patch contraceptive (currently marketed by Mylan as Xulane) 4) Nuvaring vaginal ring 5) Intrauterine devices – levonorgestrel IUDs and copper IUDs 6) Depo-Provera injections and 7) Nexplanon implant devices. The majority of the contraceptives on the EHB Zero cost share list are generic agents, which promotes a cost-effective formulary.

The healthcare.gov website (<https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage/birth-control-benefits/>) currently recommends: All approved contraceptive methods prescribed by a woman’s doctor are covered, including:

- Barrier methods (used during intercourse), like diaphragms and sponges
- Hormonal methods, like birth control pills and vaginal rings
- Implanted devices, like intrauterine devices (IUDs)
- Emergency contraception, like Plan B® and Ella®
- Sterilization procedures
- Patient education and counseling

REFERENCES

- Birth control benefits; <https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage/birth-control-benefits/>
- FAQs about Affordable Care Act Implementation Part XII; <http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/faqs/faq-aca12.html>
- FAQ about Affordable Care Act Implementation (Part XXVI); <http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/faqs/faq-aca26.html>

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

CRIZOTINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
CRIZOTINIB	XALKORI	37916		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and meets **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - Presence of anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK-) positive tumors
 - Presence of ROS1-positive tumors

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 capsules per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **CRIZOTINIB (Xalkori)** requires a diagnosis metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK-) positive OR ROS1-positive tumors.

RATIONALE

Based on FDA approved indications and dosing.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death worldwide. About 85% of lung cancers are NSCLC, making it the most common type of lung cancer. However, only 2-7% of patients with NSCLC are ALK-positive. ROS1-positive NSCLC represents another particular molecular subgroup of NSCLC occurring in approximately 1% of NSCLC cases.

NSCLC remains difficult to treat, particularly in the metastatic setting. Approximately 75% of NSCLC patients are diagnosed late with metastatic, or advanced, disease where the five-year survival rate is only 5%.

Information on FDA-approved tests for the detection of ALK rearrangements in NSCLC is available at <http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ProductsandMedicalProcedures/InVitroDiagnostics/ucm301431.htm>

An FDA-approved test for the detection of ROS1 rearrangements in NSCLC is not currently available.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Xalkori is a kinase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of patients with:

- Metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose tumors are anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive as detected by an FDA-approved test.
- Metastatic NSCLC whose tumors are ROS1-positive.

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CRIZOTINIB

DOSING

The recommended dose of Xalkori is 250 mg orally, twice daily until disease progression or no longer tolerated by the patient.

If vomiting occurs after taking a dose of Xalkori, take the next dose at the regular time. Dose reduction to 200mg twice daily, 250mg daily, or discontinuation is recommended in the presence of certain toxicities.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

CRIZOTINIB

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 05/01/16

Created: 09/11

Client Approval: 03/16

P&T Approval: 05/16



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

CYSTEAMINE BITARTRATE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
CYSTEAMINE BITARTRATE	PROCYSBI		34656 34657	

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of nephropathic cystinosis and meets the following criteria?
 - Age is at least 2 years old
 - Previous trial of an immediate-release formulation of cysteamine bitartrate such as Cystagon

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **CYSTEAMINE BITARTRATE** requires a diagnosis of nephropathic cystinosis, patient age of at least 2 years old and previous trial of an immediate release formulation of cysteamine bitartrate such as Cystagon.

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of Procysbi consistent with FDA approved indication and to promote cost-effective treatment alternatives.

Procysbi is a new long acting formulation of the existing brand of cysteamine bitartrate, Cystagon. Both products share the same indication except that Cystagon does not have a minimum pediatric age requirement. Procysbi is given twice daily versus Cystagon which is administered four times daily. Cystagon is known to cause a “rotten egg” odor on the breath and body, and has gastrointestinal effects (i.e. nausea, and vomiting). Although the unpleasant odor is reduced with Procysbi, it is not eliminated. Cystaran, a branded ophthalmic treatment, is only indicated for corneal cystine crystal accumulation in patients with cystinosis. Orally administered cysteamine does not reach the cornea and is therefore ineffective in reducing the ocular effects of cystinosis.

Affecting an estimated 500 patients in the United States (3,000 patients globally), cystinosis is a rare metabolic disease characterized by an accumulation of cystine in different organs and tissues, leading to potentially severe and lethal organ dysfunction if left untreated. There are three distinct types of cystinosis: nephropathic (infantile) cystinosis, intermediate (adolescent) cystinosis, and ocular non-nephropathic (adult/benign) cystinosis. Nephropathic cystinosis is by far the most common form of cystinosis.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

CYSTEAMINE BITARTRATE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Cystine is a product of protein degradation that is normally transported through the lysosomal membrane to the cytosol. In cystinosis, a defect in the transport system causes cystine to accumulate inside the lysosomes. Since cystine is poorly soluble, crystals form as the cystine concentration increases. Although the adult form of the disease may be limited to ocular symptoms, patients with infantile cystinosis can have both renal and extrarenal symptoms as cystine deposits in the cornea and the conjunctiva can be seen on slit-lamp examination. When cysteine accumulates in the kidney, excessive amounts of sugar, proteins, and salts are excreted in the urine resulting in poor body growth, weak bones, and worsening kidney failure. Cysteamine acts as a cystine-depleting agent by entering the cell, reacting with cystine, and forming both cysteine and a cysteine-cysteamine complex which are able to leave the lysosomes.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

For the management of nephropathic cystinosis in adults and children ages 6 years and older

DOSING

For patients' naïve to cysteamine therapy, the initial dose is 1/6 to 1/4 of the maintenance dose of Procysbi and should be increased gradually over 4 to 6 weeks to help reduce the risk of side-effects. The maintenance dose is 1.3 grams/m²/day in two divided doses, every 12 hours. Goal of therapy is to maintain a white blood cell (WBC) cystine level < 1 nmol ½ cystine/mg protein or a plasma cysteamine concentration > 0.1 mg/L. The dose can be increased up to 1.95 grams/m²/day if the white blood cell cystine level remains higher than the target WBC cystine level and/or the target cysteamine concentration has not been achieved. Procysbi should be administered at least 2 hours after and at least 30 minutes before eating. The capsules should be swallowed whole or administered within 30 minutes if sprinkled on 4 ounces of food (applesauce or berry jelly) or mixed in 4 ounces of recommended liquids (orange juice or apple juice).

Patients switching from immediate release Cystagon to Procysbi should use a total daily dose of Procysbi equal to their previous total daily dose of immediate-release Cystagon.

REFERENCES

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CYSTEAMINE BITARTRATE

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 01/01/16

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P&T Approval: 11/15



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

CYSTEAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
CYSTEAMINE HCL	CYSTARAN		33485	

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of cystinosis?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient require treatment for corneal cystine crystal accumulation?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #4 bottles (15mL each) per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires that Cystaran be used in the treatment of corneal cystine crystal accumulation in patients with cystinosis.

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use aligned with FDA approved indication.

Instill one drop of Cystaran in each eye, every waking hour. Discard after 1 week of use.

Cystinosis is a metabolic disease characterized by an accumulation of cystine in different organs and tissues, leading to potentially severe organ dysfunction. There are three distinct types of cystinosis: nephropathic (infantile) cystinosis, intermediate (adolescent) cystinosis, and ocular non-nephropathic (adult/benign) cystinosis. Nephropathic cystinosis, which is by far the most common, has been estimated to affect one of every 100,000 to 200,000 children.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

CYSTEAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Cystine is a product of protein degradation that is normally transported through the lysosomal membrane to the cytosol. In cystinosis, a defect in the transport system causes cystine to accumulate inside the lysosomes. Since cystine is poorly soluble, crystals form as the cystine concentration increases. Although the adult form of the disease may be limited to ocular symptoms, patients with infantile cystinosis can have both renal and extrarenal symptoms as cystine deposits in the cornea and the conjunctiva can be seen on slit-lamp examination. These deposits are responsible for photophobia, watering, and blepharospasm. Irregular and peripheral depigmentation of the retina is also an early finding. Visual impairment may occur later, in children older than 10 years. Hemorrhagic retinopathy may also be a complication of this disorder. Cysteamine acts as a cystine-depleting agent by entering the cell, reacting with cystine, and forming both cysteine and a cysteine-cysteamine complex, which are able to leave the lysosomes.

The safety and efficacy of Cystaran was evaluated in controlled clinical trials that examined in approximately 300 patients. The primary efficacy end point was the response rate of eyes that had a reduction of at least 1 unit in the photo-rated Corneal Cystine Crystal Score (CCCS) at some time point during the study when baseline CCCS ≥ 1 , or a lack of an increase of more than 1 unit in CCCS throughout the study when baseline CCCS < 1 .

Study 1 combined the data from three smaller studies. For eyes with a lower baseline of CCCS < 1 , the response rate was 13% (4/30) [95% CI: (4, 32)]. For eyes with a higher baseline of CCCS ≥ 1 , the response rate was 32% (94/291) [95% CI: (27, 38)].

Study 2 evaluated ocular cystinosis patients who had a baseline of CCCS ≥ 1 . The response rate was 67% (10/15) [95% CI: (38, 88)].

Study 3 also evaluated ocular cystinosis patients; for eyes with a baseline of CCCS ≥ 1 , the response rate was 33% (3/9) [95% CI: (8, 70)].

The most frequently reported ocular adverse reactions occurring in $\geq 10\%$ of patients were sensitivity to light, redness, and eye pain/irritation, headache and visual field defects. There is a warning for potential association of benign intracranial hypertension (or pseudotumor cerebri) with oral cysteamine treatment. It is uncertain if this condition occurs in those who only use the ophthalmic formulation.

Cystaran is pregnancy category C.

Instill one drop of Cystaran in each eye, every waking hour. Discard after 1 week of use. Patients with contact lenses should remove lenses prior to application of solution and may reinsert lenses 15 minutes following its administration (Cystaran contains benzalkonium chloride, which may be absorbed by soft contact lenses).

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CYSTEAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Each week, one new bottle should be removed from the freezer. Patients should be advised to allow the bottle to thaw completely (approximately 24 hours) prior to use. After the bottle is completely thawed, the patient should record the discard date on the bottle label. The discard date is seven (7) days from the day the bottle is thawed. Patients should be advised to store thawed bottle at 2°C to 25°C (36°F to 77°F) for up to 1 week. The thawed bottles should not be refrozen. To minimize the risk of contamination, do not touch the dropper tip to any surface. Keep bottle tightly closed when not in use.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Cystaran is a cystine-depleting agent indicated for the treatment of corneal cystine crystal accumulation in patients with cystinosis.

REFERENCES

- Cystaran [Prescribing Information]. Gaithersburg, MD: Sigma Tau Pharmaceuticals; December 2012.
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Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DABRAFENIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DABRAFENIB MESYLATE	TAFINLAR	40360		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of unresectable or metastatic melanoma and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has BRAF V600E mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test
 - The medication will be used as a single agent

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #120 capsules per 30 days.**
If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of unresectable or metastatic melanoma and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has BRAF V600E or V600K mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test
 - The medication will be used in combination with Mekinist (trametinib)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #120 capsules per 30 days.**
If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of melanoma and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has BRAF V600E or V600K mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test
 - The medication has not previously been used for more than one year
 - The medication will be used in combination with Mekinist (trametinib) for adjuvant treatment
 - There is involvement of lymph node(s) following complete resection

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #120 capsules per 30 days.**
If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has BRAF V600E mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test
 - The medication will be used in combination with Mekinist (trametinib)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #120 capsules per 30 days.**
If no, continue to #5.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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DABRAFENIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

5. Does the patient have a diagnosis of locally advanced or metastatic anaplastic thyroid cancer (ATC) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- The patient has BRAF V600E mutation
 - The medication will be used in combination with Mekinist (trametinib)
 - The patient has no satisfactory locoregional treatment options available

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #120 capsules per 30 days.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DABRAFENIB (Tafinlar)** requires a diagnosis of unresectable or metastatic melanoma, metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), melanoma, or locally advanced or metastatic anaplastic thyroid cancer (ATC). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For diagnosis of unresectable or metastatic melanoma, approval requires:

- The patient has BRAF V600E mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test
- The medication will be used as a single agent

For diagnosis of unresectable or metastatic melanoma, approval requires:

- The patient has BRAF V600E or V600K mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test
- The medication will be used in combination with Mekinist (trametinib)

For diagnosis of melanoma, approval requires:

- The patient has BRAF V600E or V600K mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test
- The medication has not previously been used for more than one year
- The medication will be used in combination with Mekinist (trametinib) for adjuvant treatment
- There is involvement of lymph node(s) following complete resection

For diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), approval requires:

- The patient has BRAF V600E mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test
- The medication will be used in combination with Mekinist (trametinib)

For diagnosis of locally advanced or metastatic anaplastic thyroid cancer (ATC), approval requires:

- The patient has BRAF V600E mutation
- The medication will be used in combination with Mekinist (trametinib)
- The patient has no satisfactory locoregional treatment options available

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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DABRAFENIB

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate use of Tafinlar (dabrafenib) based on FDA approved indications and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Tafinlar is a kinase inhibitor indicated as a single agent for the treatment of patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with BRAF V600E mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test.

Tafinlar is indicated, in combination with Mekinist (trametinib) for:

- The treatment of patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with BRAF V600E or V600K mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test.
- The adjuvant treatment of patients with melanoma with BRAF V600E or V600K mutations, as detected by an FDA-approved test, and involvement of lymph node(s), following complete resection.
- The treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with BRAF V600E mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test.
- The treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic anaplastic thyroid cancer (ATC) with BRAF V600E mutation and with no satisfactory locoregional treatment options.

Limitation of Use: Tafinlar is not indicated for treatment of patients with wild-type BRAF melanoma, wild-type BRAF NSCLC, or wild-type BRAF ATC.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Melanoma: Confirm the presence of BRAF V600E mutation in tumor specimens prior to initiation of treatment with Tafinlar as a single agent.

Confirm the presence of BRAF V600E or V600K mutation in tumor specimens prior to initiation of treatment with Tafinlar in combination with trametinib.

The recommended dose is 150 mg orally taken twice daily in combination with trametinib until disease recurrence or unacceptable toxicity for up to 1 year.

Unresectable or Metastatic Melanoma: The recommended dose is 150 mg orally taken twice daily, as a single agent or in combination with trametinib, until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

NSCLC and ATC: Confirm the presence of BRAF V600E mutation in tumor specimens prior to initiation of treatment with Tafinlar in combination with trametinib.

The recommended dose is 150 mg orally taken twice daily in combination with trametinib until disease recurrence or unacceptable toxicity.

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DABRAFENIB

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Take Tafinlar at doses approximately 12 hours apart. Take at least 1 hour before or 2 hours after a meal. Do not take a missed dose within 6 hours of the next dose of Tafinlar. Do not open, crush, or break Tafinlar capsules.

Recommended Dose Reductions for Tafinlar for Adverse Reactions:

Dose Reductions	Dose and Schedule
First dose reduction	100 mg orally twice daily
Second dose reduction	75 mg orally twice daily
Third dose reduction	50 mg orally twice daily
Subsequent modification	Permanently discontinue Tafinlar if unable to tolerate 50 mg twice daily

REFERENCES

- Tafinlar [Prescribing Information]. East Hanover, New Jersey: Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation; May 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DACLATASVIR

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DACLATASVIR DIHYDROCHLORIDE	DAKLINZA	41377		

*******Customer Service/PAC Alert*******
(For Internal Use Only)

THIS IS A HIGH-IMPACT MEDICATION. DO NOT OVERRIDE OR APPROVE WITHOUT SUBMITTING FOR PHARMACIST REVIEW.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of hepatitis C, genotype 1 or genotype 3 infection and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Patient at least 18 years of age
 - Patient currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (e.g., a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model
 - Evidence of current HCV infection and chronic HCV infection documented by at least **ONE** detectable HCV RNA level within the past 6 months
 - Patient is 1) without cirrhosis or 2) has decompensated cirrhosis or 3) post-liver transplant patient (with or without cirrhosis)
 - The request is for Daklinza is in combination with Sovaldi

CLINICAL PHARMACIST: Patient must also meet all criteria in Sovaldi guideline to be approvable for both agents. Review hepatitis C MRF and Sovaldi request to ensure patient meets criteria for both agents.

If yes, continue to #2.
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

- Does the patient meet at least **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - Patient has a limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions (e.g., physician attestation)
 - Patient is concurrently taking the following medications:
 - For Daklinza: amiodarone, carbamazepine, phenytoin, or rifampin **OR**
 - For Sovaldi: phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, rifabutin, rifapentine, or tipranavir/ritonavir

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.
If no, continue to #3.

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DACLATASVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following diagnoses?

- Decompensated cirrhosis (moderate or severe hepatitis impairment (Child-Pugh B or C))
- Status post-liver transplant (with or without cirrhosis)

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, continue to #6.

4. Is the request for triple therapy using Daklinza/Sovaldi and ribavirin?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria for the patient type? [**NOTE:** An individual who has completed a full course of therapy with Mavyret, Harvoni or Epclusa that did not achieve SVR will not be approved]

- Genotype 1, decompensated cirrhosis: short trial of Harvoni or Epclusa OR contraindication to Harvoni and Epclusa
- Genotype 1, post-liver transplant: short trial of Harvoni or Mavyret OR contraindication to Harvoni and Mavyret
- Genotype 3, decompensated cirrhosis short trial of or contraindication to Epclusa
- Genotype 3, post-liver transplant WITHOUT cirrhosis: short trial of or contraindication to Mavyret
- Genotype 3, post-liver transplant with compensated cirrhosis: short trial of Epclusa or Mavyret OR contraindication to Epclusa and Mavyret

If yes, continue to #7.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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DACLATASVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

6. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria? [**NOTE:** An individual who has completed a full course of therapy with Mavyret, Harvoni or Epclusa that did not achieve SVR will not be approved]
- Genotype 1, without cirrhosis: treatment naïve or treatment experienced with a peginterferon and ribavirin regimen AND a short trial of Epclusa, Harvoni or Mavyret OR a contraindication Epclusa, Harvoni and Mavyret
 - Genotype 3, without cirrhosis: treatment naïve or treatment experienced with a peginterferon and ribavirin regimen AND a short trial of Epclusa or Mavyret OR a contraindication to Epclusa and Mavyret

If yes, continue to #7.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

7. Is the patient using any of the following moderate CYP3A inducers while taking Daklinza in combination with Sovaldi: rifapentine, bosentan, dexamethasone, efavirenz, etravirine, modafinil, nafcillin, or nevirapine?

CLINICAL PHARMACIST: Patient is on combination therapy with Sovaldi; please also review Sovaldi prior authorization guideline, member history, and hepatitis C MRF, if available to ensure appropriate length of approval and that the patient also meets approval for Sovaldi.

If yes, **approve Daklinza 90mg strength for 12 weeks by GPID with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day. (NOTE: 90mg tablet used for drug interactions listed above)**

APPROVAL TEXT: Prior authorization is approved for a 12-week combination regimen with Daklinza and Sovaldi.

If no, continue to #8.

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DACLATASVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

8. Is the patient concurrently using any of the following with Daklinza?

- HIV protease inhibitors (atazanavir with ritonavir, indinavir, nelfinavir, saquinavir)
- A cobicistat-containing regimen (exception: darunavir/cobicistat does not require Daklinza 30mg dose), such as atazanavir/cobicistat, elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, or other cobicistat-containing regimen
- Strong CYP3A inhibitors, such as clarithromycin, itraconazole, ketoconazole, nefazodone, posaconazole, telithromycin, or voriconazole

If yes, **approve Daklinza 30mg strength for 12 weeks by GPID with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day. (NOTE: 30mg tablet used for drug interactions listed above)**

APPROVAL TEXT: Prior authorization is approved for a 12-week combination regimen with Daklinza and Sovaldi.

If no, **approve Daklinza 60mg strength for 12 weeks by GPID with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Prior authorization is approved for a 12-week combination regimen with Daklinza and Sovaldi.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DACLATASVIR (Daklinza)** requires a diagnosis of hepatitis C genotype 1 or genotype 3 infection. **ALL** the following criteria must be met:

- Age at least 18 years old
- Currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (e.g., a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model
- Evidence of current HCV infection and chronic HCV infection as documented by at least ONE detectable HCV RNA level within past 6 months
- Must be taking Daklinza in combination with Sovaldi, and must meet all required criteria for Sovaldi

The medication will not be approved for ANY of the following:

- Patient is concurrently using any of the following with Daklinza: amiodarone, carbamazepine, phenytoin, or rifampin
- Patient is concurrently using any of the following medications with Sovaldi: phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, rifabutin, rifapentine, or tipranavir/ritonavir
- Patient has a limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions
- *Patients with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A) that are not status post liver transplant*

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In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

For genotype 1 infection:

- Patients without cirrhosis:
 - Patients must be treatment naïve or treatment experienced with previous trial of peginterferon and ribavirin **AND**
 - Previous trial of Epclusa, Harvoni or Mavyret required (e.g., adverse effect, intolerance early in therapy) or contraindication to Epclusa, Harvoni and Mavyret; [an individual who has completed a full course of therapy that did not achieve SVR will not be approved]
- Patients with decompensated cirrhosis:
 - Previous trial of Epclusa or Harvoni required (e.g., adverse effect, intolerance early in therapy), or contraindication to Epclusa and Harvoni; [an individual who has completed a full course of therapy that did not achieve SVR will not be approved]
 - Concurrent ribavirin use required
- Patients post-liver transplant:
 - Previous trial of Harvoni or Mavyret required (e.g., adverse effect, intolerance early in therapy, or contraindication to Harvoni and Mavyret; [an individual who has completed a full course of therapy that did not achieve SVR will not be approved]
 - Concurrent ribavirin use required

For genotype 3 infection:

- Patients without cirrhosis:
 - Patients must be treatment naïve or treatment experienced with previous trial of peginterferon and ribavirin **AND**
 - Previous trial of Epclusa or Mavyret required (e.g., adverse effect, intolerance early in therapy), or contraindication to Epclusa and Mavyret; [an individual who has completed a full course of therapy that did not achieve SVR will not be approved]
- Patients with decompensated cirrhosis:
 - Previous trial of Epclusa required (e.g., adverse effect, intolerance early in therapy, or contraindication to therapy; [an individual who has completed a full course of therapy that did not achieve SVR will not be approved]
 - Concurrent ribavirin use required
- Post-liver transplant, without cirrhosis:
 - Previous trial of Mavyret required (e.g., adverse effect, intolerance early in therapy), or contraindication to therapy; [an individual who has completed a full course of therapy that did not achieve SVR will not be approved]
 - Concurrent ribavirin use required
- Post-liver transplant, with compensated cirrhosis:
 - Previous trial of Epclusa or Mavyret required (e.g., adverse effect, intolerance early in therapy) or contraindication to Epclusa and Mavyret; [an individual who has completed a full course of therapy that did not achieve SVR will not be approved]
 - Concurrent ribavirin use required

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DACLATASVIR

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of Daklinza (daclatasvir).

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

For use with Sovaldi (sofosbuvir), with or without ribavirin, for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C genotype 1 and 3 infections in adults.

Limitations of Use:

- Sustained virologic response (SVR) rates are reduced in genotype 3 patients with cirrhosis receiving Daklinza in combination with Sovaldi for 12 weeks.

FDA APPROVED DOSAGE

One 60mg tablet taken once daily in combination with Sovaldi (sofosbuvir). Reduce Daklinza dosage to 30mg once daily with strong CYP3A inhibitors and increase dosage to 90mg once daily with moderate CYP3A inducers.

FDA APPROVED DOSAGE

Recommended treatment regimen and duration for Daklinza in patients with genotype 1 or 3 HCV:

Genotype 1	Patients without cirrhosis	Daklinza + Sovaldi for 12 weeks
	Compensated (Child-Pugh A) cirrhosis	
	Decompensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh B or C) Post-transplant	Daklinza + Sovaldi + ribavirin for 12 weeks
Genotype 3	Without cirrhosis	Daklinza + Sovaldi for 12 weeks
	Compensated (Child-Pugh A) or decompensated (Child Pugh B or C) cirrhosis; or post liver transplant	Daklinza + Sovaldi + ribavirin for 12 weeks

OTHER INFORMATION

EFFICACY

The efficacy of Daklinza for treatment of hepatitis C genotype 3 was studied in the phase 3 ALLY-3 trial, an open-label trial with 152 participants with chronic hepatitis C genotype 3 infection and compensated liver disease. Participants received Daklinza 60mg plus sofosbuvir for 12 weeks. The primary efficacy endpoint was SVR; SVR was defined as HCV RNA levels below the lower limit of quantification at post-treatment week 12 (SVR12). Of the participants, 66% (n=101) were treatment naïve and 34% (n=51) were treatment experienced. The majority of treatment-experienced patients had failed a prior regimen of peginterferon plus ribavirin, but 14% (7 subjects) had previously received a sofosbuvir regimen. Other patient characteristics in the ALLY-3 trial included the following: mean age 55 years (range 24-73 years), 21% with compensated cirrhosis, 59% male, 90% white, 5% Asian, and 4% of African descent. The majority of patients (76%) had baseline HCV RNA levels greater than or equal to 800,000 IU/mL.

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FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

OTHER INFORMATION
EFFICACY

Table 1- Treatment results of the ALLY-3 trial: Daklinza in combination with Sovaldi for treatment of hepatitis C genotype 3 (From Daklinza prescribing information)

Treatment Outcomes	Treatment-Naive n=101	Treatment-Experienced n=51	Total n=152
SVR			
All	90% (91/101)	86% (44/51)	89% (135/152)
No cirrhosis ^a	98% (80/82)	92% (35/38)	96% (115/120)
With cirrhosis	58% (11/19)	69% (9/13)	63% (20/32)
Outcomes for subjects without SVR			
On-treatment virologic failure ^b	1% (1/101)	0	0.7% (1/152)
Relapse ^c	9% (9/100)	14% (7/51)	11% (16/151)

^a Includes 11 subjects with missing or inconclusive cirrhosis status.

^b One subject had quantifiable HCV RNA at end of treatment.

^c Relapse rates are calculated with a denominator of subjects with HCV RNA not detected at the end of treatment.

Additional ALLY clinical trials are underway to study the Daklinza/Sovaldi combination for hepatitis C genotypes 1-6, in patients with cirrhotic and post-liver transplant patients, as well as those with HIV coinfection. However, the current prescribing information states that SVR rates are reduced in patients with cirrhosis, and the optimal duration of Daklinza and Sovaldi for patients with cirrhosis has not been established.

SAFETY

Common adverse effects of Daklinza (reported in 10% or more of participants in clinical trials) include headache and fatigue.

Daklinza is contraindicated for patients concurrently using medications that are strong inducers of CYP3A4, including phenytoin, carbamazepine, rifampin and St. John's Wort. Using Daklinza in combination with strong CYP3A4 inducers may lead to loss of virologic response with Daklinza.

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SAFETY

Caution should be used with concurrent use of CYP3A inhibitors or CYP3A inducers. Patients using strong CYP3A inhibitors (e.g., atazanavir/ritonavir, clarithromycin, indinavir, itraconazole, ketoconazole, nefazodone, nelfinavir, posaconazole, saquinavir, telithromycin, or voriconazole) will require a dosage decrease to Daklinza 30mg daily. Patients using concurrent moderate CYP3A inducers (e.g., bosentan, dexamethasone, efavirenz, etravirine, modafinil, nafcillin, or rifapentine) will require a dosage increase to Daklinza 90mg daily.

Daklinza should not be administered concurrently with amiodarone for patients using the Daklinza/Sovaldi regimen. Serious and symptomatic bradycardia may result for individuals on amiodarone using Sovaldi with any other direct acting HCV antiviral, including Daklinza. The risk of bradycardia due to this drug interaction increases for patients using beta blockers, those with underlying cardiac comorbidities, or those with advanced liver disease. Cardiac monitoring can be considered for patients with no alternative treatment options that require this combination plus amiodarone.

Use of Daklinza in patients on digoxin will require digoxin dosage reduction (usually 30-50%) during Daklinza. Monitor serum digoxin concentrations before starting Daklinza.

Daklinza increases dabigatran serum concentrations, and could lead to increased risk of bleeding in certain populations. Patients with reduced renal function using dabigatran should use caution and avoid concurrent use of Daklinza when possible.

No dosage adjustment of Daklinza is required for patients with any degree of renal impairment. No dosage adjustment of Daklinza is required for patients with mild, moderate, or severe hepatic impairment. The safety and efficacy of Daklinza in patients with decompensated cirrhosis has not been established.

Daklinza has not been studied in human pregnancy and lactation studies. Animal studies show no evidence of fetal harm at exposures of 6-22 times the recommended human dose of Daklinza 60mg, but embryofetal toxicity occurred at doses of 33-98 times the recommended human dose. Animal studies showed daclatasvir is present in the milk of lactating rats.

Cross-resistance is expected for Daklinza and other NS5A inhibitors. Cross-resistance for other classes of direct-acting antivirals is not expected. The efficacy of Daklinza/Sovaldi has not been studied in patients who have previously failed treatment with regimens that include an NS5A inhibitor.

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DACLATASVIR

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

DACOMITINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DACOMITINIB	VIZIMPRO	45283		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) **AND** meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletion or exon 21 L858R substitution mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test
 - The requested medication will be used as first-line treatment

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DACOMITINIB (Vizimpro)** requires a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient has epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletion or exon 21 L858R substitution mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test
- The requested medication will be used as first-line treatment

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Vizimpro.

REFERENCES

- Vizimpro [Prescribing Information]. New York, NY: Pfizer Labs; September 2018.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DALFAMPRIDINE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DALFAMPRIDINE	AMPYRA	13907		EXCLUDE ≠ MISCELL.; POWDER NON-DRUGS

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is this an initial request for Ampyra (dalfampridine)?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #5.

2. Is the patient overseen by a neurologist?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires that the patient is overseen by a neurologist, has a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis, and has symptoms of walking disability.

3. Does the patient have multiple sclerosis?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires that the patient is overseen by a neurologist, has a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis, and has symptoms of walking disability.

4. Does the patient have symptoms of walking disability such as mild to moderate bilateral lower extremity weakness or unilateral weakness plus lower extremity or truncal ataxia?

If yes, **approve for 3 months for #2 tablets per day per month.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires documentation of at least a 15% improvement in walking ability.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires that the patient is overseen by a neurologist, has a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis, and has symptoms of walking disability.

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DALFAMPRIDINE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

5. Has the patient experienced or maintained at least a 15% improvement in walking ability?

If yes, **approve for 12 months for #2 tablets per day per month.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires that the patient has experienced an improvement in walking ability.

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization for dalfampridine.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Dalfampridine is approved in patients with multiple sclerosis to improve walking.

REFERENCES

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DASATINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DASATINIB	SPRYCEL	33855		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) in chronic phase and meet **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older **AND** is newly diagnosed
 - The patient is between 1 and 17 years of age

If yes, **approve for all strengths for 12 months by GPID as follows:**

- **SPRYCEL 20MG (GPID 27257) for a quantity limit of #3 tablets per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 50MG (GPID 27258) for a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 70MG (GPID 27259) for a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 80MG (GPID 29405) for a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 100MG (GPID 99867) for a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 140MG (GPID 29406) for a quantity limit #1 tablet per day.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient is in chronic, accelerated, or myeloid or lymphoid blast phase
 - The patient has a resistance or intolerance to prior therapy including imatinib (Gleevec)
 - The patient has had Breakpoint Cluster Region Abelson Murine Leukemia (BCR-ABL) mutational analysis confirming that the patient is negative for the following mutations: T315I, V299L, T315A, or F317L/V/I/C

If yes, **approve for all strengths for 12 months by GPID as follows:**

- **SPRYCEL 20MG (GPID 27257) for a quantity limit of #3 tablets per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 50MG (GPID 27258) for a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 70MG (GPID 27259) for a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 80MG (GPID 29405) for a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 100MG (GPID 99867) for a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 140MG (GPID 29406) for a quantity limit #1 tablet per day.**

If no, continue to #3.

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DASATINIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient has a resistance or intolerance to prior therapy (e.g., imatinib (Gleevec), or nilotinib (Tasigna))

If yes, approve for all strengths for 12 months by GPID as follows:

- **SPRYCEL 20MG (GPID 27257) for a quantity limit of #3 tablets per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 50MG (GPID 27258) for a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 70MG (GPID 27259) for a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 80MG (GPID 29405) for a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 100MG (GPID 99867) for a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 140MG (GPID 29406) for a quantity limit #1 tablet per day.**

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- The patient is between 1 and 17 years of age
 - The patient is newly diagnosed
 - The patient is using Sprycel in combination with chemotherapy

If yes, approve for all strengths for 12 months by GPID as follows:

- **SPRYCEL 20MG (GPID 27257) for a quantity limit of #3 tablets per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 50MG (GPID 27258) for a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 70MG (GPID 27259) for a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 80MG (GPID 29405) for a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 100MG (GPID 99867) for a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**
- **SPRYCEL 140MG (GPID 29406) for a quantity limit #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DASATINIB (Sprycel)** requires a diagnosis of Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) in chronic, accelerated, or myeloid or lymphoid blast phase, OR Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For the diagnosis of Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) in chronic phase, approval requires ONE of the following:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older AND is newly diagnosed
- The patient is between 1 and 17 years of age

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DASATINIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) in chronic phase, accelerated phase, or myeloid or lymphoid blast phase, approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has a resistance or intolerance to prior therapy including imatinib (Gleevec)
- The patient has had Breakpoint Cluster Region Abelson Murine Leukemia (BCR-ABL) mutational analysis confirming that the patient is negative for the following mutations: T315I, V299L, T315A, or F317L/V/I/C

For the diagnosis of Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), approval requires ONE of the following:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older AND has a resistance or intolerance to prior therapy (e.g., imatinib (Gleevec) or nilotinib (Tasigna))
- The patient is newly diagnosed, is between 1 and 17 years of age, AND is using Sprycel in combination with chemotherapy

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Sprycel.

REFERENCES

- Sprycel [Prescribing information]. Bristol-Myers Squibb. Princeton, NJ. December 2018.

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Yes	Yes	No

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DEFERASIROX

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DEFERASIROX	EXJADE, JADENU	33337		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Is the request by or in consultation with a hematologist or hematologist-oncologist?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic iron overload due to blood transfusions?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, continue to #4.

3. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- ≥ 2 years of age
- Serum ferritin levels are consistently greater than 1000mcg/L (at least 2 lab values in the previous 3 months)

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic iron overload resulting from non-transfusion dependent thalassemia (NTDT)?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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DEFERASIROX

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

5. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- ≥ 10 years of age
- Serum ferritin levels are consistently greater than 300mcg/L (at least 2 lab values in the previous 3 months)
- Liver iron concentration (LIC) is at least 5mg Fe/g dry weight

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DEFERASIROX (Exjade, Jadenu)** requires a diagnosis of chronic iron overload due to blood transfusions or non-transfusion dependent thalassemia (NTDT). Treatment must be by or in consultation with a hematologist or hematologist-oncologist. The following criteria must also be met:

Iron overload due to blood transfusions requires,

- At least 2 years of age and older
- Serum ferritin levels are consistently greater than 1000mcg/L (at least 2 lab values in the previous 3 months)

Non-transfusion dependent thalassemia (NTDT) requires,

- At least 10 years of age and older
- Serum ferritin levels are consistently greater than 300mcg/L (at least 2 lab values in the previous 3 months)
- Liver iron concentration (LIC) is at least 5mg Fe/g dry weight

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis chronic iron overload due to blood transfusions and meet the following criteria?

- Serum ferritin levels are consistently greater than 500mcg/L (at least 2 lab values in the previous 3 months)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, continue to #2.

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DEFERASIROX

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic iron overload resulting from non-transfusion dependent thalassemia (NTDT) and meet **ONE** of the following criteria?
- Serum ferritin levels are consistently greater than 300mcg/L (at least 2 lab values in the previous 3 months)
 - Liver iron concentration (LIC) is at least 3mg Fe/g dry weight (*Liver iron concentration supersedes serum ferritin level when both measurements are available*)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DEFERASIROX (Exjade, Jadenu)** requires a diagnosis of chronic iron overload due to blood transfusions or non-transfusion dependent thalassemia (NTDT) for renewal. The following criteria must be met:

Iron overload due to blood transfusions requires:

- Serum ferritin levels are consistently greater than 500mcg/L (at least 2 lab values in the previous 3 months)

Non-transfusion dependent thalassemia (NTDT) requires:

- Serum ferritin levels are consistently greater than 300mcg/L (at least 2 lab values in the previous 3 months) **OR**
- Liver iron concentration (LIC) is at least 3mg Fe/g dry weight (*Liver iron concentration supersedes serum ferritin level when both measurements are available*)

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **DEFERASIROX** based on FDA approved indication and treatment guidelines.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Jadenu (deferasirox, tablets or sprinkles) and Exjade (deferasirox, tablets for oral suspension) are indicated for the treatment chronic iron overload due to blood transfusions in patients 2 years of age and older. In addition, Jadenu and Exjade are indicated for the treatment of chronic iron overload in patients 10 years of age and older with non-transfusion-dependent thalassemia (NTDT) syndromes and with a liver iron (Fe) concentration (LIC) of at least 5 mg Fe per gram of dry weight and a serum ferritin greater than 300 mcg/L.

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DEFERASIROX

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Exjade (deferasirox, tablets for oral suspension):

- Chronic transfusional iron overload: initial 20mg/kg orally once daily on an empty stomach, as an oral suspension. Calculate dose to the nearest whole tablet. Doses above 40mg/kg/day are not recommended.
- Non-transfusion-dependent thalassemia (NTDT): initial 10mg/kg orally once daily on an empty stomach, as an oral suspension. Calculate dose to the nearest whole tablet. Do not exceed a maximum of 20mg/kg/day.

Jadenu (deferasirox, tablets or sprinkles)

- Chronic transfusional iron overload: initial 14mg/kg orally once daily on an empty stomach or with a low-fat meal. Calculate to nearest whole tablet. Doses above 28mg/kg/day are not recommended.
- Non-transfusion-dependent thalassemia (NTDT): initial 7mg/kg orally once daily on an empty stomach or with a low-fat meal. Calculate to nearest whole tablet. Do not exceed a maximum of 14mg/kg/day.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DEFERIPRONE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DEFERIPRONE	FERRIPROX	18544		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Is the medication prescribed by or given in consultation with a hematologist or hematologist-oncologist?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of transfusional iron overload due to a thalassemia syndrome?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Has the patient had a trial of Exjade (deferasirox), Jadenu (deferasirox), or Desferal (deferrioxamine)?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Is the request due to intolerable toxicities, clinically significant adverse effects, or contraindication to current chelation therapy with Exjade (deferasirox), Jadenu (deferasirox), or Desferal (deferrioxamine)?

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL.**

If no, continue to #5.

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DEFERIPRONE

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

5. Is the current chelation therapy (i.e., Exjade [deferasirox], Jadenu [deferasirox], or Desferal [deferoxamine]) inadequate as defined by one of the following criteria?
- Serum ferritin levels consistently above 2500mcg/L (at least 2 lab values in the previous 3 months)
 - The patient has evidence of cardiac iron accumulation (i.e., cardiac T2* MRI <10 milliseconds, iron induced cardiomyopathy, fall in left ventricular ejection fraction [LVEF], arrhythmia indicating inadequate chelation)

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DEFERIPRONE (Ferriprox)** requires a diagnosis of transfusional iron overload due to a thalassemia syndrome. Treatment must be prescribed by or given in consultation with a hematologist or hematologist-oncologist. The following criteria must be also be met:

- Trial of Exjade (deferasirox), Jadenu (deferasirox), or Desferal (deferoxamine) and the patient is experiencing one of the following:
 - Intolerable toxicities, clinically significant adverse effects, or contraindication to current chelation therapy with Exjade, Jadenu, or Desferal
 - Chelation therapy (i.e., Exjade [deferasirox], Jadenu [deferasirox], or Desferal [deferoxamine]) is inadequate defined by one of the following:
 - Serum ferritin levels consistently above 2500mcg/L (at least 2 lab values in the previous 3 months)
 - The patient has evidence of cardiac iron accumulation (i.e., cardiac T2* MRI <10 milliseconds, iron induced cardiomyopathy, fall in left ventricular ejection fraction [LVEF], arrhythmia indicating inadequate chelation)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of transfusional iron overload due to a thalassemia syndrome and meet the following criteria?
- Serum ferritin levels consistently greater than 500mcg/L (at least 2 lab values in the previous 3 months)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

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DEFERIPRONE

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DEFERIPRONE (Ferriprox)** requires a diagnosis of transfusional iron overload due to thalassemia syndromes for renewal. The following criteria must be met:

- Serum ferritin levels consistently greater than 500mcg/L (at least 2 lab values in the previous 3 months)

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **DEFERIPRONE** based on FDA approved indication and treatment guidelines.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Ferriprox (deferiprone) is indicated for the treatment of patients with transfusional iron overload due to thalassemia syndromes when current chelation therapy is inadequate.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ferriprox (deferiprone): 25mg/kg to 33mg/kg orally three times per day for a total daily dose of 75mg/kg to 99mg/kg per day. Consider interrupting therapy if serum ferritin level consistently falls below 500mcg/L.

AVAILABLE STRENGTHS

Ferriprox (deferiprone) is available in 500mg film coated tablets and 100mg/mL oral solution.

REFERENCES

- Ferriprox [Package Insert]. ApoPharma, Inc. Rockville, MD. February 2015.
- Standards of Care Guidelines for Thalassemia. 2012. Children's Hospital & Research Center, Oakland CA. Available from: <http://thalassemia.com/documents/SOCGuidelines2012.pdf>
- Cappellini MD, et al. Guidelines for the Management of Transfusion Dependent Thalassaemia (TDT): Iron Overload and Chelation. 3rd edition. Nicosia (CY):Thalassaemia International Federation;2014. Accessed 4/10/2017. Access here: <http://www.resonancehealth.com/images/files/clinician-information/patient-management-guidelines/TIF%20Guidelines%20for%20the%20Management%20of%20Transfusion%20Dependent%20Thalassaemia.pdf>
- Taher A, et al. Guidelines for the Management of Non Transfusion Dependent Thalassaemia (NTDT): Iron Overload and Chelation. Nicosia (CY):Thalassaemia International Federation;2013. Accessed 4/10/2017. Access here: <http://thalassemia.com/documents/NTDT-TIF-guidelines.pdf>

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DEFERIPRONE

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DEFEROXAMINE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DEFEROXAMINE	DESFERAL	01104		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic iron overload due to transfusion-dependent anemias and meet ALL of the following criteria?
 - The medication is being prescribed by or given in consultation with a hematologist or hematologist-oncologist
 - The patient is 3 years of age or older
 - Serum ferritin levels consistently greater than 1000mcg/L (at least 2 lab values in the previous 3 months)

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DEFEROXAMINE (Desferal)** requires a diagnosis of chronic iron overload due to transfusion-dependent anemias. Treatment must be prescribed by or given in consultation with a hematologist or hematologist-oncologist. The following criteria must also be met:

- The patient is 3 years of age or older
- Serum ferritin levels consistently greater than 1000mcg/L (at least 2 lab values in the previous 3 months)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic iron overload due to transfusion-dependent anemias and meet the following criteria?
 - Serum ferritin levels consistently greater than 500mcg/L (at least 2 lab values in the previous 3 months)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DEFEROXAMINE (Desferal)** requires a diagnosis of chronic iron overload due to transfusion-dependent anemias for renewal. The following criteria must also be met:

- Serum ferritin levels consistently greater than 500mcg/L (at least 2 lab values in the previous 3 months)

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DEFEROXAMINE

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **DEFEROXAMINE** based on FDA approved indication and treatment guidelines.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Desferal (deferoxamine) is indicated for the treatment of acute iron intoxication and chronic iron overload due to transfusion-dependent anemias.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Acute iron intoxication:
 - IM (this route for patient not in shock): 1000mg following by 500mg every 4 hours for two doses. Depending on the clinical response, subsequent 500mg may be administered every 4 to 12 hours. Total amount should not exceed 6000mg in 24 hours.
 - IV (this route for patients in shock): 1000mg at a rate of 15mg/kg/hr. This may be followed by 500mg over 4 hours for a two doses. Depending on the clinical response, subsequent 500mg may be administered every 4 to 12 hours. Total amount should not exceed 6000mg in 24 hours.
- Chronic iron overload due to transfusion-dependent anemias
 - SQ: 1000 to 2000mg per day (20-40mg/kg/day) should be administered over 8 to 24 hours via a continuous infusion pump.
 - IV: in patients with intravenous access, the daily dose is 20-40mg/kg/day for children and 50-40mg/kg/day over 8 to 12 hours in adults for 5-7 days per week. Max dose in children is 40mg/kg/day and adults is 60mg/kg/day. In patients who are poorly compliant, Desferal may be administered prior to or following same day blood transfusion; however, the contribution of this mode of administration to iron balance is limited.
 - IM: 500 to 1000mg daily.

REFERENCES

- Desferal [Prescribing Information]. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation: East Hanover, NJ. December 2011.
- Standards of Care Guidelines for Thalassemia. 2012. Children's Hospital & Research Center, Oakland CA. Available from: <http://thalassemia.com/documents/SOCGuidelines2012.pdf>
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DEFEROXAMINE

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DEFLAZACORT

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DEFLAZACORT	EMFLAZA	11668		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Patient is 5 years of age or older
 - Documented genetic testing confirming Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) diagnosis
 - Prescribed by or given in consultation with a neurologist specializing in treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) at a DMD treatment center

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Has the patient tried prednisone or prednisolone for at least 6 months?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Is the request for Emflaza due to lack of efficacy with prednisone or prednisolone and **ALL** of the following criteria are met?

- Patient is not in Stage 1: pre-symptomatic phase
- Steroid myopathy has been ruled out
- Documented deterioration in ambulation, functional status, or pulmonary function while on prednisone or prednisolone, using standard measures over time, consistent with advancing disease (stage 2 or higher); Acceptable standard measures: [such as 6-minute walk distance (6MWD), time to ascend/descend 4 stairs, rise from floor time (Gower's maneuver), 10-meter run/walk time, or North Star Ambulatory Assessment (NSAA), Physician global assessments (PGA), pulmonary function (FVC, PFTs), upper limb strength (propelling a wheelchair 30 feet)]

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID for all the following strengths with the following quantity limits:**

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DEFLAZACORT

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

If yes, approve for 6 months by GPID for all the following strengths with the following quantity limits:

- 6mg tablet (GPID 23761): #60 per 30 days
- 18mg tablet (GPID 43012): #30 per 30 days
- 30mg tablet (GPID 23762): #60 per 30 days
- 36mg tablet (GPID 43015): #60 per 30 days
- 22.75mg/mL oral suspension (GPID 43016): #39mL (3 bottles) per 30 days

If no, continue to #4.

4. Is the patient experiencing an adverse consequence of prednisone or prednisolone and is the adverse consequence named or listed in the prescribing information adverse event profile of Emflaza?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #5.

5. Has documentation of literature-based evidence been provided supporting the mitigating effect of Emflaza for the named adverse consequence?

If yes, approve for 6 months by GPID for all the following strengths with the following quantity limits:

- 6mg tablet (GPID 23761): #60 per 30 days
- 18mg tablet (GPID 43012): #30 per 30 days
- 30mg tablet (GPID 23762): #60 per 30 days
- 36mg tablet (GPID 43015): #60 per 30 days
- 22.75mg/mL oral suspension (GPID 43016): #39mL (3 bottles) per 30 days

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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DEFLAZACORT

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DEFLAZACORT (Emflaza)** requires a diagnosis of Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) and that all of the following criteria are met:

- Patient is 5 years of age or older
- Documented genetic testing confirming Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) diagnosis
- Prescribed by or given in consultation with a neurologist specializing in treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) at a DMD treatment center
- Trial of prednisone or prednisolone for at least 6 months and one of the following:
 - Request due to lack of efficacy with prednisone or prednisolone and all of the following criteria are met:
 - Patient is not in Stage 1: pre-symptomatic phase
 - Steroid myopathy has been ruled out
 - Documented deterioration in ambulation, functional status, or pulmonary function while on prednisone or prednisolone, using standard measures over time, consistent with advancing disease (stage 2 or higher); Acceptable standard measures: [such as 6-minute walk distance (6MWD), time to ascend/descend 4 stairs, rise from floor time (Gower's maneuver), 10-meter run/walk time, or North Star Ambulatory Assessment (NSAA), Physician global assessments (PGA), pulmonary function (FVC, PFTs), upper limb strength (propelling a wheelchair 30 feet)]
 - Request due to adverse consequence while on prednisone or prednisolone and documentation of literature based evidence has been provided citing and supporting the mitigating effect of Emflaza for the named adverse consequence
 - Requests due to adverse consequences while on prednisone or prednisolone that is named or listed in the prescribing information of Emflaza will not be approved

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) and is currently ambulatory?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #3.

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RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Has the patient shown function, stabilization or improvement in a standard set of ambulatory or functional status measures since being on Emflaza that are being monitored, tracked, and documented consistently; Acceptable standard measures: [such as 6-minute walk distance (6MWD), time to ascend/descend 4 stairs, rise from floor time (Gower's maneuver), 10-meter run/walk time, or North Star Ambulatory Assessment (NSAA), Physician global assessments (PGA)]?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all the following strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- **6mg tablet (GPID 23761): #60 per 30 days**
- **18mg tablet (GPID 43012): #30 per 30 days**
- **30mg tablet (GPID 23762): #60 per 30 days**
- **36mg tablet (GPID 43015): #60 per 30 days**
- **22.75mg/mL oral suspension (GPID 43016): #39mL (3 bottles) per 30 days**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Is the patient non-ambulatory and has the patient maintained or demonstrated a less than expected decline in pulmonary function and/or upper limb strength assessed by standard measures since being on Emflaza, that are being monitored, tracked and documented consistently; Acceptable standard measures: pulmonary function (FVC, PFTs), upper limb strength measures (propelling a wheelchair 30 feet), Physician Global assessments (PGA)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all the following strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- **6mg tablet (GPID 23761): #60 per 30 days**
- **18mg tablet (GPID 43012): #30 per 30 days**
- **30mg tablet (GPID 23762): #60 per 30 days**
- **36mg tablet (GPID 43015): #60 per 30 days**
- **22.75mg/mL oral suspension (GPID 43016): #39mL (3 bottles) per 30 days**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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DEFLAZACORT

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DEFLAZACORT (Emflaza)** requires a diagnosis of Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) and one of the following criteria are met:

- **For patient who are currently ambulatory, approval requires:**
 - Patient has shown function, stabilization or improvement in a standard set of ambulatory or functional status measures since being on Emflaza, that are being monitored, tracked, and documented consistently; Acceptable standard measures: [such as 6-minute walk distance (6MWD), time to ascend/descend 4 stairs, rise from floor time (Gower's maneuver), 10-meter run/walk time, or North Star Ambulatory Assessment (NSAA), Physician global assessments (PGA)]
- **For patient who are currently non-ambulatory, approval requires:**
 - Patient has maintained or demonstrated a less than expected decline in pulmonary function and/or upper limb strength assessed by standard measures since being on Emflaza that are being monitored, tracked, and documented consistently; Acceptable standard measures: pulmonary function (FVC, PFTs), upper limb strength measures (propelling a wheelchair 30 feet), Physician Global assessments (PGA)

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **DEFLAZACORT** based on FDA approved indication and treatment guidelines.

The American Academy of Neurology (AAN) recommends prednisone and deflazacort as the preferred corticosteroids for DMD. Both are considered similar in efficacy as measured by slowing decline in motor, respiratory, or cardiac function, but the two agents differ in their side effect profile. Emflaza is a derivative of prednisone that was designed to cause less adverse effects that are commonly observed with chronic corticosteroid use. This may confer an advantage in the DMD population who are at a disproportionately higher risk of developing osteoporosis or weight gain, which can contribute to an earlier loss of ambulation. AAN notes prednisone may be associated with a greater weight gain within the first 12 months (5kg vs 2kg), with no significant weight gain with longer term use for Emflaza. No differences in behavioral changes have been established, and data are insufficient to assess the risk for fractures, cataracts, or effects on blood glucose metabolism. Emflaza may be associated with less weight gain than with prednisone, but differences in other side effects are not clearly known. While both agents improve muscle strength equally well, there is no evidence in the medical literature that deflazacort is superior to prednisone with a delay in loss in ambulation.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Indicated for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) in patients 5 years of age and older.

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DEFLAZACORT

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended oral dosage of Emlaza is approximately 0.9 mg/kg/day once daily. If tablets are used, round up to the nearest possible dose. Any combination of the four Emlaza tablet strengths can be used to achieve this dose. If the oral suspension is used, round up to the nearest tenth of a milliliter (mL). Dosage of Emlaza must be decreased gradually if the drug has been administered for more than a few days.

Emlaza tablets can be administered whole or crushed and taken immediately after mixing with applesauce.

Shake Emlaza oral suspension well before administration. Use only the oral dispenser provided with the product. After withdrawing the appropriate dose into the oral dispenser, slowly add the Emlaza oral suspension into 3 to 4 ounces of juice or milk and mix well. The dose should then be administered immediately. Do not administer Emlaza with grapefruit juice. Discard any unused Emlaza oral suspension remaining after 1 month of first opening the bottle.

AVAILABLE STRENGTHS

Tablets: 6mg, 18mg, 30mg, and 36mg
Oral Suspension: 22.75mg/mL

REFERENCES

- Emlaza (deflazacort) [Prescribing Information]. Northbrook, IL: Marathon Pharmaceuticals. February 2017.
- Bushby K, Finkel R, Birnkrant DJ, et al. Diagnosis and management of Duchenne muscular dystrophy, part 1: diagnosis, and pharmacological and psychosocial management. *Lancet Neurol* 2010;9:77-93.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DELAFLOXACIN

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DELAFLOXACIN	BAXDELA		43532	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Has the drug been prescribed by or given in consultation with an Infectious Disease (ID) specialist?

If yes, **approve 450mg tablets for one fill by GPID (#43532) with a quantity limit of #28 tablets per 14 days.**
If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have an acute bacterial skin or skin structure infection (ABSSSI) and meet **ALL** of the following?

- Infection is suspected to be caused by **ONE** of the following organisms: *Staphylococcus aureus* (including methicillin-resistant [MRSA] and methicillin susceptible [MSSA] isolates), *Staphylococcus haemolyticus*, *Staphylococcus lugdunensis*, *Streptococcus agalactiae*, *Streptococcus anginosus Group* (including *Streptococcus anginosus*, *Streptococcus intermedius*, and *Streptococcus constellatus*), *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Escherichia coli*, *Enterobacter cloacae*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, or *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- The patient is at least 18 years of age

If yes, continue to #3.
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of animal or human bite, necrotizing fasciitis, diabetic foot infection, decubitus ulcer formation, myonecrosis or ecthyma gangrenosum?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #4.

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DELAFLORACIN

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient have an acute bacterial skin or skin structure infection (ABSSSI) with an antimicrobial susceptibility test and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The results of an antimicrobial susceptibility test from the infection site culture indicate pathogenic organisms that are resistant to one formulary standard of care agent (e.g., sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim, levofloxacin, clindamycin, cephalexin, or vancomycin)
- The results of an antimicrobial susceptibility test from the infection site culture indicate pathogenic organisms that are susceptible to delafloxacin

If yes, **approve 450mg tablets for one fill by GPID (#43532) with a quantity limit of #28 tablets per 14 days.**

If no, continue to #5.

5. Does the patient have an acute bacterial skin or skin structure infection (ABSSSI) and meet **ALL** the following criteria?

- Antimicrobial susceptibility results are unavailable
- The patient has had a trial of or contraindication to **ONE** of the following preferred formulary agents:
 - Gram positive targeting antibiotic (e.g., linezolid, clindamycin, doxycycline, Bactrim, vancomycin)
 - Penicillin antibiotic (e.g., amoxicillin)
 - Fluoroquinolone antibiotic (e.g., levofloxacin, ciprofloxacin, moxifloxacin)
 - Cephalosporin antibiotic (e.g., ceftriaxone, cephalexin, cefazolin)

If yes, **approve 450mg tablets for one fill by GPID (#43532) with a quantity limit of #28 tablets per 14 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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DELAFLORACIN

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DELAFLORACIN (Baxdela)** requires

- The medication to be prescribed by or given in consultation with an infectious disease (ID) specialist **OR**
- The patient has an acute bacterial skin or skin structure infection (ABSSSI) suspected to be caused by one of the following microorganisms: *Staphylococcus aureus* (including methicillin-resistant [MRSA] and methicillin susceptible [MSSA] isolates), *Staphylococcus haemolyticus*, *Staphylococcus lugdunensis*, *Streptococcus agalactiae*, *Streptococcus anginosus* Group (including *Streptococcus anginosus*, *Streptococcus intermedius*, and *Streptococcus constellatus*), *Streptococcus pyogenes*, and *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Escherichia coli*, *Enterobacter cloacae*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. The following criteria must also be met:
 - The patient to be at least 18 years of age
 - The patient does not have a diagnosis of animal or human bite, necrotizing fasciitis, diabetic foot infection, decubitus ulcer formation, myonecrosis or ecthyma gangrenosum

In addition, **ONE** of The following criteria must also be met:

- **For patients with available antimicrobial susceptibility testing of the infection site:**
 - The results of an antimicrobial susceptibility test from the infection site indicate pathogenic organisms that are both **1)** resistant to one formulary standard of care agent (e.g., sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim, levofloxacin, clindamycin, cephalexin, or vancomycin), **AND 2)** culture is susceptible to delafloxacin **OR**
- **For patients without antimicrobial susceptibility testing of the infection site:**
 - The patient has had a trial of or contraindication to one of the following agents: a penicillin (e.g., amoxicillin), a fluoroquinolone (e.g., levofloxacin, ciprofloxacin, moxifloxacin), a cephalosporin (e.g., ceftriaxone, cephalexin, cefazolin), or a gram positive targeting antibiotic (e.g., linezolid, clindamycin, doxycycline, sulfamethoxazole/Trimethoprim, vancomycin)

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of Baxdela (delafloxacin) based on FDA approved indication and dosing. Inappropriate use of Baxdela could lead to an increase in resistant organisms.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

BAXDELA is indicated in adults for the treatment of acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections (ABSSSI) caused by susceptible isolates of the following:

Gram-positive organisms: *Staphylococcus aureus* (including methicillin-resistant [MRSA] and methicillin susceptible [MSSA] isolates), *Staphylococcus haemolyticus*, *Staphylococcus lugdunensis*, *Streptococcus agalactiae*, *Streptococcus anginosus* Group (including *Streptococcus anginosus*, *Streptococcus intermedius*, and *Streptococcus constellatus*), *Streptococcus pyogenes*, and *Enterococcus faecalis*.

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DELAFLORACIN

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

Gram-negative organisms: *Escherichia coli*, *Enterobacter cloacae*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

To reduce the development of drug-resistant bacteria and maintain the effectiveness of BAXDELA and other antibacterial drugs, BAXDELA should be used only to treat infections that are proven or strongly suspected to be caused by bacteria.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Administer BAXDELA for injection 300 mg by intravenous infusion over 60 minutes, every 12 hours, or a 450-mg BAXDELA tablet orally every 12 hours for 5 to 14 days total duration.

DOSAGE FORMS

Injection: 300 mg of delafloxacin (equivalent to 433 mg delafloxacin meglumine) as a lyophilized powder in a single dose vial for reconstitution and further dilution before intravenous infusion.

Oral Tablets: 450 mg delafloxacin (equivalent to 649 mg delafloxacin meglumine).

REFERENCES

- Baxdela [Prescribing Information]. Lincolnshire, Illinois USA Melinta Therapeutics, Inc.; June 2017.

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DESIRUDIN

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DESIRUDIN	IPRIVASK	19072		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the request for Iprivask for the prevention (prophylaxis) of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) for a patient undergoing elective hip replacement surgery?

If yes, **approve for a total of 35 days of treatment. Enter two authorizations as follows:**

- **Approve for 12 days for #24 vials.**
- **Also enter one fill for 23 days for #46 vials with a start date of 7 days following the initial approval.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires that the patient is receiving Iprivask for the prevention of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) undergoing elective hip replacement surgery.

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of desirudin for the prevention of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) in patients undergoing hip replacement surgery. The desirudin prescribing information states that the average duration of treatment is 9 to 12 days. The 2008 ACCP guidelines recommend venous thromboembolism treatment of up to 35 days.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Prophylaxis of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) in elective hip replacement surgery.

REFERENCES

- Canyon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Iprivask package insert. Hunt Valley, MD. January 2010.
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- Geerts W, Bergquist D, and Pineo G et al. Prevention of Venous Thromboembolism supplement; The eighth ACCP conference on antithrombotic and thrombolytic therapy. *Chest* 2008; 133 (6 Suppl): 381S-453S.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

DESIRUDIN

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DEUTETRABENAZINE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DEUTETRABENAZINE	AUSTEDO	44192		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chorea (involuntary movements) associated with Huntington's disease and meet the following criterion?

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a neurologist or movement disorder specialist

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all the dosage strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- **6mg tablet (GPID 43228): #2 tablets per day**
- **9mg tablet (GPID 43236): #4 tablets per day**
- **12mg tablet (GPID 43237): #4 tablets per day**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe tardive dyskinesia and meet ALL of the following criteria?

- Moderate to severe tardive dyskinesia has been present for at least 3 months
- The patient is at least 18 years of age
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a neurologist, movement disorder specialist, or psychiatrist
- Patient has a prior history of using antipsychotic medications or metoclopramide for at least 3 months (or at least 1 month if patient is 60 years of age or older) as documented in the prescription claims history

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all the dosage strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- **6mg tablet (GPID 43228): #2 tablets per day**
- **9mg tablet (GPID 43236): #4 tablets per day**
- **12mg tablet (GPID 43237): #4 tablets per day**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DEUTETRABENAZINE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DEUTETRABENAZINE (Austedo)** requires a diagnosis of chorea (involuntary movements) associated with Huntington's disease or moderate to severe tardive dyskinesia. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For diagnosis of chorea (involuntary movements) associated with Huntington's disease, approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a neurologist or movement disorder specialist

For diagnosis of moderate to Severe Tardive Dyskinesia, approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a neurologist, movement disorder specialist, or psychiatrist
- The patient is at least 18 years of age
- Moderate to severe tardive dyskinesia has been present for at least 3 months
- Patient has a prior history of using antipsychotic medications or metoclopramide for at least 3 months (or at least 1 month if patient is 60 years of age or older) as documented in the prescription claims history

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **DEUTETRABENAZINE (Austedo)** based on FDA approved indication and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Austedo is indicated for the treatment of chorea associated with Huntington's disease and for the treatment of adults with tardive dyskinesia.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The dose of Austedo is determined individually for each patient based on reduction of chorea or tardive dyskinesia and tolerability.

Dosing Recommendations to Initiate DEUTETRABENAZINE (Austedo) treatment

When first prescribed to patients who are not being switched from tetrabenazine, the dosing recommendations are as follows:

- The recommended starting dose of Austedo is 6 mg administered orally once daily for patients with chorea associated with Huntington's Disease and 12 mg orally once daily for patients with tardive dyskinesia
- The dose may be increased at weekly intervals in increments of 6 mg per day to a maximum recommended daily dosage of 48 mg
- Administer total daily dosages of 12 mg or above in two divided doses
- Administer Austedo with food. Swallow Austedo whole. Do not chew, crush, or break tablets

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DEUTETRABENAZINE

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE

Initial Dosing Recommendations for Patients Switching from Tetrabenazine to Austedo

Discontinue tetrabenazine and initiate Austedo the following day. The recommended initial dosing regimen of Austedo in patients switching from tetrabenazine to Austedo is as follows:

Current tetrabenazine daily dosage	Initial regimen of Austedo
12.5 mg	6 mg once daily
25 mg	6 mg twice daily
37.5 mg	9 mg twice daily
50 mg	12 mg twice daily
62.5 mg	15 mg twice daily
75 mg	18 mg twice daily
87.5 mg	21 mg twice daily
100 mg	24 mg twice daily

Dosage Adjustment with Strong CYP2D6 Inhibitors

In patients receiving strong CYP2D6 inhibitors (e.g., quinidine, antidepressants such as paroxetine, fluoxetine, and bupropion), the total daily dosage of Austedo should not exceed 36 mg (maximum single dose of 18 mg).

Dosage Adjustment in Poor CYP2D6 Metabolizers

In patients who are poor CYP2D6 metabolizers, the total daily dosage of Austedo should not exceed 36 mg (maximum single dose of 18 mg).

REFERENCES

- Austedo [Prescribing Information]. North Wales, PA. Teva Pharmaceuticals, Inc. August 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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P&T Approval: 01/18



**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

DEXTROMETHORPHAN with QUINIDINE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DEXTROMETHORPHAN/ QUINIDINE	NUEDEXTA	37278		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of pseudobulbar affect (PBA)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for #2 per day per month.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **DEXTROMETHORPHAN with QUINIDINE** requires a diagnosis of pseudobulbar affect (PBA).

RATIONALE

Ensure that Nuedexta is used solely for its FDA approved indication and in patients for whom it has been determined to be safe and efficacious.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Nuedexta is indicated for treatment of pseudobulbar affect (PSA).

REFERENCES

- Avanir Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Nuedexta package insert. Aliso Viejo, CA. January 2015.
- Miller A, Pratt H, and Schiffer R. Pseudobulbar affect: the spectrum of clinical presentations, etiologies and treatments. Expert Rev Neurother. 2011; 11(7) 1077-1088:
- National Stroke Association. Pseudobulbar affect and stroke. Stroke Clinical Updates. Volume XV, Issue 1: January/February 2005.
- Piro E. Current concepts in pharmacotherapy of pseudobulbar affect. Drugs 2004; 71 (9): 1192-1207.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DIABETIC TEST STRIPS

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
BLOOD SUGAR DIAGNOSTIC BLOOD SUGAR DIAGNOSTIC, DISC BLOOD SUGAR DIAGNOSTIC, DRUM	DIABETIC TEST STRIPS VARIOUS		25200	

CSR NOTE: Requests for blood glucose (diabetic) test strips manufactured by Abbott (FreeStyle and Precision) will adjudicate at the point of service with no restrictions. Non-formulary test strips will require prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Has the patient tried the preferred blood glucose (diabetic) meters and test strips: Abbott (FreeStyle and Precision)?

If yes, **approve open-ended by GPID.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Your request for a non-preferred blood glucose test strip has been approved.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient require the use of a non-preferred blood glucose test strip due to significant visual and/or cognitive impairment?

If yes, **approve open-ended by GPID.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Your request for a non-preferred blood glucose test strip has been approved.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the prescriber requesting a non-formulary test strip due to a need for data management software; **[Note: The preferred test strips include Abbott (FreeStyle and Precision)]**?

If yes, do not approve, and recommend the prescriber contact Abbott, for data management software and a connection cable for the meter.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #4.

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DIABETIC TEST STRIPS

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

- 4. Does the patient require the use of a non-preferred blood glucose test strip based on his/her use of another manufacturer's companion insulin pump?

If yes, **approve open-ended by GPID.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Your request for a non-preferred blood glucose test strip has been approved.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DIABETIC TEST STRIPS** requires that this product is only covered for patients who have tried the preferred blood glucose (diabetic) meters and test strips or who are unable to use the preferred products. The preferred meters and test strips are by Abbott (FreeStyle and Precision). Approval for non-formulary test strips requires documentation of significant visual and/or cognitive impairment or the use of another manufacturer's companion insulin pump. Your physician did not indicate that you are using this product due to either of these conditions and therefore your request was not approved. Data management software is available for the formulary test strip products.

RATIONALE

The intent of this prior authorization is to encourage the use of cost-effective formulary preferred glucose testing strips before considering coverage of non-preferred alternatives.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

REFERENCES

- Drug Facts and Comparisons (online version), Blood Glucose Meters. Available at <http://online.factsandcomparisons.com>.
- American Diabetes Association. Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes- 2017. Diabetes Care 2017; 40 (suppl 1): S11-S135.

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DICHLORPHENAMIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DICHLORPHENAMIDE	KEVEYIS	03642		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of primary hypokalemic periodic paralysis and have all of the following criteria been met?
 - The patient has tried acetazolamide AND a potassium-sparing diuretic (i.e., spironolactone, triamterene)
 - The patient is at least 18 years old
 - The prescription is written by or currently supervised by a neurologist
 - The patient does not have hepatic insufficiency, pulmonary obstruction, or a health condition that warrants concurrent use of high-dose aspirin

If yes, **approve for two months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 tablets per day.**
If no, continue to #2.

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DICHLORPHENAMIDE

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of primary hyperkalemic periodic paralysis or Paramyotonia Congenita and have all of the following criteria been met?
- The patient has tried acetazolamide AND a thiazide diuretic (i.e., hydrochlorothiazide)
 - The patient is at least 18 years old
 - The prescription is written by or currently supervised by a neurologist
 - The patient does not have hepatic insufficiency, pulmonary obstruction, or a health condition that warrants concurrent use of high-dose aspirin

If yes, **approve for two months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **DICHLORPHENAMIDE** requires that the patient has a diagnosis of primary hypokalemic periodic paralysis, primary hyperkalemic periodic paralysis, or Paramyotonia Congenita and meets all of the following criteria:

- patient age of at least 18 years
- prescription written by or currently supervised by a neurologist
- patient does not have hepatic insufficiency, pulmonary obstruction, or a health condition that warrants concurrent use of high-dose aspirin.

Additional guideline requirements apply.

- **For patient with primary hypokalemic periodic paralysis**, a trial of acetazolamide AND a potassium-sparing diuretic (i.e., spironolactone, triamterene) is required.
- **For patient with primary hyperkalemic periodic paralysis or Paramyotonia Congenita**, a trial of acetazolamide AND a thiazide diuretic (i.e., hydrochlorothiazide) is required.

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Has the patient experienced at least two fewer attacks per week from their baseline?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **DICHLORPHENAMIDE** renewal requires that the patient experiences at least two fewer attacks per week from their baseline.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

DICHLORPHENAMIDE

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of dichlorphenamide based on FDA approved indication, dosing, and contraindications. A step therapy has been implemented to promote cost-effective therapies based on previously available agents. A specialist edit has also been implemented to promote appropriate diagnosis and on-label use due to rare neuromuscular condition.

Keveyis is the first FDA approved treatment for primary hyperkalemic and primary hypokalemic periodic paralysis. The only clinical trials demonstrating a benefit for treatment in periodic paralysis involve the carbonic anhydrase inhibitor, dichlorphenamide. Dichlorphenamide was initially approved in 1958 as the branded drug Daranide for the treatment of elevated intraocular pressure but was discontinued in May 2003. In 2015, it was reintroduced as Keveyis as an orphan drug.

Affecting almost 5,000 people in the United States, periodic paralysis is a rare neuromuscular disorder related to a defect in muscle ion channels, characterized by episodes of painless but debilitating muscle weakness or paralysis (lasting minutes to an hour or two), which may be precipitated by heavy exercise, fasting, or high-carbohydrate meals. Periodic paralysis (PP) is classified as hypokalemic when episodes occur in association with low potassium blood levels or as hyperkalemic when episodes can be induced by elevated potassium. Most cases of periodic paralysis are hereditary, usually with an autosomal dominant inheritance pattern. Acquired cases of hypokalemic PP have been described in association with hyperthyroidism. When there is an established family history, episodes of periodic paralysis often require no further diagnostic evaluation. Otherwise, the diagnosis of PP is suggested by documentation of hypo/hyperkalemia during a typical attack of weakness. Even when this is demonstrated, diagnosis is not as easily accomplished as other testing is required to rule out alternative diagnoses. Genetic testing is available for most, but not all of the mutations underlying hypokalemic PP. Evidence of myotonia (seen in up to 80% with this subtype) during electromyographic (EMG) examination can help support the diagnosis of hyperkalemic PP.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

DICHLORPHENAMIDE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Nonpharmacologic interventions that may be effective for preventing attacks include a low-carbohydrate diet and refraining from vigorous exercise. When attacks continue to be disabling, prophylactic treatment is indicated to avoid morbidity, even mortality, which can be associated with hospitalization and acute treatment. When lifestyle changes are not sufficiently effective, symptomatic potassium supplementation, diuretics, and medications such as carbonic anhydrase inhibitors are used. The mechanism whereby carbonic anhydrase inhibitors are effective in PP is not clear, but appears to be independent of carbonic anhydrase inhibition. Studies in animal models suggest that these agents trigger calcium-activated potassium channels on skeletal muscle. Acetazolamide, another carbonic anhydrase inhibitor, is also commonly reported to be effective in reducing attacks when dosed at 250mg twice daily. However, one retrospective study found that only half of patients respond to acetazolamide therapy. The subset of patients who might find acetazolamide treatment helpful are those who experience mild, fluctuating weakness between attacks. For hypokalemic PP, potassium-sparing diuretics such as spironolactone (100mg daily) or triamterene (150mg daily) can be used as a supplement or as an alternative to a carbonic anhydrase inhibitor in patients who experience worsening or intolerance. For hyperkalemic PP, thiazide diuretics (i.e. hydrochlorothiazide 25-50mg daily) have been reported as helpful in controlling attacks in some patients.

DOSAGE

Initiate dosing at 50 mg twice daily. The initial dose may be increased or decreased based on individual response, at weekly intervals (or sooner in case of adverse reaction). The maximum total daily dose is 200 mg.

Primary hyperkalemic periodic paralysis, primary hypokalemic periodic paralysis, and related variants are a heterogeneous group of conditions, for which the response to Keveyis may vary. Therefore, prescribers should evaluate the patient's response after 2 months of treatment to decide whether Keveyis should be continued.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Keveyis is an oral carbonic anhydrase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of primary hyperkalemic periodic paralysis, primary hypokalemic periodic paralysis, and related variants.

AVAILABLE STRENGTHS

- 50 mg tablet

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DICHLORPHENAMIDE

REFERENCES

- Keveyis [Prescribing Information]. Hawthorne, NY: Taro Pharmaceuticals; August 2015.
- UpToDate, Inc. Hypokalemic periodic paralysis. UpToDate [database online]. Waltham, MA. Available at: <http://www.uptodate.com/home/index.html>. Updated July 23, 2014.
- UpToDate, Inc. Hyperkalemic periodic paralysis. UpToDate [database online]. Waltham, MA. Available at: <http://www.uptodate.com/home/index.html>. Updated June 13, 2014.
- Jeffrey S. FDA Nod for Keveyis in Primary Periodic Paralysis. Available at: <http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/850050> Updated August 25, 2015.
- Periodic paralysis international. Available at: <http://hkpp.org/patients/hyperkpp-FAQ> Updated June 25, 2011.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DICLOFENAC TOPICAL

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DICLOFENAC SODIUM 3%	SOLARAZE		86831	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Actinic Keratosis and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to topical fluorouracil (e.g., Efudex, Fluoroplex, Carac)
 - The medication is prescribed by a dermatologist or oncologist

If yes, **approve for 3 months by GPID with a quantity limit up to #100 grams per 30 days.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DICLOFENAC SODIUM (Solaraze)** requires a diagnosis of Actinic Keratosis. In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to topical fluorouracil (e.g., Efudex, Fluoroplex, Carac)
- The medication is prescribed by a dermatologist or oncologist

RATIONALE

To promote clinically appropriate utilization of Solaraze for Actinic Keratosis.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Solaraze (diclofenac sodium) gel is indicated for the topical treatment of actinic keratoses (AK). Sun avoidance is indicated during therapy.

REFERENCES

- Solaraze [Prescribing Information]. PharmaDerm: Melville, NY. April 2016.
- De Berker D., et al. Guidelines for the Management of Actinic Keratosis. Br J Dermatol. 2007; 156:222-230.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DIMETHYL FUMARATE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DIMETHYL FUMARATE	TECFIDERA	40168		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of a relapsing form of multiple sclerosis?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the patient at least 18 years of age?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for #2 capsules per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DIMETHYL FUMARATE (Tecfidera)** requires a diagnosis of a relapsing form of multiple sclerosis and that the patient is at least 18 years of age or older.

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use aligned with FDA approved dosing and indication. Clinical trials only studied adult patients (appropriate dosing in pediatric patients is unknown).

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Tecfidera is indicated for the treatment of patients with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis.

DOSING

The starting dose for Tecfidera is 120 mg twice a day orally. After 7 days, the dose should be increased to the maintenance dose of 240 mg twice a day orally.

Multiple sclerosis is an autoimmune inflammatory demyelinating disease of the central nervous system characterized by instances of disease exacerbation (relapses). Relapses cause acute neurologic dysfunction, which can last a minimum of 24 hours and peak over the course of several days or weeks. After the relapse subsides, patients may fully recover or have permanent residual impairments. In RRMS, relapses are clearly defined and the disease does not progress during the time between each relapse. Although there are other types of multiple sclerosis, RRMS is the most common.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DIMETHYL FUMARATE

RATIONAL (CONTINUED)

Type of MS	Description	% MS population
Clinically Isolated Syndrome (CIS)	Single neurologic symptomatic attack compatible with MS. Clinically defined MS occurs in about 80% of patients who have demyelinating lesions on MRI.	MS Precursor
Relapsing Remitting MS (RRMS)	Clearly defined acute exacerbations, followed by partial or complete recovery of the deficits.	85%
Secondary Progressive MS (SPMS)	Initiates as RRMS before developing into a more steady disability progression, which may also include occasional relapses. The transition to SPMS generally occurs in people who have been living with RRMS for at least 10 years.	85% of RRMS patients
Primary Progressive MS (PPMS)	Progression of disability from onset without plateaus or remissions. Does not experience acute attacks.	10%
Progressive Relapsing MS (PRMS)	Continuous worsening neurologic function with occasional relapses.	5%

The safety and efficacy of Tecfidera was evaluated in two randomized, multi-national, double-blind, phase III trials. The first trial, CONFIRM, randomized 1400 adults with relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis (RRMS) to one of four groups: Tecfidera 240mg twice daily, Tecfidera 240mg three times daily, Copaxone 20mg daily, and placebo. The primary endpoint for CONFIRM was annualized relapse rate (ARR) at 2 years. Secondary endpoints included the proportion of patients with relapse at two years, disability progression at two years, number of new/enlarging hyperintense lesions on T2, and number of new/enlarging hypointense lesions on T1. Tertiary endpoints included a comparison of the relative benefits and risks of Tecfidera or Copaxone versus placebo and the number of gadolinium enhancing lesions. Approximately 29% of the patients had tried injectable therapy for RRMS before participating in the trial.

The second trial, DEFINE, randomized 1200 adults with RRMS to one of three groups: Tecfidera 240mg twice daily, Tecfidera 240mg three times daily, and placebo. The primary endpoint for DEFINE was the proportion of patients with relapse at 2 years. Secondary endpoints included the ARR at 2 years, disability progression at two years, number of new/enlarging hyperintense lesions on T2 and number of gadolinium enhancing lesions. Approximately 40% of the patients had tried injectable therapy for RRMS before participating in the trial.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DIMETHYL FUMARATE

RATIONAL (CONTINUED)

Tecfidera significantly reduced ARR and the proportion of patients with relapse in both studies. However only DEFINE found a significant difference in disability progression. The ability of Tecfidera to reduce the risk of relapse is 34-49%. Copaxone reduced the risk of relapse by approximately 30%. All three MRI parameters (number of new/enlarging hyperintense lesions on T2, number of new/enlarging hypointense lesions on T1, and number of gadolinium enhancing lesions) were shown to be significant for CONFIRM. DEFINE also found significance in both of its MRI data (number of new/enlarging hyperintense lesions on T2 and number of gadolinium enhancing lesions). Post hoc analysis did not find a difference in efficacy between Tecfidera and Copaxone in any of the clinical and MRI data except that Tecfidera had significantly less hyperintense lesions on T2.

Tecfidera may decrease lymphocyte counts. During the first year, mean lymphocyte counts decreased by approximately 30% and then remained stable. Four weeks after stopping Tecfidera, mean lymphocyte counts increased but did not return to baseline. Six percent (6%) of Tecfidera patients and <1% of placebo patients experienced lymphocyte counts <0.5x10⁹/L. The incidence of infections (60% vs. 58%) and serious infections (2% vs. 2%) was similar in patients treated with Tecfidera or placebo, respectively. Before initiation of therapy, it is recommended to check a recent complete blood cell count to identify patients with pre-existing low lymphocyte counts.

REFERENCES

Tecfidera [Prescribing Information]. Cambridge, MA: Biogen, Idec; March 2013.
UpToDate, Inc. Treatment of relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis in adults. UpToDate [database online]. Waltham, MA. Available at <http://www.uptodate.com/home/index.html>. Updated January 30, 2013.
UpToDate, Inc. Epidemiology and clinical features of multiple sclerosis in adults. Waltham, MA. Available at <http://www.uptodate.com/home/index.html>. Updated December 6, 2012.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DORNASE ALFA

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DORNASE ALFA	PULMOZYME	08832		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis and requests for twice daily dosing require a trial of once daily dosing.

2. Is the request for once daily dosing (30 ampules per month)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of #30 ampules per month.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Has the patient tried once daily dosing (30 ampules per month per MRF or claims history)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of #60 ampules per month.**

If no, do not approve. **Enter a proactive authorization for 12 months with a quantity limit of #30 ampules per month.**

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis and requests for twice daily dosing require a trial of once daily dosing.

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of Pulmozyme based on FDA approved indication.

Dosage: The recommended dose for use in most cystic fibrosis patients is one 2.5mg single-use ampule inhaled once daily using a recommended nebulizer. Some patients may benefit from twice daily administration.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Pulmozyme is indicated in conjunction with standard therapies in the management of cystic fibrosis patients to improve pulmonary function.

REFERENCE

- Genentech, Inc. Pulmozyme package insert. South San Francisco, CA. October 2010.

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DORNASE ALFA

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Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DROXIDOPA

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DROXIDOPA	NORTHERA	40936		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a documented diagnosis of Neurogenic Orthostatic Hypotension (NOH) caused by primary autonomic failure (Parkinson's disease, multiple system atrophy, and pure autonomic failure), dopamine beta-hydroxylase deficiency, or non-diabetic autonomic neuropathy and meets the following criteria?

- Patient is 18 years or older
- Prescription was initiated by or given in consultation with a neurologist or cardiologist
- Previous trial of or contraindication to midodrine **OR** fludrocortisone

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Has the prescriber performed baseline blood pressure readings while the patient is sitting and also within minutes of standing from a supine (lying face up) position?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Does the patient have a documented decrease of at least 20mmHg in systolic blood pressure or 10mmHg diastolic blood pressure within 3 minutes after standing from a sitting position?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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DROXIDOPA

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient have persistent symptoms of neurogenic orthostatic hypotension, which include dizziness, lightheadedness, and the feeling of 'blacking out'?

If yes, **approve for 1 month by HICL for #180 capsules per 30 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires a diagnosis of Neurogenic Orthostatic Hypotension (NOH) and that the patient meets **ALL** of the following criteria while on therapy with Northera:

- Patient has demonstrated improvement in severity from baseline symptoms of dizziness, lightheadedness, feeling faint, or feeling like the patient may black out
- Patient had an increase in systolic blood pressure from baseline of at least 10mmHg upon standing from a supine (laying face up) position

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline for **DROXIDOPA (Northera)** requires a diagnosis of Neurogenic Orthostatic Hypotension and is at least 18 years of age or older. The following criteria must also be met.

- Patient has a documented diagnosis of Neurogenic Orthostatic Hypotension caused by primary autonomic failure (Parkinson's disease, multiple system atrophy, and pure autonomic failure), dopamine beta-hydroxylase deficiency, or non-diabetic autonomic neuropathy
- Previous trial of or contraindication to midodrine **OR** fludrocortisone
- Prescription was initiated by or given in consultation with a neurologist or cardiologist
- Patient has persistent symptoms of neurogenic orthostatic hypotension which includes dizziness, lightheadedness, and the feeling of 'blacking out'
- Prescriber performed baseline blood pressure reading while the patient is sitting and also within 3 minutes of standing from a supine (lying face up) position
- Patient has a documented decrease of at least 20 mmHg in systolic blood pressure or 10 mmHg diastolic blood pressure within 3 minutes after standing from a sitting position

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DROXIDOPA

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Neurogenic Orthostatic Hypotension (NOH) and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Patient has demonstrated improvement in severity from baseline symptoms of dizziness, lightheadedness, feeling faint, or feeling like the patient may black out
 - Patient had an increase in systolic blood pressure from baseline of at least 10mmHg upon standing from a supine (laying face up) position

If yes, **approve for 3 months by HICL for #180 capsules per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline for **DROXIDOPA (NORTHERA)** renewal requires a diagnosis of Neurogenic Orthostatic Hypotension (NOH) and that the patient meets **ALL** of the following criteria while on therapy with Northera:

- Patient has demonstrated improvement in severity from baseline symptoms of dizziness, lightheadedness, feeling faint, or feeling like the patient may black out
- Patient had an increase in systolic blood pressure from baseline of at least 10mmHg upon standing from a supine (laying face up) position

RATIONALE

Promote clinically appropriate utilization of Northera (droxidopa) based on its FDA approved indication and dosing.

Northera is indicated for the treatment neurogenic orthostatic hypotension (NOH) that is associated with Parkinson's disease (PD), multiple system atrophy, and pure autonomic failure. People with NOH are severely limited in their ability to perform routine daily activities that require walking or standing. Northera is a synthetic amino acid precursor of norepinephrine, which increases blood pressure by inducing peripheral arterial and venous vasoconstriction.

Orthostatic hypotension is diagnosed when within two to five minutes of quiet standing (after a five-minute period of supine rest), one or both of the following is present:

- At least a 20 mmHg fall in systolic pressure
- At least a 10 mmHg fall in diastolic pressure

Northera has a boxed warning regarding the risk of increased blood pressure while lying down (supine hypertension). The most common adverse events seen in clinical trials were headache, dizziness, nausea, hypertension, and fatigue.

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DROXIDOPA

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

In the clinical trials referenced in the Northera prescribing information, a 'responder' to treatment had to demonstrate improvement on the OHSAS item #1 score by at least 1 point, as well as an increase in systolic blood pressure of at least 10 mmHg post-standing, during the open-label dose titration period.

Effectiveness of Northera beyond 2 weeks of treatment has not been established. The continued effectiveness of Northera should be assessed periodically.

DOSE

The recommended starting dose of Northera is 100mg orally three times a day, upon arising in the morning, at midday, and in the late afternoon at least 3 hours prior to bedtime (to reduce the potential for supine hypertension during sleep). Northera may be administered with or without food.

Titrate to symptomatic response, in increments of 100mg three times daily every 24-48 hours up to a maximum dose of 600mg three times daily (maximum total daily dose of 1800mg).

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Northera is indicated for the treatment of orthostatic dizziness, lightheadedness, or the "feeling that you are about to black out" in adult patients with symptomatic neurogenic orthostatic hypotension (NOH) caused by primary autonomic failure [Parkinson's disease (PD), multiple system atrophy and pure autonomic failure], dopamine beta-hydroxylase deficiency, and non-diabetic autonomic neuropathy.

Northera received orphan-product designation from the FDA.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

DROXIDOPA

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 07/01/16

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DUPILUMAB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DUPILUMAB	DUPIXENT	44180		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe atopic dermatitis and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient meets at least **ONE** of the following for disease severity:
 - Atopic dermatitis involving at least 10% of body surface area (BSA) **OR**
 - Atopic dermatitis affecting the face, head, neck, hands, feet, groin, or intertriginous areas
 - The patient has at least **TWO** of the following:
 - Intractable pruritus
 - Cracking and oozing/bleeding of affected skin
 - Impaired activities of daily living
 - Prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist or allergist/immunologist
 - Documentation of inadequate response or contraindication to two of the following: topical corticosteroids, topical calcineurin inhibitors [e.g., Elidel (pimecrolimus), Protopic (tacrolimus)], topical PDE-4 inhibitors [e.g., Eucrisa (crisaborole)], or phototherapy

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #4.

2. Is the patient between 12 and 17 years of age?

If yes, please enter **TWO** approvals by GPID with a quantity limit based on the patient's weight as follows:

- **FIRST APPROVAL:**
 - If weight is less than 60kg: Approve for 1 month with a quantity limit of #4.56mL (#4 200mg/1.14mL syringes, GPID 45522).
 - If weight is 60kg or more: Approve for 1 month with a quantity limit of #8mL (#4 300mg/2mL syringes, GPID 43222).
- **SECOND APPROVAL:**
 - If weight is less than 60kg: Approve for 5 months with a quantity limit of #2.28mL (#2 200mg/1.14mL syringes, GPID 45522) per 28 days (enter a start date one day after the end of the first approval).
 - If weight is 60kg or more: Approve for 5 months with a quantity limit of #4mL (#2 300mg/2mL syringes, GPID 43222) per 28 days (enter a start date one day after the end of the first approval).

APPROVAL TEXT: See initial approval text on the next page.

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DUPILUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires documentation that the patient has experienced or maintained improvement in at least two of the following:

- Intractable pruritus
- Cracking and oozing/bleeding of affected skin
- Impaired activities of daily living

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the patient 18 years of age or older?

If yes, please enter **TWO** approvals by GPID as follows:

- **FIRST APPROVAL:** Approve for 1 month with a quantity limit of #8mL (#4 300mg/2mL syringes, GPID 43222).
- **SECOND APPROVAL:** Approve for 5 months with a quantity limit of #4mL (#2 300mg/2mL syringes, GPID 43222) per 28 days (enter a start date one day after the end of the first approval).

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires documentation that the patient has experienced or maintained improvement in at least two of the following:

- Intractable pruritus
- Cracking and oozing/bleeding of affected skin
- Impaired activities of daily living

If no, do not approve.

DENIALTEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe asthma with an eosinophilic phenotype **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has a documented blood eosinophil level of at least 150 cells/mcL within the past 6 months

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, continue to #5.

5. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe oral corticosteroid-dependent asthma?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIALTEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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DUPILUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

6. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 12 years of age or older
- The patient is currently adherent on a maximally tolerated inhaled corticosteroid plus at least one other maintenance medication (e.g., long-acting inhaled beta2-agonist, long-acting muscarinic antagonist, a leukotriene receptor antagonist, theophylline)
- The patient has experienced at least 2 asthma exacerbations within the past 12 months (exacerbation is defined as an asthma-related event requiring hospitalization, emergency room visit, or systemic corticosteroid burst lasting at least 3 days)
- The patient has **ONE** of the following:
 - Asthma Control Test (ACT) score of less than 20
 - Asthma Control Questionnaire (ACQ) score of at least 1.5
 - Asthma Therapy Assessment Questionnaire (ATAQ) score of at least 1
- Dupixent will be used as an add-on maintenance treatment
- The patient is not being concurrently treated with Xolair or an anti-IL5 asthma biologic (e.g., Nucala, Cinqair, Fasenra)
- Dupixent is prescribed by or given in consultation with a physician specializing in pulmonary or allergy medicine

If yes, please enter **TWO** approvals by GPID for the requested medication as follows:

- **FIRST APPROVAL:** approve for 1 month with a quantity limit of #8mL (#4 300mg/2mL syringes, GPID 43222) OR #4.56mL (#4 200mg/1.14mL syringes, GPID 45522).
- **SECOND APPROVAL:** approve for 11 months with a quantity limit of #4mL (#2 300mg/2mL syringes, GPID 43222) OR #2.28mL (#2 200mg/1.14mL syringes, GPID 45522) per 28 days (enter a start date one day after the end of the first approval).

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires **ALL** of the following:

- The patient has experienced a reduction in asthma exacerbations (defined as an asthma-related event requiring hospitalization, emergency room visit, or systemic corticosteroid burst lasting at least 3 days) from baseline
- The patient has experienced an improvement in the Asthma Control Test (ACT), Asthma Control Questionnaire (ACQ), **OR** Asthma Therapy Assessment Questionnaire (ATAQ) score from baseline
- The patient has decreased their total daily oral corticosteroid dose from baseline if the patient was on maintenance therapy with oral corticosteroids prior to initiation of Dupixent

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DUPILUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DUPILUMAB (Dupixent)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe atopic dermatitis or moderate to severe asthma. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe atopic dermatitis, approval requires:

- The patient meets at least one of the following for disease severity:
 - Atopic dermatitis involving at least 10% of body surface area (BSA) **OR**
 - Atopic dermatitis affecting the face, head, neck, hands, feet, groin, or intertriginous areas
- The patient has at least two of the following:
 - Intractable pruritus
 - Cracking and oozing/bleeding of affected skin
 - Impaired activities of daily living
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist or allergist/immunologist
- Patient is 12 years of age or older
- Documentation of inadequate response or contraindication to two of the following: topical corticosteroids, topical calcineurin inhibitors [e.g., Elidel (pimecrolimus), Protopic (tacrolimus)], topical PDE-4 inhibitors [e.g., Eucrisa (crisaborole)], or phototherapy

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe asthma, approval requires:

- The patient has an eosinophilic phenotype asthma with a documented blood eosinophil level of at least 150 cells/mcL within the past 6 months **OR** oral corticosteroid-dependent asthma
- The patient is 12 years of age or older
- The patient is currently adherent on a maximally tolerated inhaled corticosteroid plus at least one other maintenance medication (e.g., long-acting inhaled beta2-agonist, long-acting muscarinic antagonist, a leukotriene receptor antagonist, theophylline)
- The patient has experienced at least 2 asthma exacerbations within the past 12 months (exacerbation is defined as an asthma-related event requiring hospitalization, emergency room visit, or systemic corticosteroid burst lasting at least 3 days)
- The patient has **ONE** of the following:
 - Asthma Control Test (ACT) score of less than 20
 - Asthma Control Questionnaire (ACQ) score of at least 1.5
 - Asthma Therapy Assessment Questionnaire (ATAQ) score of at least 1
- Dupixent will be used as an add-on maintenance treatment
- The patient is not being concurrently treated with Xolair or an anti-IL5 asthma biologic (e.g., Nucala, Cinqair, Fasentra)
- Dupixent is prescribed by or given in consultation with a physician specializing in pulmonary or allergy medicine

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DUPILUMAB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe atopic dermatitis and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Documentation that the patient has experienced or maintained improvement in at least two of the following:
 - Intractable pruritus
 - Cracking and oozing/bleeding of affected skin
 - Impaired activities of daily living

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #4.

2. Is the patient between 12 and 17 years of age?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit based on the patient's weight, as follows:**

- **If weight is less than 60kg: Approve with a quantity limit of #2.28mL (#2 200mg/1.14mL syringes, GPID 45522) per 28 days.**
- **If weight is 60kg or more: Approve with a quantity limit of #4mL (#2 300mg/2mL syringes, GPID 43222) per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the patient 18 years of age or older?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID 43222 with a quantity limit of #4mL (#2 300mg/2mL syringes) per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIALTEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

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DUPILUMAB

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe asthma and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- The patient has experienced a reduction in asthma exacerbations (defined as an asthma-related event requiring hospitalization, emergency room visit, or systemic corticosteroid burst lasting at least 3 days) from baseline
 - The patient has experienced an improvement in the Asthma Control Test (ACT), Asthma Control Questionnaire (ACQ) **OR** Asthma Therapy Assessment Questionnaire (ATAQ) score from baseline

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIALTEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Was the patient treated with a maintenance therapy regimen of oral corticosteroids prior to initiation of Dupixent?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested medication with a quantity limit of #4mL (#2 300mg/2mL syringes, GPID 43222) OR #2.28mL (#2 200mg/1.14mL syringes, GPID 45522) per 28 days.**

6. Has the patient decreased their total daily dose of oral corticosteroids from baseline?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested medication with a quantity limit of #4mL (#2 300mg/2mL syringes, GPID 43222) OR #2.28mL (#2 200mg/1.14mL syringes, GPID 45522) per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DUPILUMAB (Dupixent)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe atopic dermatitis or moderate to severe asthma for renewal. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe atopic dermatitis, approval requires:

- Documentation that the patient has experienced or maintained improvement in at least two of the following:
 - Intractable pruritus
 - Cracking and oozing/bleeding of affected skin
 - Impaired activities of daily living
 - The patient is 12 years of age or older
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DUPILUMAB

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe asthma, approval requires:

- The patient has experienced a reduction in asthma exacerbations (defined as an asthma-related event requiring hospitalization, emergency room visit, or systemic corticosteroid burst lasting at least 3 days) from baseline
- The patient has experienced an improvement in the Asthma Control Test (ACT), Asthma Control Questionnaire (ACQ) **OR** Asthma Therapy Assessment Questionnaire (ATAQ) score from baseline
- The patient has decreased their total daily oral corticosteroid dose from baseline if the patient was on maintenance therapy with oral corticosteroids prior to initiation of Dupixent

RATIONALE

For further information, refer to the prescribing information and/or drug monograph for Dupixent.

REFERENCES

- Dupixent [Prescribing Information]. Tarrytown, NY: Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. March 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 04/08/19

Created: 01/17

Client Approval: 03/19

P&T Approval: 10/18



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

DUVELISIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DUVELISIB	COPIKTRA	45269		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the patient 18 years of age or older?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of relapsed or refractory chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) or small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has received at least two prior therapies for CLL or SLL

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 capsules per day.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of relapsed or refractory follicular lymphoma (FL) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has received at least two prior systemic therapies for FL

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 capsules per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **DUVELISIB (Copiktra)** requires a diagnosis of relapsed or refractory chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL), or follicular lymphoma (FL). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older

For patients with relapsed or refractory chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) or small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL), approval requires:

- The patient has received at least two prior therapies for CLL or SLL

For patients with relapsed or refractory follicular lymphoma (FL), approval requires:

- The patient has received at least two prior systemic therapies for FL

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DUVELISIB

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Copiktra (duvelisib).

REFERENCES

- Copiktra [Prescribing Information]. Needham, MA: Verastem, Inc.; October 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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P&T Approval: 10/18



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

EFINACONAZOLE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
EFINACONAZOLE	JUBLIA	41184		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of onychomycosis (fungal infection) of the toenail(s) and meets the following criteria?

- The patient previously tried or has a contraindication to oral terbinafine **OR** oral itraconazole **AND** ciclopirox topical solution
- The patient has at least **ONE** of the following conditions:
 - The patient has diabetes, peripheral vascular disease (PVD), or immunosuppression
 - The patient has pain surrounding the nail or soft tissue involvement

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Are five or less toenails affected?

If yes, **approve for 48 weeks by HICL with a quantity limit of #4mL (1 bottle) per 30 days.**

If no, **approve for 48 weeks by HICL with a quantity limit of #8mL (2 bottles) per 30 days.**

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **EFINACONAZOLE (Jublia)** requires a diagnosis of onychomycosis of the toenail(s) and that the patient meets the following criteria.

- The patient previously tried or has a contraindication to oral terbinafine **OR** oral itraconazole **AND** ciclopirox topical solution
- The patient has at least **ONE** of the following conditions:
 - The patient has diabetes, peripheral vascular disease (PVD), or immunosuppression
 - The patient has pain surrounding the nail or soft tissue involvement

RATIONALE

Promote cost-effective utilization of Jublia (efinaconazole) based on complicating factors of onychomycosis as well as FDA approved indication and dosing.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

EFINACONAZOLE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Jublia is an azole antifungal indicated for the topical treatment of onychomycosis of the toenails due to *Trichophyton rubrum* and *Trichophyton mentagrophyte*. Onychomycosis refers to nail infections caused by any fungus, including yeasts and non-dermatophyte molds. Although onychomycosis is usually a cosmetic concern to patients, it also causes physical discomfort for some, particularly with more severe or advanced disease. Patients may experience chronic pain or acute pain exacerbated by nail cutting, footwear, or pressure from bedclothes. Additionally, in patients with diabetes or other immunocompromised states, onychomycosis may increase the risk of bacterial infections such as cellulitis.

Jublia may not be as efficacious as oral antifungals (e.g. terbinafine and itraconazole) in the treatment of onychomycosis, but its safety profile is improved. The most common adverse reactions associated with Jublia are ingrown toenails, application site dermatitis, application site vesicles, and application site pain. Additionally, Jublia neither interacts with cytochrome P450 enzymes nor is associated with hepatotoxicity, as seen with oral antifungals.

DOSE

Apply one drop onto each affected toenail once daily (for the big toenail, also apply a second drop to the end of the toenail) for 48 weeks. Use the brush attached to the bottle to gently spread Jublia to the entire toenail including the cuticle, toenail folds, toenail bed, hyponychium, and the undersurface of the toenail plate.

For topical use only and not for oral, ophthalmic, or intravaginal use.

Note: One bottle of 4mL contains 200 applications.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Topical treatment of onychomycosis of the toenails due to *Trichophyton rubrum* and *Trichophyton mentagrophyte*

REFERENCES

- Jublia [Prescribing Information]. Bridgewater, NJ: Valeant Pharmaceuticals; September 2016.
- UpToDate, Inc. Onychomycosis. UpToDate [database online]. Waltham, MA. Available at: <http://www.uptodate.com/home/index.html>. Updated April 1, 2014.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 03/01/17

Created: 06/14

Client Approval: 02/17

P&T Approval: 01/17



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ELAPEGADEMASE-LVLR

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ELAPEGADEMASE-LVLR	REVCOVI	45340		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of adenosine deaminase severe combined immune deficiency (ADA-SCID) as manifested by **ONE** of the following?

- Confirmatory genetic test
- Suggestive laboratory findings (e.g. elevated deoxyadenosine nucleotide [dAXP] levels, lymphopenia) **AND** hallmark signs/symptoms (e.g. recurrent infections, failure to thrive, persistent diarrhea)

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the requested medication prescribed by or in consultation with an immunologist, hematologist/oncologist, or physician specializing in inherited metabolic disorders?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Is there physician attestation that the patient meets **ONE** of the following criteria?

- The patient has failed or is not a candidate for hematopoietic cell transplantation (HCT)
- The requested medication will be used as a bridging therapy prior to planned hematopoietic cell transplant or gene therapy

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires 1) documentation of trough plasma ADA activity greater than or equal to 30 mmol/hr/L and trough dAXP levels less than 0.02 mmol/L, **AND** 2) physician attestation of improvement in/maintenance of immune function from baseline, and patient has not received successful hematopoietic cell transplant (HCT) or gene therapy.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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ELAPEGADEMASE-LVLR

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ELAPEGADEMASE-LVLR (Revcovi)** requires a diagnosis of adenosine deaminase severe combined immune deficiency (ADA-SCID) as manifested by ONE of the following:

- Confirmatory generic test, or
- Suggestive laboratory findings (e.g. elevated deoxyadenosine nucleotide [dAXP] levels, lymphopenia) AND hallmark signs/symptoms (e.g. recurrent infections, failure to thrive, persistent diarrhea)
- In addition, the following criteria must be met:
 - The requested medication is prescribed by or in consultation with an immunologist, hematologist/oncologist, or physician specializing in inherited metabolic disorders
 - Physician attestation that the patient has failed or is not a candidate for hematopoietic cell transplant (HCT), OR the requested medication will be used as a bridging therapy prior to planned hematopoietic cell transplant (HCT) or gene therapy

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of adenosine deaminase severe combined immune deficiency (ADA-SCID) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Documentation of trough plasma ADA activity ≥ 30 mmol/hr/L **AND** trough dAXP levels < 0.02 mmol/L
 - Physician attestation of improvement in/maintenance of immune function from baseline (e.g. decrease in number and severity of infections), **AND** patient has not received successful hematopoietic cell transplant (HCT) or gene therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ELAPEGADEMASE-LVLR (Revcovi)** requires a diagnosis of adenosine deaminase severe combined immune deficiency (ADA-SCID). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- Documentation of trough plasma ADA activity greater than or equal to 30 mmol/hr/L AND trough dAXP levels less than 0.02 mmol/L
- Physician attestation of improvement in/maintenance of immune function from baseline (e.g. decrease in number and severity of infections), AND patient has not received successful hematopoietic cell transplantation (HCT) or gene therapy

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ELAPEGADEMASE-LVLR

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Revcovi.

REFERENCES

- Revcovi [Prescribing Information]. Gaithersburg, MD: Leadiant Biosciences Inc., October 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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ELBASVIR/GRAZOPREVIR

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ELBASVIR/GRAZOPREVIR	ZEPATIER	43030		

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- Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, with genotype 1 or genotype 4 and meet **ALL** the following criteria?
 - The patient have a recent HCV infection documented by one detectable HCV RNA level within the last 6 months
 - The patient at least 18 years old
 - The patient currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (e.g., a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

- Does the patient meet at least **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has a limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions (via physician attestation)
 - Zepatier will be taken concurrently with Sovaldi (sofosbuvir)
 - The patient has moderate or severe hepatitis impairment (Child-Pugh B or C)
 - Patient is currently taking any of the following medications: phenytoin, carbamazepine, rifampin, efavirenz (e.g., Atripla, Sustiva), atazanavir (e.g., Evotaz, Reyataz), darunavir (e.g., Prezcofix, Prezista), lopinavir, saquinavir, tipranavir, cyclosporine, nafcillin, ketoconazole, modafinil, bosentan, etravirine, elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir (e.g., Stribild, Genvoya), atorvastatin at doses higher than 20mg daily, or rosuvastatin at doses greater than 10mg daily

If yes, do not approve.

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If no, continue to #3.

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GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient have **ONE** of the following?

- The patient has a contraindication to Epclusa, Harvoni **AND** Mavyret
- The patient has previously failed a short trial with Epclusa, Harvoni, or Mavyret (e.g., inability to tolerate, adverse effect early in therapy); [**NOTE:** An individual who has completed a full course of therapy with Harvoni, Mavyret or Epclusa that did not achieve SVR will not be approved.]
- Patient has stage 4 or 5 chronic kidney disease (CKD) **AND** has previously failed a short trial of or has contraindication to Mavyret

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Is the patient **ONE** of the following?

- Genotype 1a infection, treatment naïve, and **NO** baseline NS5A polymorphisms
- Genotype 1a infection, previously treated with peginterferon/ribavirin, and **NO** baseline NS5A polymorphisms
- Genotype 1b infection, treatment naïve
- Genotype 1b infection, previously treated with peginterferon/ribavirin
- Genotype 4 infection, treatment naïve

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day.**

If no, continue to #5.

5. Is the requested medication being used with ribavirin and the patient meets **ONE** of the following criteria?

- Genotype 1a infection, previously treated with HCV protease inhibitor triple therapy (HCV protease inhibitor (e.g., Victrelis, Incivek, Olysio) plus peginterferon/ribavirin)
- Genotype 1b infection, previously treated with HCV protease inhibitor triple therapy (HCV protease inhibitor (e.g., Victrelis, Incivek, Olysio) plus peginterferon/ribavirin)

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day.**

If no, continue to #6.

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GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

6. Is the requested medication being used with ribavirin and the patient meets **ONE** of the following criteria?

- Genotype 1a infection, treatment naïve, and has baseline NS5A polymorphisms
- Genotype 1a infection, previously treated with peginterferon/ribavirin, and has baseline NS5A polymorphisms
- Genotype 4 infection, previously treated with peginterferon/ribavirin

If yes, **approve for 16 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline for **ELBASVIR/GRAZOPREVIR (Zepatier)** requires a diagnosis of hepatitis C. The following criteria must also be met:

- Patient has genotype 1 or genotype 4 hepatitis C
- Patient is at least 18 years old
- Patient must have a trial of Epclusa, Harvoni or Mavyret OR contraindication to Epclusa, Harvoni AND Mavyret prior to approval (patient with previous failure of a full treatment of Epclusa, Harvoni or Mavyret will not be approved)
- Patient is currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (e.g., a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model
- Documentation of HCV infection (e.g., at least one detectable HCV RNA level within the last 6 months)
- Testing for baseline NS5A polymorphisms is required for patients with genotype 1a infection
- Ribavirin use is required for certain treatment-experienced patients or for treatment naïve patients with genotype 1a infection and baseline NS5A polymorphisms (per product labeling)
- Treatment experienced patients will be approved per product labeling (previous failure of peginterferon/ribavirin for genotype 1a, 1b or 4; previous failure of HCV protease inhibitor triple therapy regimen for genotype 1a or 1b infection)

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ELBASVIR/GRAZOPREVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

Zepatier will not be approved for the following patients:

- Patients using any of the following interacting medications concurrently while on elbasvir/grazoprevir: phenytoin, carbamazepine, rifampin, efavirenz (e.g., Atripla, Sustiva), atazanavir (e.g., Evotaz, Reyataz), darunavir (e.g., Prezcofix, Prezista), lopinavir, saquinavir, tipranavir, cyclosporine, nafcillin, ketoconazole, modafinil, bosentan, etravirine, elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir (e.g., Stribild, Genvoya), atorvastatin at doses higher than 20mg daily, or rosuvastatin at doses greater than 10mg daily
- Patients taking Sovaldi (sofosbuvir) with Zepatier
- Patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh B or C)
- Patients with limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of Zepatier.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Indicated with or without ribavirin for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) genotypes 1 and 4 infection in adults.

FDA APPROVED DOSAGE

- One tablet taken once daily with or without food.

Duration of therapy is as follows:

Patient type and infection type	Regimen	Duration
Genotype 1a: Treatment naïve or previous treatment with peginterferon/ribavirin without baseline NS5A polymorphisms	Zepatier	12 weeks
Genotype 1a: Treatment naïve or previous treatment with peginterferon/ribavirin with baseline NS5A polymorphisms	Zepatier plus ribavirin	16 weeks
Genotype 1b: Treatment naïve or previous treatment with peginterferon/ribavirin	Zepatier	12 weeks
Genotype 1a or 1b: Treatment experienced, HCV protease inhibitor triple therapy	Zepatier plus ribavirin	12 weeks
Genotype 4: Treatment naïve	Zepatier	12 weeks
Genotype 4: Treatment experienced, previous failure of peginterferon/ribavirin	Zepatier plus ribavirin	16 weeks

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OTHER INFORMATION

All patients should receive hepatic laboratory testing prior to starting Zepatier. Patients with genotype 1a should receive testing for NS5A resistance-associated polymorphisms.

AASLD/IDSA Guidance for treatment of HCV infection (adapted from AASLD/IDSA HCV Guidance from July 2016, see hcvguidelines.org for most recent recommendations):

AASLD/IDSA Guidance - Initial Treatment of Patients Initiating Therapy for HCV infection (Treatment naïve or previous relapsers)	
Genotype	Recommended Regimen
1a	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zepatier daily for 12 weeks (no baseline high fold NS5A resistance associated variants (RAVs) for elbasvir detected) - Rating 1A; <i>Alternative regimen</i>: Zepatier with ribavirin for 16 weeks if genotype 1a AND baseline high fold NS5A RAVs) - Rating IIa-B 2. Harvoni daily for 12 wk, for treatment naïve patients with genotype 1a (with or without cirrhosis) Rating 1A; [Harvoni for 8 weeks is an option if pretreatment HCV RNA level < 6million, but should be done with caution and at the discretion of the prescriber] 3. Epclusa for 12 weeks (for patients with or without cirrhosis) - Rating 1A 4. Viekira with ribavirin for 12 wk (no cirrhosis) or <i>Alternative regimen</i>: Viekira Pak for 24 wk with ribavirin(with cirrhosis), for treatment naïve patients with genotype 1a - Rating 1A 5. Sovaldi + Olysio daily for 12 wk (no cirrhosis) - Rating 1A or <i>Alternative regimen</i>: Sovaldi + Olysio for 24 wk (cirrhosis) without the Q80K polymorphism), for treatment naïve patients with genotype 1a - Rating II-B Daklinza + Sovaldi for 12 weeks (no cirrhosis) - Rating 1B or <i>Alternative regimen</i> if cirrhosis: Daklinza + Sovaldi for **24 weeks with or without weight based ribavirin if cirrhosis present (Adjust Daklinza dose for drug interactions if needed), for treatment naïve patients with genotype 1a.** - Rating IIa-B
1b	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zepatier daily for 12 weeks (with or without cirrhosis) (no baseline high fold NS5A resistance associated variants (RAVs) for elbasvir detected) - Rating 1A 2. Harvoni daily for 12 weeks, for treatment naïve patients with genotype 1b (with or without cirrhosis) - Rating 1A 3. Epclusa for 12 weeks (for patients with or without cirrhosis) - Rating 1A 4. Viekira for 12 weeks for treatment naïve patients with genotype 1b (with or without cirrhosis) - Rating 1A 5. Sovaldi + Olysio daily for 12 weeks (no cirrhosis) - Rating 1A, <i>Alternative regimen</i>, if cirrhosis: Sovaldi plus Olysio for 24 weeks, with or without weight based ribavirin, for treatment naïve patients with genotype 1b - Rating IIa-B 6. Daklinza + Sovaldi for 12 weeks (no cirrhosis) - Rating 1B or <i>Alternative regimen</i>, if cirrhosis: Daklinza + Sovaldi for **24 weeks with or without weight based ribavirin (Adjust Daklinza dose for drug interactions if needed), for treatment naïve patients with genotype 1b. - Rating IIa-B
4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Epclusa for 12 weeks for treatment naïve patients with genotype 4 (for patients with or without cirrhosis) - Rating 1A 2. Technivie and ribavirin for 12 weeks, for treatment naïve patients (for patients with or without cirrhosis) - Rating 1A

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	3. Zepatier daily for 12 weeks (for patients with or without cirrhosis) - - Rating Ila-B Harvoni daily for 12 weeks, for treatment naïve patients with genotype 4 (for patients with or without cirrhosis) - Rating Ila-B
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AASLD/IDSA Guidance - Retreatment of HCV infection (recommendations for patients in whom previous treatment has failed)

GT	Previous agent/regimen failed	Recommended Regimen
1	Peginterferon/ribavirin regimen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zepatier daily for 12 weeks (if genotype 1a, use 12-week regimen only if no baseline high fold-change NS5A resistance-associated variants (RAVs) for elbasvir), for patients with or without cirrhosis - Rating 1A Alternative regimen is Zepatier for 16 weeks with RBV for those with genotype 1a AND NS5A RAVs - Rating IB/ Ila-B 2. Epclusa for 12 weeks - Rating 1A 3. Harvoni daily for 12 weeks (no cirrhosis) – Rating 1A If cirrhosis: Harvoni and ribavirin for 12 weeks OR Alternative regimen is Harvoni for 24 weeks (cirrhosis) - Rating 1A 4. Viekira for 12 weeks with ribavirin (genotype 1a, no cirrhosis) Viekira for 12 weeks for genotype 1b [no ribavirin if genotype 1b] - Rating 1A Alternative regimen, if genotype 1a with cirrhosis: Viekira and ribavirin for 24 weeks, for those who have failed peginterferon/ribavirin - Rating 1A 5. Olysio + Sovaldi daily for 12 weeks if no cirrhosis - Rating 1A <i>Alternative regimen</i> for cirrhosis: Olysio plus Sovaldi with or without ribavirin, daily for 24 weeks - Rating Ila-B 6. Daklinza + Sovaldi for 12 weeks (if no cirrhosis), for treatment experienced, genotype 1 patients in whom peginterferon/ribavirin has failed (Adjust Daklinza dose for drug interactions if needed) - Rating 1B Alternative regimen, if cirrhosis: **Daklinza + Sovaldi for **24 weeks with or without ribavirin - Rating Ila-B
1	Sovaldi regimen (with ribavirin, and with or without peginterferon)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Harvoni with ribavirin for 12 weeks (no cirrhosis) - Rating Ila-B, or Harvoni with ribavirin for 24 weeks (cirrhosis) - Rating Ila-B
1	HCV protease inhibitor/peginterferon/ribavirin	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Harvoni daily for 12 weeks for patients without cirrhosis. If cirrhosis: Harvoni plus ribavirin for 12 weeks OR Harvoni for 24 weeks - Rating 1A 2. Epclusa for 12 weeks - Rating 1A 3. Daklinza + Sovaldi daily for 12 weeks (no cirrhosis); or ** Daklinza and Sovaldi for 24 weeks (cirrhosis),

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AASLD/IDSA Guidance - Retreatment of HCV infection (recommendations for patients in whom previous treatment has failed)		
		with or without weight based ribavirin for those with cirrhosis - Rating IIa-B 4. Zepatier daily with ribavirin for 12 weeks (16 weeks if baseline NS5A RAVs for elbasvir) Rating IIa-B
1	Olysio + Sovaldi	If no cirrhosis, defer treatment if possible, if there are no reasons for urgent retreatment -Testing for RAVs that lead to decreased susceptibility for NS3 protease inhibitors and to NS5A inhibitors is recommended for patients with compensated cirrhosis or have reasons for retreatment. -If retreating with sofosbuvir-based therapy with 2 drugs, a treatment of 24 weeks is recommended, and ribavirin should be added when possible, unless contraindicated. Consider triple or quadruple nucleotide-based (e.g., sofosbuvir) therapies if available, with treatment duration from 12 to 24 weeks and weight-based ribavirin, unless contraindicated.
1	NS5A inhibitors	If no cirrhosis, defer treatment if possible, if there are no reasons for urgent retreatment. Test for resistance associated variants for NS3 protease inhibitors or NS5A inhibitors. -If retreating with sofosbuvir-based therapy, use 24 week duration regimens when possible, and add ribavirin if tolerated. Consider triple or quadruple nucleotide-based (e.g., sofosbuvir) therapies if available, with treatment duration from 12 to 24 weeks and weight-based ribavirin, unless contraindicated.
4	Peginterferon/ribavirin regimen	1. Eplclusa for 12 weeks - Rating 1A 2. Technivie with ribavirin for 12 weeks - Rating 1A 3. Zepatier daily for 12 weeks (use 16 weeks if previous on-treatment virologic failure after peg/RBV, add ribavirin for if previous failure to suppress or patient had breakthrough) - Rating IIa-B 4. Harvoni daily for 12 weeks (add ribavirin if cirrhosis and patient is eligible for ribavirin), <i>Alternative</i> , if cirrhosis, is Harvoni for 24 weeks - Rating IIa-B

ELBASVIR/GRAZOPREVIR

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

EFFICACY

The efficacy of Zepatier was studied in two placebo-controlled trials and four uncontrolled phase 2 and phase 3 clinical trials in 1401 study participants with genotype 1, 4, or 6 HCV infection with compensated liver disease (with or without cirrhosis). Table 2 below describes a total of six trials used for the assessment of efficacy for treatment of genotype 1 or 4 infection (Zepatier was not approved by

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the FDA for treatment of genotype 6 infection). All patients in the active treatment groups received Zepatier (grazoprevir 100mg/elbasvir 50mg) once daily. Those receiving ribavirin received weight-based dosing (800-1400mg per day), divided twice daily. The primary endpoint in all trials was sustained virologic response (SVR), defined as HCV RNA less than the lower limit of quantification at 12 weeks after ending treatment (SVR12).

Clinical trials for Zepatier (elbasvir/grazoprevir) [From Zepatier prescribing information]

Trial	Population	Study Groups and Duration (Number of Subjects Treated)
C-EDGE TN (double-blind)	GT 1, 4 TN with or without cirrhosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ZEPATIER for 12 weeks (N=306)• Placebo for 12 weeks (N=102)
C-EDGE COINFECTION (open-label)	GT 1, 4 TN with or without cirrhosis HCV/HIV-1 co-infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ZEPATIER for 12 weeks (N=217)
C-SURFER (double-blind)	GT 1 TN or TE with or without cirrhosis Severe Renal Impairment including Hemodialysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EBR* + GZR* for 12 weeks (N=122)• Placebo for 12 weeks (N=113)
C-SCAPE (open-label)	GT 4 TN without cirrhosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EBR* + GZR* for 12 weeks (N=10)• EBR* + GZR* + RBV for 12 weeks (N=10)
C-EDGE TE (open-label)	GT 1, 4 TE with or without cirrhosis HCV/HIV-1 co-infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ZEPATIER for 12 or 16 weeks (N=105, and 101, respectively)• ZEPATIER + RBV for 12 or 16 weeks (N=104 and 104, respectively)
C-SALVAGE (open-label)	GT 1 TE with HCV protease inhibitor regimen [†] with or without cirrhosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EBR* + GZR* + RBV for 12 weeks (N=79)

GT = Genotype

TN = Treatment-Naïve

TE = Treatment-Experienced (failed prior treatment with interferon [IFN] or peginterferon alfa [PegIFN] with or without ribavirin [RBV] or were intolerant to prior therapy).

*EBR = elbasvir 50 mg; GZR = grazoprevir 100 mg; EBR + GZR = co-administered as single agents.

[†]Failed prior treatment with boceprevir, telaprevir, or simeprevir in combination with PegIFN + RBV.

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FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

Efficacy - Treatment naïve patients with genotype 1 infection

C-EDGE TREATMENT NAÏVE (TN) study was a phase 3, multi-center, international, randomized, blinded, placebo-controlled, parallel group trial of treatment naïve cirrhotic and non-cirrhotic patients with chronic HCV genotype 1, genotype 4, or genotype 6 infection. In the initial treatment period, 316 patients received Zepatier and 105 patients received placebo once daily. The median age was 54 years (range: 20-78 years); other patient characteristics included: 46% female, 37% non-white, 91% with genotype 1 infections (50% of those with genotype 1 had genotype 1a), 22% with cirrhosis (28% of patients with cirrhosis had biopsy as evidence of cirrhosis), and 68% of patients had HCV RNA levels above 800,000 IU/mL.

C-EDGE COINFECTION was an uncontrolled, non-randomized, open-label, single arm study that enrolled 218 treatment naïve, HCV/HIV co-infected patients with genotype 1, 4, or 6 HCV infection. Patient characteristics included the following: mean age 50 years (age range 21-71 years); 85% male; 75% Caucasian, 19% of African descent, 6% Hispanic or Latino; mean body mass index (BMI) 25kg/m²; 16% had cirrhosis; 76% had genotype 1a, 23% had genotype 1b, and 1% had genotype 1-other infection; and patients were either naïve to HIV antiretroviral therapy (ART) or stable on ART for at least 8 weeks.

C-EDGE TN and C-EDGE COINFECTION: SVR12 in treatment naïve subjects with or without cirrhosis with genotype 1 HCV treated with Zepatier for 12 weeks [From Zepatier prescribing information]

	C-EDGE TN [Immediate treatment group] (n = 288)	C-EDGE CO-INFECTION [HCV/HIV co-infection] (n = 189)
Regimen	Zepatier for 12 weeks	Zepatier for 12 weeks
Overall SVR in genotype 1	95% (273/288)	95% (179/189)
SVR – genotype 1a	92% (144/157)	94% (136/144)
SVR – genotype 1b	98% (129/131)	96% (43/45)
SVR – no cirrhosis	94% (207/220)	94% (148/158)
SVR – cirrhosis	97% (66/68)	100% (31/31)
Relapse	3% (10/288)	3% (6/189)

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ELBASVIR/GRAZOPREVIR

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

Efficacy - Treatment experienced patients with genotype 1 infection

C-EDGE TE was a randomized, open-label study that enrolled patients with genotype 1 or 4 HCV infection, with or without cirrhosis, with or without HIV-1 co-infection, who had failed previous treatment with peginterferon/ribavirin. Participants were randomized to one of four treatment arms: 1) Zepatier for 12 weeks, 2) Zepatier and ribavirin for 12 weeks, 3) Zepatier for 16 weeks, or 4) Zepatier plus ribavirin for 16 weeks. Patient characteristics included the following: median age 57 years (range: 19-77 years); 64% male; 67% Caucasian, 18% of African descent, 9% Hispanic or Latino; mean BMI 28kg/m²; 78% with baseline HCV RNA levels above 800,000 IU/mL; 34% had cirrhosis; 60% had genotype 1a, 39% had genotype 1b, and 1% had genotype 1-other.

C-EDGE TE: SVR12 in treatment experienced subjects (previous trial of peginterferon/ribavirin) with or without cirrhosis with genotype 1 HCV treated with Zepatier [From Zepatier prescribing information]

	Zepatier for 12 weeks (n = 96)	Zepatier and ribavirin for 16 weeks (n = 96)
Overall SVR in genotype 1	94% (90/96)	97% (93/96)
SVR – genotype 1a	90% (55/61)	95% (55/58)
SVR – genotype 1b	100% (35/35)	100% (38/38)
SVR – no cirrhosis	94% (61/65)	95% (61/64)
SVR – cirrhosis	94% (29/31)	100% (32/32)
Relapse	100% (33/33)	100% (35/35)

C-SALVAGE was an open-label, single arm trial that enrolled participants with genotype 1 infection, with or without cirrhosis, who failed previous treatment with HCV protease inhibitor/peginterferon/ribavirin triple therapy. Protease inhibitors were one of the following: Victrelis (boceprevir), Incivek (telaprevir), or Olysio (simeprevir). Participants received Zepatier and ribavirin for 12 weeks. Patient characteristics included the following: median age 55 years (range 23 to 75); 58% male; 97% Caucasian, 3% of African descent, 15% Hispanic or Latino; mean BMI 28kg/m²; 63% had baseline HCV RNA levels greater than 800,000 IU/mL; 43% had cirrhosis; and 46% had baseline NS3 resistance-associated substitutions. The overall SVR was 96%, whereas 4% (3/79) were unable to attain SVR due to relapse.

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ELBASVIR/GRAZOPREVIR

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

Efficacy - Patients with severe renal impairment and genotype 1 infection

C-SURFER was a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study in patients with genotype 1 infection, with or without cirrhosis, with CKD stage 4 or 5 (eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73m²). Approximately 52% had genotype 1a infection, and 48% had genotype 1b infection. Patients were treatment naïve (80.4%) or treatment experienced (19.6%). Stage 4 CKD was seen in 18.7% and stage 5 in 81.3%, with 76.2% currently receiving hemodialysis. The majority (94%) had no cirrhosis. The distribution of fibrosis stage at the start of the study was as follows: F0-F2: 69.4%, F3: 11.9%, F4: 6%, and 12.8% as other. Enrolled patients had a mean age 56 of years (18-70 years of age). More than half (57.4%) had baseline HCV RNA levels above 800,000 IU/mL.

Results from C-SURFER clinical trials for treatment naïve patients with genotype 1 HCV infection

	Grazoprevir/elbasvir immediate treatment group and pharmacokinetic population
SVR	
All patients	99% (115/116)
Intent-to-treat population	94% (115/122)
Genotype 1a	97% (61/63)
Genotype 1b	92% (54/59)
No cirrhosis	95% (109/115)
Patients with cirrhosis	86% (6/7)
Treatment naïve	95% (96/101)
Treatment experienced	90% (19/21)
Hemodialysis	93% (86/92)
No hemodialysis	97% (29/30)
CKD stage 4	100% (22/22)
CKD stage 5	93% (93/100)
Relapse after treatment	
All patients	<1% (1/116)

Efficacy - Treatment naïve and treatment experienced patients with genotype 4 infection

Four trials (C-EDGE TN, C-EDGE COINFECTION, C-EDGE TE, and C-SCAPE) evaluated the efficacy of Zepatier for treatment of genotype 4 infection. C-SCAPE randomized treatment naïve participants to 12 weeks of Zepatier with or without ribavirin. Study details for the other three studies are listed above. The combined genotype 4 study population from the four trials was 64% treatment naïve, 66% male, 87% Caucasian, 10% of African descent, 22% with cirrhosis, and 30% with HCV/HIV-1 co-infection. The overall SVR₁₂ for the combined results of the four trials was 97% (64/66).

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ELBASVIR/GRAZOPREVIR

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

SAFETY

Contraindications for Zepatier include moderate or severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh B or C). As OATP1B1/3 inhibitors and CYP3A inhibitors may increase serum concentrations of Zepatier, the concurrent use of the following OATP1B1/3 inhibitors and strong CYP3A4 inhibitors with Zepatier is contraindicated: anticonvulsants (e.g., phenytoin, carbamazepine), antimycobacterials (e.g., rifampin), St. John's Wort, HIV medications (e.g., efavirenz, atazanavir, darunavir, lopinavir, saquinavir, tipranavir), and cyclosporine. When Zepatier is prescribed with ribavirin, prescribers must also consider contraindications, warnings, and precautions associated with ribavirin therapy.

For patients using a 12-week regimen of Zepatier, the most common adverse reactions reported in clinical trials include headache, nausea, and fatigue. Patients using Zepatier with ribavirin for 16 weeks most commonly experienced anemia (8%) and headache (6%). In clinical trials liver enzyme elevations occurred in approximately 1% of patients taking Zepatier, and were more common in female and Asian patients. Hepatic laboratory testing should be completed as clinically indicated, as well as prior to starting therapy, at treatment week 8, and at treatment week 12 for patients receiving 16 weeks of therapy.

No dose adjustments are necessary in patients with mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh A), but Zepatier is contraindicated in patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh B or C). No dose adjustment is required for patients with severe renal impairment or for those using hemodialysis.

The safety and efficacy of Zepatier have not been evaluated in the pediatric population. Clinical trials of Zepatier included 187 participants age of 65 and older; higher plasma concentrations of Zepatier and a higher rate of ALT elevations were noted in participants age 65 years and older than in those younger than age 65.

There are no human data on the safety of Zepatier use in pregnant humans; however, animal studies in rats and rabbits indicate that no adverse developmental effects were observed with Zepatier at 10-18 times the recommended human dose of elbasvir and 41-78 times the human dose of grazoprevir. While it is not known whether Zepatier is present in human breast milk, Zepatier was present in the milk of rats, but was not found to affect growth and development of nursing rat pups.

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ELBASVIR/GRAZOPREVIR

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Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ELAGOLIX

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ELAGOLIX	ORLISSA	45108		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe pain associated with endometriosis and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The requested medication is prescribed by or in consultation with an obstetrician/gynecologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) **AND** a progestin-containing contraceptive preparation (e.g., combination hormonal contraceptive preparation, progestin-only contraceptive preparation)

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient have normal liver function or mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class A)?

If yes, **approve by GPID for the requested strength with the following quantity limits and approval durations:**

- **Orilissa 150mg (GPID 45026): #1 tablet per day for 12 months.**
- **Orilissa 200mg (GPID 45028): #2 tablets per day for 6 months.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class B)?

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID for the following strength and quantity limit:**

- **Orilissa 150mg (GPID 45026): #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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ELAGOLIX

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ELAGOLIX (Orilissa)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe pain associated with endometriosis. Additionally, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The requested medication is prescribed by or in consultation with an obstetrician/gynecologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) **AND** a progestin-containing contraceptive preparation (e.g., combination hormonal contraceptive preparation, progestin-only contraceptive preparation)

Requests for Orilissa 200mg twice daily will only be approved in patients with normal liver function or mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class A).

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Has the patient received **ONE** of the following regimens?
 - A 6-month course of Orilissa 200mg twice daily
 - A 6-month course of Orilissa 150mg once daily and the patient has moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class B)
 - A 24-month course of Orilissa 150mg once daily and the patient has normal liver function or mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class A)

If yes, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe pain associated with endometriosis and meet the following criteria?
 - Physician attestation of improvement of pain related to endometriosis while on therapy
 - The patient has normal liver function or mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class A)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the following strength and quantity limit:**

- **Orilissa 150mg (GPID 45026): #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

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ELAGOLIX

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ELAGOLIX (Orilissa)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe pain associated with endometriosis for renewal. The following criteria must also be met:

- Physician attestation of improvement of pain related to endometriosis while on therapy
- The patient has normal liver function or mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class A)

Requests will not be approved if the patient meets one of the following conditions:

- The patient has received a 6-month course of Orilissa 200mg twice daily
- The patient has received a 6-month course of Orilissa 150mg once daily and the patient has moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class B)
- The patient has received a 24-month course of Orilissa 150mg once daily and the patient has normal liver function or mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class A)

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization and safety criteria are used for the management of requests for Orilissa (elagolix).

FDA-APPROVED INDICATION

Orilissa (elagolix) is a gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) receptor antagonist indicated for the management of moderate to severe pain associated with endometriosis.

DOSING AND ADMINISTRATION

Pregnancy should be excluded before starting Orilissa (elagolix), or Orilissa (elagolix) can be initiated within 7 days from the onset of menses. The lowest effective dose should be used, taking into account the severity of symptoms and treatment objectives. Treatment duration should be limited due to the potential for decreases in bone mineral density that may not be completely reversible.

Orilissa (elagolix) is dosed according to the following table:

Hepatic Function	Dosing Regimen	Maximum Treatment Duration
Normal hepatic function <i>or</i> mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class A)	150 mg once daily	24 months
	200 mg twice daily*	6 months
Moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class B)	150 mg once daily	6 months
Severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class C)	Contraindicated	

*Regimen to be considered for those with coexisting dyspareunia

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ELAGOLIX

REFERENCES

- Orilissa [Prescribing Information]. North Chicago, IL: AbbVie Inc.; July 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ELIGLUSTAT TARTRATE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ELIGLUSTAT TARTRATE	CERDELGA		36988	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of type 1 (non-neuronopathic) Gaucher disease, and meets the following criteria?

- is a CYP2D6 extensive metabolizer (EMs)
- is not a CYP2D6 ultra-rapid metabolizer
- is not a CYP2D6 indeterminate metabolizer
- is age 18 years of age and older

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #2 capsules per day.**
If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of type 1 (non-neuronopathic) Gaucher disease, and meets the following criteria?

- is a CYP2D6 intermediate metabolizer (IMs)
- is not a CYP2D6 ultra-rapid metabolizer
- is not a CYP2D6 indeterminate metabolizer
- is age 18 years of age and older

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #2 capsules per day.**
If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of type 1 (non-neuronopathic) Gaucher disease, and meets the following criteria?

- is a CYP2D6 poor metabolizer (PMs)
- is not CYP2D6 ultra-rapid metabolizer
- is not CYP2D6 indeterminate metabolizer
- is age 18 years of age and older

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #1 capsule per day.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See text at the end of the guideline.

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ELIGLUSTAT TARTRATE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **ELIGLUSTAT TARTRATE** requires a diagnosis of type 1 (non-neuronopathic) Gaucher's disease in a patient at least 18 years of age. Twice daily dosing will be approved for patients who are extensive or immediate metabolizers of CYP2D6 inhibitors. Once daily dosing will be approved for patients who are poor metabolizers of CYP2D6. This medication is not approved for the following patients: CYP2D6 ultra-rapid metabolizers or CYP2D6 indeterminate metabolizers.

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization and dosing of Cerdelga (eliglustate tartrate) based on the FDA approved indication. Eliglustat is a CYP2D6 and CYP3A substrate. Drugs that inhibit CYP2D6 and CYP3A metabolism pathways may significantly increase the exposure to eliglustat and result in prolongation of the PR, QTc, and/or QRS cardiac intervals that could result in cardiac arrhythmias.

The recommended dosage of CERDELGA is 84 mg twice daily in CYP2D6 extensive metabolizers (EMs), and intermediate metabolizers (IMs). The recommended dosage in CYP2D6 poor metabolizers (PMs) is 84 mg once daily.

Some inhibitors of CYP2D6 and CYP3A are contraindicated with CERDELGA depending on the patient's metabolizer status. Co-administration of CERDELGA with other CYP2D6 and CYP3A inhibitors may require dosage adjustment depending on the patient's CYP2D6 metabolizer status to reduce the risk of potentially significant adverse reactions.

Reduce the dosage of CERDELGA to 84 mg once daily for:

- CYP2D6 EMs and IMs taking strong or moderate CYP2D6 inhibitors
- CYP2D6 EMs taking strong or moderate CYP3A inhibitors

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ELIGLUSTAT TARTRATE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Table 1. Established and other potentially significant drug interactions: Alteration in Cerdelga Dosage May be Recommended Based on Predicted Interaction in Extensive Metabolizers (EM) and Intermediate Metabolizers (IM)

CYP450 Inhibitors	Recommended CERDELGA Dosage, by CYP2D6 Metabolizer Status	
	EM	IM
Strong or Moderate CYP2D6 inhibitors concomitantly with Strong or Moderate CYP3A inhibitors	Contraindicated	Contraindicated
Strong CYP2D6 inhibitors e.g., paroxetine	84 mg once daily	84 mg once daily
Moderate CYP2D6 inhibitors e.g., terbinafine	84 mg once daily	84 mg once daily
Strong CYP3A inhibitors e.g., ketoconazole	84 mg once daily	Contraindicated
Moderate CYP3A inhibitors e.g., fluconazole	84 mg once daily	Not recommended

Table 2. Established and other potentially significant drug interactions: Alteration in Cerdelga Dosage May be Recommended Based on Predicted Interaction in Poor Metabolizers

CYP450 Inhibitors	Recommended CERDELGA Dosage for PMs
Strong CYP3A inhibitors e.g., ketoconazole	Contraindicated
Moderate CYP3A inhibitors e.g., fluconazole	Not recommended
Weak CYP3A inhibitors e.g., ranitidine	Not recommended

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ELIGLUSTAT TARTRATE

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

CERDELGA is a glucosylceramide synthase inhibitor indicated for the long term treatment of adult patients with Gaucher disease type 1 who are CYP2D6 extensive metabolizers (EMs), intermediate metabolizers (IMs), or poor metabolizers (PMs) as detected by an FDA-cleared test.

Limitations of Use:

- CYP2D6 ultra-rapid metabolizers may not achieve adequate concentrations of CERDELGA to achieve a therapeutic effect
- A specific dosage cannot be recommended for CYP2D6 indeterminate metabolizers

REFERENCES

- Cerdelga [Prescribing Information]. Waterford, Ireland: Genzyme; August 2014

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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ELTROMBOPAG

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ELTROMBOPAG	PROMACTA	35989		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic immune (idiopathic) thrombocytopenia (ITP) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 1 year of age or older
- The patient has had a trial of, or contraindication to corticosteroids or immunoglobulins, or has had an insufficient response to splenectomy

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #5.

2. Is the request for Promacta tablets?

If yes, **approve for 1 month by GPID for the requested drug as follows:**

- **Promacta 12.5mg tablet (GPID 31176): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Promacta 25mg tablet (GPID 15994): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Promacta 50mg tablet (GPID 15995): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Promacta 75mg tablet (GPID 28344): #1 tablet per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires a clinical response, as defined by an increase in platelet count to at least $50 \times 10^9/L$ (at least 50,000 per microliter).

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the request for Promacta packets **AND** the patient is 12 years of age or less?

If yes, **approve for 1 month by GPID for Promacta 12.5mg packets for oral suspension (GPID 45875) with a quantity limit of #6 packets per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires a clinical response as defined by an increase in platelet count to at least $50 \times 10^9/L$ (at least 50,000 per microliter).

If no, continue to #4.

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INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

4. Is the request for Promacta packets and the patient meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
- The patient is greater than 12 years of age
 - The patient has had a trial of Promacta tablets
 - Physician attestation of medical need for powder packets

If yes, **approve for 1 month by GPID for Promacta 12.5mg packets for oral suspension (GPID 45875) with a quantity limit of #6 packets per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires a clinical response as defined by an increase in platelet count to at least $50 \times 10^9/L$ (at least 50,000 per microliter).

If no, do not approve for Promacta packets. **Please enter proactive approvals for Promacta tablets for 1 month by GPID as follows:**

- **Promacta 12.5mg tablet (GPID 31176): #1 tablet per day.**
 - **Promacta 25mg tablet (GPID 15994): #1 tablet per day.**
 - **Promacta 50mg tablet (GPID 15995): #1 tablet per day.**
 - **Promacta 75mg tablet (GPID 28344): #1 tablet per day.**
- DENIAL TEXT:** See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Does the patient have a diagnosis of thrombocytopenia due to chronic hepatitis C **AND** meet the following criterion?
- The patient's thrombocytopenia prevents the initiation of interferon-based therapy or limits the ability to maintain interferon-based therapy

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, continue to #9.

6. Is the request for Promacta tablets?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested drug as follows:**

- **Promacta 12.5mg tablet (GPID 31176): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Promacta 25mg tablet (GPID 15994): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Promacta 50mg tablet (GPID 15995): #2 tablets per day.**
- **Promacta 75mg tablet (GPID 28344): #1 tablet per day.**

If no, continue to #7.

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ELTROMBOPAG

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

7. Is the request for Promacta packets **AND** the patient is 12 years of age or less?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for Promacta 12.5mg packets for oral suspension (GPID 45875) with a quantity limit of #8 packets per day.**

If no, continue to #8.

8. Is the request for Promacta packets and the patient meets **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is greater than 12 years of age
- The patient has had a trial of Promacta tablets
- Physician attestation of medical need for powder packets

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for Promacta 12.5mg packets for oral suspension (GPID 45875) with a quantity limit of #8 packets per day.**

If no, do not approve for Promacta packets. **Please enter proactive approvals for Promacta tablets for 12 months by GPID as follows:**

- **Promacta 12.5mg tablet (GPID 31176): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Promacta 25mg tablet (GPID 15994): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Promacta 50mg tablet (GPID 15995): #2 tablets per day.**
- **Promacta 75mg tablet (GPID 28344): #1 tablet per day.**

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

9. Does the patient have a diagnosis of severe aplastic anemia and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 2 years of age or older
- Promacta will be used in combination with standard immunosuppressive therapy as first-line treatment

If yes, continue to #10.

If no, continue to #13.

10. Is the request for Promacta tablets?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested drug as follows:**

- **Promacta 12.5mg tablet (GPID 31176): #3 tablets per day.**
- **Promacta 25mg tablet (GPID 15994): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Promacta 50mg tablet (GPID 15995): #2 tablets per day.**
- **Promacta 75mg tablet (GPID 28344): #2 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #11.

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INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

11. Is the request for Promacta packets **AND** the patient is 12 years of age or less?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for Promacta 12.5mg packets for oral suspension (GPID 45875) with a quantity limit of #12 packets per day.**

If no, continue to #12.

12. Is the request for Promacta packets and the patient meets **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is greater than 12 years of age
- The patient has had a trial of Promacta tablets
- Physician attestation of medical need for powder packets

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for Promacta 12.5mg packets for oral suspension (GPID 45875) with a quantity limit of #12 packets per day.**

If no, do not approve for Promacta packets. **Please enter proactive approvals for Promacta tablets for 12 months by GPID as follows:**

- **Promacta 12.5mg tablet (GPID 31176): #3 tablets per day.**
- **Promacta 25mg tablet (GPID 15994): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Promacta 50mg tablet (GPID 15995): #2 tablets per day.**
- **Promacta 75mg tablet (GPID 28344): #2 tablets per day.**

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

13. Does the patient have a diagnosis of severe aplastic anemia **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has had an insufficient response to immunosuppressive therapy

If yes, continue to #14.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

14. Is the request for Promacta tablets?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested drug as follows:**

- **Promacta 12.5mg tablet (GPID 31176): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Promacta 25mg tablet (GPID 15994): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Promacta 50mg tablet (GPID 15995): #2 tablets per day.**
- **Promacta 75mg tablet (GPID 28344): #2 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #15.

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INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

15. Is the request for Promacta packets **AND** the patient is 12 years of age or less?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for Promacta 12.5mg packets for oral suspension (GPID 45875) with a quantity limit of #12 packets per day.**

If no, continue to #16.

16. Is the request for Promacta packets and the patient meets **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is greater than 12 years of age
- The patient has had a trial of Promacta tablets
- Physician attestation of medical need for powder packets

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for Promacta 12.5mg packets for oral suspension (GPID 45875) with a quantity limit of #12 packets per day.**

If no, do not approve for Promacta packets. **Please enter proactive approvals for Promacta tablets for 12 months by GPID as follows:**

- **Promacta 12.5mg tablet (GPID 31176): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Promacta 25mg tablet (GPID 15994): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Promacta 50mg tablet (GPID 15995): #2 tablets per day.**
- **Promacta 75mg tablet (GPID 28344): #2 tablets per day.**

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ELTROMBOPAG (Promacta)** requires a diagnosis of chronic immune (idiopathic) thrombocytopenia (ITP), thrombocytopenia due to chronic hepatitis C or severe aplastic anemia. In addition the following must be met:

For requests of Promacta packets for patients greater than 12 years old, approval requires:

- The patient has had a trial of Promacta tablets
- Physician attestation of medical need for powder packets

For the diagnosis of chronic immune (idiopathic) thrombocytopenia (ITP), approval requires:

- The patient is 1 year of age or older
- The patient has had a trial of, or contraindication to corticosteroids or immunoglobulins, or has had an insufficient response to splenectomy

For the diagnosis of thrombocytopenia due to chronic hepatitis C, approval requires:

- The patient's thrombocytopenia prevents the initiation of interferon-based therapy or limits the ability to maintain interferon-based therapy

For the diagnosis of severe aplastic anemia, approval requires ONE of the following:

- The patient is 2 years of age or older and Promacta will be used in combination with standard immunosuppressive therapy as first-line treatment
- The patient has had an insufficient response to immunosuppressive therapy

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ELTROMBOPAG

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic immune (idiopathic) thrombocytopenia (ITP), **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has a clinical response, as defined by an increase in platelet count to at least $50 \times 10^9/L$ (at least 50,000 per microliter)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested drug as follows:**

- **Promacta 12.5mg tablet (GPID 31176): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Promacta 25mg tablet (GPID 15994): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Promacta 50mg tablet (GPID 15995): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Promacta 75mg tablet (GPID 28344): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Promacta 12.5mg packets for oral suspension (GPID 45875): #6 packets per day.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Did the patient receive the maximum dose of 75mg per day for 4 consecutive weeks as indicated on the MRF, claims history, or prior authorization history and has **NOT** had a clinical response?

If yes, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ELTROMBOPAG (Promacta)** requires a diagnosis of chronic immune (idiopathic) thrombocytopenia (ITP). In addition, the following must be met for renewal:

- The patient has a clinical response, as defined by an increase in platelet count to at least $50 \times 10^9/L$ (at least 50,000 per microliter)

If no, **approve for 1 month by GPID for the requested drug as follows:**

- **Promacta 75mg (GPID 28344): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Promacta 12.5mg packets for oral suspension (GPID 45875): #6 packets per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires a clinical response, as defined by an increase in platelet count to at least $50 \times 10^9/L$ (at least 50,000 per microliter), after 4 weeks at maximum dose of 75mg per day.

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ELTROMBOPAG

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Promacta.

REFERENCES

- Promacta [Prescribing Information]. East Hanover, NJ: Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation; November 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ELUXADOLINE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ELUXADOLINE	VIBERZI	42445		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Is the patient being treated for irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D) and meets the following criteria?
 - The patient is at least 18 years old
 - The medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist
 - The patient has had a trial of or contraindication to Xifaxan (rifaximin) **AND** either tricyclic anti-depressants (e.g., amitriptyline, desipramine) **OR** dicyclomine

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **ELUXADOLINE (Viberzi)** requires a diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D). Additional guideline requirements apply. The following criteria must also be met:

- The patient is at least 18 years old
- The medication is being prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist
- The patient has had a trial of or contraindication to Xifaxan (rifaximin) **AND** either tricyclic anti-depressants (e.g., amitriptyline, desipramine) **OR** dicyclomine

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INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient meet **ANY** of the following criteria?

- Patient does not have a gallbladder
- Patient is receiving concomitant OATP1B1 inhibitors (e.g., atazanavir, cyclosporine, eltrombopag, gemfibrozil, lopinavir, rifampin, ritonavir, saquinavir, tipranavir)
- Patient has mild or moderate hepatic impairment
- Patient is intolerant to Viberzi 100mg

If yes, **approve ELUXADOLINE 75MG for 12 weeks by GPID with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient has experienced at least 30% decrease in abdominal pain (on a 0-10 point pain scale) and the patient has experienced at least 50% reduction in the number of days per week with a stool consistency of mushy stool (Bristol Stool scale type 6) or entirely liquid stool (Bristol Stool scale type 7).

If no, **approve ELUXADOLINE 100MG for 12 weeks by GPID with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient has experienced at least 30% decrease in abdominal pain (on a 0-10 point pain scale) and the patient has experienced at least 50% reduction in the number of days per week with a stool consistency of mushy stool (Bristol Stool scale type 6) or entirely liquid stool (Bristol Stool scale type 7).

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Is the patient being treated for irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D) and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Patient has experienced at least 30% decrease in abdominal pain (on a 0-10 point pain scale)
- Patient has experienced at least 50% reduction in the number of days per week with a stool consistency of mushy stool (Bristol Stool scale type 6) or entirely liquid stool (Bristol Stool scale type 7)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **ELUXADOLINE (Viberzi)** renewal requires a diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D). Additional guideline requirements apply. The following criteria must also be met:

- Patient has experienced at least 30% decrease in abdominal pain (on a 0-10 point pain scale).
- Patient has experienced at least 50% reduction in the number of days per week with a stool consistency of mushy stool (Bristol Stool scale type 6) or entirely liquid stool (Bristol Stool scale type 7).

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ELUXADOLINE

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate utilization of Viberzi for irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D).

Per the American College of Gastroenterology, there is high quality evidence that tricyclic anti-depressants are effective in providing symptom relief in IBS-D. However, tolerance to these agents could be an issue for some patients. Rifaximin is indicated for the treatment of IBS-D.

Renewal criteria for IBS-D is based on the definition of a responder used in Study 1 and 2 of the Viberzi pivotal trials. Efficacy of Viberzi was assessed in both trials using an overall composite responder primary endpoint. The primary endpoint was defined by the simultaneous improvement in the daily worst abdominal pain score by $\geq 30\%$ as compared to the baseline weekly average AND a reduction in the BSS to < 5 on at least 50% of the days within a 12-week time interval. Improvement in daily worst abdominal pain in the absence of a concurrent bowel movement was also considered a response day.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Viberzi is a mu-opioid receptor agonist, indicated in adults for the treatment of irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D).

DOSING

The recommended dosage in adults is 100 mg twice daily taken with food.

The recommended dosage is 75 mg twice daily taken with food in patients who:

- do not have a gallbladder
- are unable to tolerate the 100 mg dose
- are receiving concomitant OATP1B1 inhibitors

REFERENCES

- Patheon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Viberzi package insert. Cincinnati, OH 45209. May 2015.
- Salix Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Xifaxan package insert. Raleigh, NC. May 2015.
- Task Force on the Management of Functional Bowel Disorders. American College of Gastroenterology Monograph on the Management of Irritable Bowel syndrome and Chronic Idiopathic Constipation. Am J Gastroenterol 2014; 109:S2-S26.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

EMICIZUMAB-KXWH

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
EMICIZUMAB-KXWH	HEMLIBRA	44640		

*******Customer Service/PAC Alert*******
(For Internal Use Only)

THIS IS A HIGH-IMPACT MEDICATION. DO NOT OVERRIDE OR APPROVE WITHOUT SUBMITTING FOR PHARMACIST REVIEW.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hemophilia A (congenital factor VIII deficiency) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The medication will be used for routine prophylaxis to prevent or reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes
 - The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a hematologist

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the request for a patient **WITH** factor VIII inhibitors and the patient meets the following criterion?
 - The patient has a history of a high titer of factor VIII inhibitor defined as at least 5 or more Bethesda units per milliliter

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires physician attestation of clinical benefit compared to baseline.

If no, continue to #3.

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EMICIZUMAB-KXWH

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

3. Is the request for a patient **WITHOUT** factor VIII inhibitors and the patient meets **ONE** of the following criteria?
- The patient has severe hemophilia A defined as less than 1% factor VIII activity compared to normal, **OR**
 - The patient has *mild* or *moderate* hemophilia A **AND** a history of 2 or more bleeds per year

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires physician attestation of clinical benefit compared to baseline.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **EMICIZUMAB-KXWH (Hemlibra)** requires a diagnosis of hemophilia A (congenital factor VIII deficiency). In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- The medication will be used for routine prophylaxis to prevent or reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a hematologist
- Patients with Factor VIII inhibitors must have a history of a high titer of factor VIII inhibitor defined as at least 5 or more Bethesda units per milliliter
- Patients without Factor VIII inhibitors must meet one of the following criteria:
 - The patient has severe hemophilia A defined as less than 1% factor VIII activity compared to normal
 - The patient has *mild* or *moderate* hemophilia A and a history of 2 or more bleeds per year

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hemophilia A (congenital factor VIII deficiency) and meet the following criterion?
- Physician attestation of clinical benefit compared to baseline

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **EMICIZUMAB-KXWH (Hemlibra)** requires a diagnosis of hemophilia A (congenital factor VIII deficiency). In addition, the following criterion must also be met:

- Physician attestation of clinical benefit compared to baseline

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EMICIZUMAB-KXWH

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Hemlibra.

REFERENCES

- Hemlibra [Prescribing Information]. Genentech, Inc.: South San Francisco, CA; October 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

ENASIDENIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ENASIDENIB	IDHIFA	44450		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of relapsed or refractory acute myeloid leukemia (AML) **AND** meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is isocitrate dehydrogenase-2 (IDH2) mutation positive as detected by an FDA-approved diagnostic test
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ENASIDENIB (Idhifa)** requires a diagnosis of relapsed or refractory acute myeloid leukemia (AML). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is isocitrate dehydrogenase-2 (IDH2) mutation positive as detected by an FDA-approved diagnostic test
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **ENASIDENIB** based on FDA approved indication and dosage.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Idhifa is an isocitrate dehydrogenase-2 inhibitor indicated for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory acute myeloid leukemia (AML) with an isocitrate dehydrogenase-2 (IDH2) mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dose of Idhifa is 100mg taken orally once daily with or without food. Idhifa tablets should not be split or crushed.

REFERENCES

- Idhifa [Prescribing Information]. Summit, NJ: Celgene Corporation; August 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 01/01/18

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ENCORAFENIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ENCORAFENIB	BRAFTOVI	45039		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of unresectable or metastatic melanoma and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has BRAF V600E or V600K mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test
- The medication will be used in combination with Mektovi (binimetinib)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #6 capsules per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ENCORAFENIB (Braftovi)** requires a diagnosis of unresectable or metastatic melanoma. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient has BRAF V600E or V600K mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test
- The medication will be used in combination with Mektovi (binimetinib)

RATIONALE

To promote appropriate utilization of BRAFTOVI based on FDA approved indication and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Braftovi is a kinase inhibitor indicated, in combination with Mektovi (binimetinib), for the treatment of patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with a BRAF V600E or V600K mutation, as detected by an FDA-approved test.

Limitations of Use: Braftovi is not indicated for treatment of patients with wild-type BRAF melanoma.

DOSAGE & ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dosage of Braftovi is 450 mg orally taken once daily in combination with Mektovi (binimetinib) until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Refer to the Mektovi (binimetinib) prescribing information for recommended Mektovi (binimetinib) dosing information.

Braftovi may be taken with or without food. Do not take a missed dose of Braftovi within 12 hours of the next dose of Braftovi. Do not take an additional dose if vomiting occurs after Braftovi administration but continue with the next scheduled dose.

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ENCORAFENIB

REFERENCES

- Braftovi [Prescribing Information]. Boulder, CO: Array BioPharma Inc. June 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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ENDOTHELIN RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
BOSENTAN	TRACLEER	22990		
AMBRISENTAN	LETAIRIS	34849		
MACITENTAN	OPSUMIT	40677		

**** Please use the criteria for the specific drug requested ****

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

LETAIRIS

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (WHO Group 1) and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
 - Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) > 3 Wood units
 - The patient has NYHA-WHO Functional Class II to IV symptoms
 - The patient does not have idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF)

If yes, **approve Letairis for 12 months by HICL for #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ENDOTHELIN RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS (Letairis)** requires a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension. The following criteria must also be met:

- The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
- Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) > 3 Wood units
- The patient has NYHA-WHO Functional Class II to IV symptoms
- The patient does not have idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF)

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ENDOTHELIN RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

TRACLEER

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (WHO Group 1) and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
 - The patient is 3 years of age or older
 - Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) > 3 Wood units
 - The patient has NYHA-WHO Functional Class II to IV symptoms
 - The patient does not have idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF)
 - The patient is not concurrently taking cyclosporine A or glyburide

If yes, **approve Tracleer for 12 months by GPID for all the following strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- **62.5mg tablet (GPID 14979): #2 tablets per day.**
- **125mg tablet (GPID 14978): #2 tablets per day.**
- **32mg tablet for suspension (GPID 43819): #4 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ENDOTHELIN RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS (Tracleer)** requires a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension. The following criteria must also be met.

- The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
- The patient is 3 years of age or older
- Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) > 3 Wood units
- The patient has NYHA-WHO Functional Class II to IV symptoms
- The patient does not have idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF)
- The patient is not concurrently taking cyclosporine A or glyburide

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ENDOTHELIN RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

OPSUMIT

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (WHO Group 1) and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
 - Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) > 3 Wood units
 - The patient has NYHA-WHO Functional Class II to IV symptoms

If yes, **approve Opsumit for 12 months by HICL for #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ENDOTHELIN RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS (Opsumit)** requires a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension. The following criteria must also be met.

- The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
- Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) > 3 Wood units
- The patient has NYHA-WHO Functional Class II to IV symptoms

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group 1)?

If yes, continue to #2

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal text at the end of the guideline.

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RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Is the request for Tracleer and the patient is between the ages of 3 and 17 years old and meets one of the following criteria?

- The patient has demonstrated an improvement in pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) **OR**
- The patient has remained stable or shown improvement in exercise ability (e.g., 6-minute walk test, World Health Organization [WHO] functional class symptoms)

If yes, **approve Tracleer for 12 months by GPID for all the following strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- **62.5mg tablet (GPID 14979): #2 tablets per day.**
- **125mg tablet (GPID 14978): #2 tablets per day.**
- **32mg tablet for suspension (GPID 43819): #4 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Has the patient shown improvement from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance test?

If yes, **approve the requested agent for 12 months with the following quantity limits:**

- **Letairis: approve by HICL for #1 per day.**
- **Tracleer: approve by GPID for all the following strengths with the following quantity limits:**
 - **62.5mg tablet (GPID 14979): #2 tablets per day.**
 - **125mg tablet (GPID 14978): #2 tablets per day.**
 - **32mg tablet for suspension (GPID 43819): #4 tablets per day.**
- **Opsumit: approve by HICL for #1 per day.**

If no, continue to #4.

4. Has the patient remained stable from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance test?

If yes continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal text at the end of the guideline.

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RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

5. Has the patient's WHO functional class remained stable or has improved?

If yes, **approve the requested agent for 12 months with the following quantity limits:**

- **Letairis: approve by HICL for #1 per day.**
- **Tracleer: approve by GPID for all the following strengths with the following quantity limits:**
 - **62.5mg tablet (GPID 14979): #2 tablets per day.**
 - **125mg tablet (GPID 14978): #2 tablets per day.**
 - **32mg tablet for suspension (GPID 43819): #4 tablets per day.**
- **Opsumit: approve by HICL for #1 per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal text at the end of the guideline.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ENDOTHELIN RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS (Letairis, Tracleer, Opsumit)** requires a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) and the following criteria must also be met for renewal:

- **For Tracleer patients 18 years of age or older, Letairis and Opsumit:** Patient shows improvement from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance **OR** that the patient has a stable 6-minute walk distance with a stable or improved Word Health Organization (WHO) functional class symptom.
- **For Tracleer patients age 3-17:** The patient has demonstrated an improvement in pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) **OR** has remained stable or shown improvement in exercise ability (e.g. 6-minute walk test, World Health Organization [WHO] functional class symptoms).

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of Tracleer, Letairis and Opsumit.

Diagnosis of PAH involves a logical sequence of steps utilizing different diagnostic tests to assist in confirmation of PAH (chest x-ray, echocardiogram, electrocardiogram, CT angiogram, pulmonary function tests, VQ scan); however, right heart catheterization (RHC) remains the gold standard and is an essential component in the definitive diagnosis, prognosis, and evaluation of PAH. RHC is critical in distinguishing PH due to other etiologies, for example PH due to left heart disease (eg. diastolic dysfunction) or severe lung disease, which may appear similar to PAH on an echocardiogram. In addition, RHC can be used to monitor the therapeutic and adverse effects of medical interventions, to assess the severity of hemodynamic impairment, and to test the vasoreactivity of the pulmonary circulation.

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ENDOTHELIN RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

LETAIRIS is an endothelin receptor antagonist indicated for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (WHO Group 1):

- in patients with NYHA-WHO class II or III symptoms to improve exercise capacity and delay clinical worsening. In addition, Letairis is approved in combination with tadalafil to reduce the risks of disease progression and hospitalization for worsening PAH, and to improve exercise ability.

TRACLEER is an endothelin receptor antagonist indicated for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (WHO Group 1)

- in adults to improve exercise ability and to decrease clinical worsening. Studies establishing effectiveness included predominantly patients with WHO Functional Class II-IV symptoms and etiologies of idiopathic or heritable PAH (60%), PAH associated with connective tissue diseases (21%), and PAH associated with congenital heart disease with left-to-right shunts (18%)
- in pediatric patients aged 3 years and older with idiopathic or congenital PAH to improve pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR), which is expected to result in an improvement in exercise ability

OPSUMIT is an endothelin receptor antagonist indicated for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (WHO Group 1) to delay disease progression, including death, initiation of intravenous or subcutaneous prostanoids, or clinical worsening of PAH (decreased 6 minute walk distance, worsened PAH symptoms and need for additional PAH treatment. Opsumit also reduced hospitalization for PAH.

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ENDOTHELIN RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS

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Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 12/08/17

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ENZALUTAMIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ENZALUTAMIDE	XTANDI	39580		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of non-metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer **AND** meet the following criteria?

- The patient has high risk prostate cancer (i.e., rapidly increasing prostate specific antigen levels)

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer and meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- Contraindication or intolerance to prednisone
- Trial of or contraindication to Zytiga (abiraterone acetate)

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Has the patient previously received a bilateral orchiectomy?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 capsules per day.**

If no, continue to #4.

4. Is the requested medication being used concurrently with a gonadotropin releasing hormone agonist or antagonist (i.e., leuprolide, goserelin, histrelin, degarelix)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 capsules per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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ENZALUTAMIDE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ENZALUTAMIDE (Xtandi)** requires a diagnosis of non-metastatic or metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For diagnosis of non-metastatic castration resistant prostate cancer:

- The patient meets one of the following:
 - The requested medication will be concurrently used with a gonadotropin releasing hormone agonist or antagonist (i.e., leuprolide, goserelin, histrelin, degarelix)
 - The patient has previously received a bilateral orchiectomy
- The patient has high risk prostate cancer (i.e., rapidly increasing prostate specific antigen levels)

For diagnosis of metastatic castration resistant prostate cancer:

- The patient meets one of the following:
 - The requested medication will be concurrently used with a gonadotropin releasing hormone agonist or antagonist (i.e., leuprolide, goserelin, histrelin, degarelix)
 - The patient has previously received a bilateral orchiectomy
- A trial of or contraindication to Zytiga (abiraterone acetate) unless the patient has a contraindication or intolerance to prednisone

RATIONALE

To promote appropriate utilization of XTANDI based on FDA approved indication and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Xtandi is indicated for the treatment of patients with castration-resistant prostate cancer. The patient should receive a gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) analog concurrently or should have had bilateral orchiectomy.

DOSAGE

The recommended dosage is 160 mg (four 40 mg capsules) once daily with or without food. If a patient experiences a \geq Grade 3 toxicity or an intolerable side effect, withhold dosing for one week or until symptoms improve to \leq Grade 2, then resume at the same or a reduced dose (120 mg or 80 mg), if warranted. Concomitant use of strong CYP2C8 inhibitors such as gemfibrozil should be avoided if possible. If patients must be co-administered a strong CYP2C8 inhibitor, reduce the Xtandi dose to 80 mg once daily.

REFERENCES

- Xtandi [Prescribing Information]. Northbrook, IL: Astellas Pharma US, Inc.; July 2018.

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ENZALUTAMIDE

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ERDAFITINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ERDAFITINIB	BALVERSA	45687		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma (i.e., bladder cancer) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient has susceptible Fibroblast growth factor receptor (FGFR3) or (FGFR2) genetic alterations as detected by a Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved companion diagnostic test

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient have **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has progressed during or following at least one line of prior platinum-containing chemotherapy (e.g., cisplatin, carboplatin, oxaliplatin)
 - The patient has progressed within 12 months of neoadjuvant or adjuvant platinum-containing chemotherapy (e.g., cisplatin, carboplatin, oxaliplatin)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all strengths as follows:**

- **Balversa 3mg tablet (GPID 46189): #3 tablets per day.**
- **Balversa 4mg tablet (GPID 46192): #2 tablets per day.**
- **Balversa 5mg tablet (GPID 46193): #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ERDAFITINIB (Balversa)** requires a diagnosis of locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma (i.e., bladder cancer). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has susceptible Fibroblast growth factor receptor (FGFR3) or (FGFR2) genetic alterations as detected by a Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved companion diagnostic test
- The patient meets **ONE** of the following:
 - The patient has progressed during or following at least one line of prior platinum-containing chemotherapy (e.g., cisplatin, carboplatin, oxaliplatin)
 - The patient has progressed within 12 months of neoadjuvant or adjuvant platinum-containing chemotherapy (e.g., cisplatin, carboplatin, oxaliplatin)

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ERDAFITINIB

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Balversa.

REFERENCES

- Balversa [Prescribing Information]. Horsham, PA: Janssen Products, LP; April 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ERENUMAB-AOOE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ERENUMAB-AOOE	AIMOVIG	44923		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of episodic migraines and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - Aimovig is prescribed for the preventive treatment of migraines
 - The patient has had a previous trial of at least **ONE** of the following preventative migraine treatments: Valproic acid/divalproex sodium, topiramate, propranolol, timolol, amitriptyline, venlafaxine, atenolol, nadolol, lisinopril, candesartan, clonidine, guanfacine, carbamazepine, nebivolol, pindolol, or cyproheptadine

If yes, **approve for 6 months for the requested strength as follows:**

- **Aimovig 70mg/mL autoinjector: #1mL (1 pack containing #1 70 mg/mL autoinjector, NDC 55513-0841-01) per 30 days.**
- **Aimovig 140mg-Dose 2-autoinjectors: #2mL (1 pack containing #2 70mg/mL autoinjectors, NDC 55513-0841-02) per 30 days.**
- **Aimovig 140mg/mL autoinjector (GPID 46116): #1mL per 30 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient has experienced a reduction in migraine or headache frequency of at least 2 days per month, **OR** that the patient has experienced a reduction in migraine severity **OR** migraine duration with Aimovig therapy.

If no, continue to #2.

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ERENUMAB-AOOE

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic migraines and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Aimovig is prescribed for the preventive treatment of migraines
- The patient has had a previous trial of at least **ONE** of the following preventative migraine treatments: Valproic acid/divalproex sodium, topiramate, propranolol, timolol, amitriptyline, venlafaxine, atenolol, nadolol, lisinopril, candesartan, clonidine, guanfacine, carbamazepine, nebivolol, pindolol, cyproheptadine, or Botox [**Note: For Botox, previous trial of only NDCs # 00023-1145-01 or 00023-3921-02 are allowable**]

If yes, **approve for 6 months for the requested strength as follows:**

- **Aimovig 70mg/mL autoinjector: #1mL (1 pack containing #1 70 mg/mL autoinjector, NDC 55513-0841-01) per 30 days.**
- **Aimovig 140mg-Dose 2-autoinjectors: #2mL (1 pack containing #2 70mg/mL autoinjectors, NDC 55513-0841-02) per 30 days.**
- **Aimovig 140mg/mL autoinjector (GPID 46116): #1mL per 30 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient has experienced a reduction in migraine or headache frequency of at least 2 days per month, **OR** that the patient has experienced a reduction in migraine severity **OR** migraine duration with Aimovig therapy.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ERENUMAB-AOOE (Aimovig)** requires a diagnosis of migraines. The following criteria must also be met:

For episodic migraines, approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Aimovig is prescribed for the preventive treatment of migraines
- The patient has had a previous trial of at least **ONE** of the following preventative migraine treatments: Valproic acid/divalproex sodium, topiramate, propranolol, timolol, amitriptyline, venlafaxine, atenolol, nadolol, lisinopril, candesartan, clonidine, guanfacine, carbamazepine, nebivolol, pindolol, or cyproheptadine

For chronic migraines, approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Aimovig is prescribed for the preventive treatment of migraines
- The patient has had a previous trial of at least **ONE** of the following preventative migraine treatments: Valproic acid/divalproex sodium, topiramate, propranolol, timolol, amitriptyline, venlafaxine, atenolol, nadolol, lisinopril, candesartan, clonidine, guanfacine, carbamazepine, nebivolol, pindolol, cyproheptadine, or Botox [**Note: For Botox, previous trial of only NDCs # 00023-1145-01 or 00023-3921-02 are allowable**]

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ERENUMAB-AOOE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Is Aimovig being prescribed for the preventive treatment of migraines **AND** does the patient meet at least **ONE** of the following criteria?

- The patient has experienced a reduction in migraine or headache frequency of at least 2 days per month with Aimovig therapy
- The patient has experienced a reduction in migraine severity with Aimovig therapy
- The patient has experienced a reduction in migraine duration with Aimovig therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months for the requested strength as follows:**

- **Aimovig 70mg/mL autoinjector: #1mL (1 pack containing #1 70 mg/mL autoinjector, NDC 55513-0841-01) per 30 days.**
- **Aimovig 140mg-Dose 2-autoinjectors: #2mL (1 pack containing #2 70mg/mL autoinjectors, NDC 55513-0841-02) per 30 days.**
- **Aimovig 140mg/mL autoinjector (GPID 46116): #1mL per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ERENUMAB-AOOE (Aimovig)** requires that Aimovig is being prescribed for preventive treatment of migraines. At least **ONE** of the following criteria must also be met:

- The patient has experienced a reduction in migraine or headache frequency of at least 2 days per month with Aimovig therapy
- The patient has experienced a reduction in migraine severity with Aimovig therapy
- The patient has experienced a reduction in migraine duration with Aimovig therapy

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Aimovig.

REFERENCE

- Aimovig [Prescribing Information]. Thousand Oaks, CA: Amgen/Novartis. March 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ERLOTINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ERLOTINIB	TARCEVA	26745		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and meet the following criteria?
 - The patient's tumor has epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletions or exon 21 (L858R) substitution mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID as requested with the following quantity limits:**

- **25mg (GPID 23795): #60 tablets per 30 days.**
- **100mg (GPID 23794): #60 tablets per 30 days.**
- **150mg (GPID 23793): #90 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of locally advanced, unresectable, or metastatic pancreatic cancer and meet the following criteria?
 - The requested medication will be used in combination with gemcitabine
 - The medication will be used as a first line treatment

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID as requested with the following quantity limits:**

- **25mg (GPID 23795): #60 tablets per 30 days.**
- **100mg (GPID 23794): #60 tablets per 30 days.**
- **150mg (GPID 23793): #90 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ERLOTINIB (Tarceva)** requires a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) or locally advanced, unresectable, or metastatic pancreatic cancer. In addition, the following criteria must also be met.

For the diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), approval requires:

- The patient's tumor has epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletions or exon 21 (L858R) substitution mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test

For the diagnosis of locally advanced, unresectable, or metastatic pancreatic cancer, approval requires:

- The requested medication will be used in combination with gemcitabine
- The medication will be used as a first line treatment

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ERLOTINIB

RATIONALE

To promote appropriate utilization of erlotinib based on FDA approved indications.

FDA approved dosage of 100mg daily for pancreatic cancer and 150mg daily for NSCLC, available as 25mg, 100mg, and 150mg tablets. Dose reduction in 50mg increments for specific adverse effects and drug interactions. Dose increase in 50mg increments for drug interactions to a maximum of 450mg daily.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Tarceva is a kinase inhibitor indicated for:

- Treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose tumors have epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletions or exon 21 (L858R) substitution mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test receiving first-line, maintenance, or second-line or greater treatment.
- First-line treatment of patients with locally advanced, unresectable or metastatic pancreatic cancer, in combination with gemcitabine.

Limitations of Use:

- Tarceva is not recommended for use in combination with platinum-based chemotherapy.
- Safety and efficacy of Tarceva have not been evaluated in patients with metastatic NSCLC whose tumors have EGFR mutations other than exon 19 deletions or exon 21 (L858R) substitution.

DOSAGE & ADMINISTRATION

The recommended daily dose of Tarceva for NSCLC is 150 mg taken on an empty stomach, i.e., at least one hour before or two hours after the ingestion of food. Treatment should continue until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

The recommended daily dose of Tarceva for pancreatic cancer is 100 mg taken once daily in combination with gemcitabine. Take Tarceva on an empty stomach, i.e., at least one hour before or two hours after the ingestion of food. Treatment should continue until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

REFERENCES

- Tarceva [Prescribing Information]. Northbrook, IL. Astellas Pharma US, Inc. October 2016.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ERYTHROPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
DARBEPOETIN	ARANESP	22890		
EPOETIN ALFA	EPOGEN PROCRIT	04553		
EPOETIN ALFA-EPBX	RETACRIT	44931		
METHOXY PEG- EPOETIN BETA	MIRCERA	35005		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA FOR PROCRIT (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD) **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL

If yes, approve Procrit for 12 months by NDC with the following quantity limits:

- 2,000U/mL NDC 59676-0302-00, 59676-0302-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 3,000U/mL NDC 59676-0303-00, 59676-0303-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 4,000U/mL NDC 59676-0304-00, 59676-0304-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 10,000U/mL NDC 59676-0310-00, 59676-0310-01, 59676-0310-02: #12mL per 28 days.
- 20,000U/mL NDC 59676-0320-00, 59676-0320-04: #12mL per 28 days.
- 40,000U/mL NDC 59676-0340-00, 59676-0340-01: #6mL per 28 days.
- 20,000U/2mL NDC 59676-0312-00, 59676-0312-04: #12mL per 28 days.

APPROVAL TEXT: Please provide current hemoglobin levels for renewal requests.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to the effect of concomitantly administered cancer chemotherapy and meet **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL **OR**
 - The patient's hemoglobin level has decreased at least 2g/dL below their baseline level

If yes, approve Procrit for 12 months by NDC with the following quantity limits:
(See initial Procrit approval directions on next page)

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ERYTHROPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS

INITIAL CRITERIA FOR PROCRIT (CONTINUED)

If yes, approve Procrit for 12 months by NDC with the following quantity limits:

- 2,000U/mL NDC 59676-0302-00, 59676-0302-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 3,000U/mL NDC 59676-0303-00, 59676-0303-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 4,000U/mL NDC 59676-0304-00, 59676-0304-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 10,000U/mL NDC 59676-0310-00, 59676-0310-01, 59676-0310-02: #12mL per 28 days.
- 20,000U/mL NDC 59676-0320-00, 59676-0320-04: #12mL per 28 days.
- 40,000U/mL NDC 59676-0340-00, 59676-0340-01: #6mL per 28 days.
- 20,000U/2mL NDC 59676-0312-00, 59676-0312-04: #12mL per 28 days.

APPROVAL TEXT: Please provide current hemoglobin levels for renewal requests.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia related to zidovudine therapy **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL

If yes, approve Procrit for 12 months by NDC with the following quantity limits:

- 2,000U/mL NDC 59676-0302-00, 59676-0302-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 3,000U/mL NDC 59676-0303-00, 59676-0303-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 4,000U/mL NDC 59676-0304-00, 59676-0304-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 10,000U/mL NDC 59676-0310-00, 59676-0310-01, 59676-0310-02: #12mL per 28 days.
- 20,000U/mL NDC 59676-0320-00, 59676-0320-04: #12mL per 28 days.
- 40,000U/mL NDC 59676-0340-00, 59676-0340-01: #6mL per 28 days.
- 20,000U/2mL NDC 59676-0312-00, 59676-0312-04: #12mL per 28 days.

APPROVAL TEXT: Please provide current hemoglobin levels for renewal requests.

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to concurrent hepatitis C combination treatment with ribavirin plus an interferon alfa or peginterferon alfa and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL
- The patient has had a trial or contraindication to ribavirin dose reduction

If yes, approve Procrit for 6 months by NDC with the following quantity limits:
(See *initial Procrit approval directions on next page*)

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ERYTHROPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS

INITIAL CRITERIA FOR PROCRIT (CONTINUED)

If yes, approve Procrit for 6 months by NDC with the following quantity limits:

- 2,000U/mL NDC 59676-0302-00, 59676-0302-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 3,000U/mL NDC 59676-0303-00, 59676-0303-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 4,000U/mL NDC 59676-0304-00, 59676-0304-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 10,000U/mL NDC 59676-0310-00, 59676-0310-01, 59676-0310-02: #12mL per 28 days.
- 20,000U/mL NDC 59676-0320-00, 59676-0320-04: #12mL per 28 days.
- 40,000U/mL NDC 59676-0340-00, 59676-0340-01: #6mL per 28 days.
- 20,000U/2mL NDC 59676-0312-00, 59676-0312-04: #12mL per 28 days.

APPROVAL TEXT: Please provide current hemoglobin levels for renewal requests.

If no, continue to #5.

5. Is the patient undergoing elective, noncardiac, or nonvascular surgery **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 13g/dL

If yes, approve Procrit for 1 month by NDC with the following quantity limits:

- 2,000U/mL NDC 59676-0302-00, 59676-0302-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 3,000U/mL NDC 59676-0303-00, 59676-0303-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 4,000U/mL NDC 59676-0304-00, 59676-0304-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 10,000U/mL NDC 59676-0310-00, 59676-0310-01, 59676-0310-02: #12mL per 28 days.
- 20,000U/mL NDC 59676-0320-00, 59676-0320-04: #12mL per 28 days.
- 40,000U/mL NDC 59676-0340-00, 59676-0340-01: #6mL per 28 days.
- 20,000U/2mL NDC 59676-0312-00, 59676-0312-04: #12mL per 28 days.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named ERYTHROPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS (PROCRIT) requires that the following criteria are met:

For a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD), approval requires:

- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL

For a diagnosis of anemia due to the effect of concomitantly administered cancer chemotherapy, approval requires one of the following:

- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL **OR**
- The patient's hemoglobin level has decreased at least 2g/dL below their baseline level.

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ERYTHROPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS

INITIAL CRITERIA FOR PROCIT (CONTINUED)

For a diagnosis of anemia related to zidovudine therapy, approval requires:

- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL

For a diagnosis of anemia due to concurrent hepatitis C combination treatment with ribavirin plus an interferon alfa or peginterferon alfa, approval requires:

- The patient has had a trial of or contraindication to ribavirin dose reduction
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL

For patients undergoing elective, noncardiac, or nonvascular surgery, approval requires:

- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 13g/dL

Please discuss the information needed to get the drug approved with your physician.

INITIAL CRITERIA FOR ARANESP (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL

If yes, **approve Aranesp for 12 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:**

- 25mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 40mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 60mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 100mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 150mcg/0.75mL vial: #3mL per 28 days.
- 200mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 300mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 10mcg/0.4mL syringe: #1.6mL per 28 days.
- 25mcg/0.42mL syringe: #1.68mL per 28 days.
- 40mcg/0.4mL syringe: #1.6mL per 28 days.
- 60mcg/0.3mL syringe: #1.2mL per 28 days.
- 100mcg/0.5mL syringe: #2mL per 28 days.
- 150mcg/0.3mL syringe: #1.2mL per 28 days.
- 200mcg/0.4mL syringe: #1.6mL per 28 days.
- 300mcg/0.6mL syringe: #2.4mL per 28 days.
- 500mcg/mL syringe: #4mL per 28 days.

APPROVAL TEXT: Please provide current hemoglobin levels for renewal requests.

If no, continue to #2.

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INITIAL CRITERIA FOR ARANESP (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to the effect of concomitantly administered cancer chemotherapy and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL **OR** the patient's hemoglobin level has decreased at least 2g/dL below their baseline level

If yes, approve Aranesp for 12 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:

- 25mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 40mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 60mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 100mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 150mcg/0.75mL vial: #3mL per 28 days.
- 200mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 300mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 10mcg/0.4mL syringe: #1.6mL per 28 days.
- 25mcg/0.42mL syringe: #1.68mL per 28 days.
- 40mcg/0.4mL syringe: #1.6mL per 28 days.
- 60mcg/0.3mL syringe: #1.2mL per 28 days.
- 100mcg/0.5mL syringe: #2mL per 28 days.
- 150mcg/0.3mL syringe: #1.2mL per 28 days.
- 200mcg/0.4mL syringe: #1.6mL per 28 days.
- 300mcg/0.6mL syringe: #2.4mL per 28 days.
- 500mcg/mL syringe: #4mL per 28 days.

APPROVAL TEXT: Please provide current hemoglobin levels for renewal requests.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to concurrent hepatitis C combination treatment with ribavirin plus an interferon alfa or peginterferon alfa and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL
 - The patient has had a trial or contraindication to ribavirin dose reduction

If yes, approve Aranesp for 6 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:
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ERYTHROPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS

INITIAL CRITERIA FOR ARANESP (CONTINUED)

If yes, approve Aranesp for 6 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:

- 25mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 40mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 60mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 100mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 150mcg/0.75mL vial: #3mL per 28 days.
- 200mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 300mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 10mcg/0.4mL syringe: #1.6mL per 28 days.
- 25mcg/0.42mL syringe: #1.68mL per 28 days.
- 40mcg/0.4mL syringe: #1.6mL per 28 days.
- 60mcg/0.3mL syringe: #1.2mL per 28 days.
- 100mcg/0.5mL syringe: #2mL per 28 days.
- 150mcg/0.3mL syringe: #1.2mL per 28 days.
- 200mcg/0.4mL syringe: #1.6mL per 28 days.
- 300mcg/0.6mL syringe: #2.4mL per 28 days.
- 500mcg/mL syringe: #4mL per 28 days.

APPROVAL TEXT: Please provide current hemoglobin levels for renewal requests.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ERYTHROPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS (ARANESP)** requires that the following criteria are met:

For a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD), approval requires:

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL

For a diagnosis of anemia due to the effect of concomitantly administered cancer chemotherapy, approval requires:

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL **OR** the patient's hemoglobin level has decreased at least 2g/dL below their baseline level

For a diagnosis of anemia due to concurrent hepatitis C combination treatment with ribavirin plus an interferon alfa or peginterferon alfa, approval requires:

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has had a trial or contraindication to ribavirin dose reduction
- The patient has a hemoglobin less than 10g/dL

Please discuss the information needed to get the drug approved with your physician.

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ERYTHROPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS

INITIAL CRITERIA FOR EPOGEN (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has had a trial of Procrit
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL

If yes, **approve Epogen for 12 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:**

- **2,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **3,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **4,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **10,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **20,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **20,000U/2mL: no quantity limit.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please provide current hemoglobin levels for renewal requests.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to the effect of concomitantly administered cancer chemotherapy and meet the following criteria?
 - The patient has had a trial of Procrit
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL **OR** the patient's hemoglobin level has decreased at least 2g/dL below their baseline level

If yes, **approve Epogen for 12 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:**

- **2,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **3,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **4,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **10,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **20,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **20,000U/2mL: no quantity limit.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please provide current hemoglobin levels for renewal requests.

If no, continue to #3.

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3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia related to zidovudine therapy and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL

If yes, **approve Epogen for 12 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:**

- **2,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **3,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **4,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **10,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **20,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **20,000U/2mL: no quantity limit.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please provide current hemoglobin levels for renewal requests.

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to concurrent hepatitis C combination treatment with ribavirin plus an interferon alfa or peginterferon alfa and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL
- The patient has had a trial or contraindication to ribavirin dose reduction

If yes, **approve Epogen for 6 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:**

- **2,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **3,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **4,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **10,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **20,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **20,000U/2mL: no quantity limit.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please provide current hemoglobin levels for renewal requests.

If no, continue to #5.

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5. Is the patient undergoing elective, noncardiac, or nonvascular surgery and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 13g/dL

If yes, **approve Epogen for 1 month by HICL with the following quantity limits:**

- **2,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **3,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **4,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **10,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **20,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **20,000U/2mL: no quantity limit.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please provide current hemoglobin levels for renewal requests.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ERYTHROPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS (EPOGEN)** requires that the following criteria are met:

For a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD), approval requires:

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient's hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL if not on dialysis.

For a diagnosis of anemia due to the effect of concomitantly administered cancer chemotherapy, approval requires:

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL **OR** the patient's hemoglobin has decreased at least 2g/dL below their baseline level

For a diagnosis of anemia related to zidovudine therapy, approval requires:

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL

For a diagnosis of anemia due to concurrent hepatitis C combination treatment with ribavirin plus an interferon alfa or peginterferon alfa, approval requires:

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has had a trial of or contraindication to ribavirin dose reduction
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL

For patients undergoing elective, noncardiac, or nonvascular surgery, approval requires:

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 13g/dL

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INITIAL CRITERIA FOR RETACRIT (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL

If yes, **approve Retacrit for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **2000U/mL GPID 44764: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **3000U/mL GPID 44765: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **4000U/mL GPID 44766: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **10000U/mL GPID 44767: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **40000U/mL GPID 44768: #6mL in 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please provide current hemoglobin levels for renewal requests.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to the effect of concomitantly administered cancer chemotherapy and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL **OR** the patient's hemoglobin level has decreased at least 2g/dL below their baseline level

If yes, **approve Retacrit for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **2000U/mL GPID 44764: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **3000U/mL GPID 44765: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **4000U/mL GPID 44766: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **10000U/mL GPID 44767: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **40000U/mL GPID 44768: #6mL in 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please provide current hemoglobin levels for renewal requests.

If no, continue to #3.

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3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia related to zidovudine therapy and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL

If yes, **approve Retacrit for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **2000U/mL GPID 44764: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **3000U/mL GPID 44765: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **4000U/mL GPID 44766: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **10000U/mL GPID 44767: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **40000U/mL GPID 44768: #6mL in 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please provide current hemoglobin levels for renewal requests.

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to concurrent hepatitis C combination treatment with ribavirin plus an interferon alfa or peginterferon alfa and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL
- The patient has had a trial or contraindication to ribavirin dose reduction

If yes, **approve Retacrit for 6 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **2000U/mL GPID 44764: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **3000U/mL GPID 44765: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **4000U/mL GPID 44766: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **10000U/mL GPID 44767: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **40000U/mL GPID 44768: #6mL in 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please provide current hemoglobin levels for renewal requests.

If no, continue to #5.

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INITIAL CRITERIA FOR RETACRIT (CONTINUED)

5. Is the patient undergoing elective, noncardiac, or nonvascular surgery and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 13g/dL

If yes, **approve Retacrit for 1 month by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **2000U/mL GPID 44764: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **3000U/mL GPID 44765: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **4000U/mL GPID 44766: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **10000U/mL GPID 44767: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **40000U/mL GPID 44768: #6mL in 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please provide current hemoglobin levels for renewal requests.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ERYTHROPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS (RETACRIT)** requires that the following criteria are met:

For a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD), approval requires:

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient's hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL if not on dialysis

For a diagnosis of anemia due to the effect of concomitantly administered cancer chemotherapy, approval requires:

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL **OR** the patient's hemoglobin has decreased at least 2g/dL below their baseline level

For a diagnosis of anemia related to zidovudine therapy, approval requires:

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL

For a diagnosis of anemia due to concurrent hepatitis C combination treatment with ribavirin plus an interferon alfa or peginterferon alfa, approval requires:

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has had a trial of or contraindication to ribavirin dose reduction
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL

For patients undergoing elective, noncardiac, or nonvascular surgery, approval requires:

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 13g/dL

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INITIAL CRITERIA FOR MIRCERA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD)?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of Mircera initial guideline.

2. Is the patient 18 years of age or older and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL

If yes, **approve Mircera for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #0.6mL per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please provide current hemoglobin levels for renewal requests.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the patient between 5 and 17 years of age **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient is on hemodialysis and is converting from another erythropoiesis-stimulating agent (ESA) (i.e., epoetin alfa, darbepoetin alfa) after the hemoglobin level has been stabilized with the ESA

If yes, **approve Mircera for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #0.6mL per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ERYTHROPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS (MIRCERA)** requires a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For a patient 18 years of age or older, approval requires:

- The patient has had a trial of Procrit
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL

For a patient between 5 and 17 years of age, approval requires:

- The patient is on hemodialysis and is converting from another erythropoiesis-stimulating agent (ESA) (i.e., epoetin alfa, darbepoetin alfa) after the hemoglobin level has been stabilized with the ESA

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RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR PROCRIT

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD) and meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL if not on dialysis **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL if on dialysis **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level that has reached 10g/dL (if not on dialysis) and dose reduction/interruption is required to reduce the need for blood transfusions **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level that has reached 11g/dL (on dialysis) and dose reduction/interruption is required to reduce the need for blood transfusions

If yes, **approve Procrit for 12 months by NDC with the following quantity limits:**

- **2,000U/mL NDC 59676-0302-00, 59676-0302-01: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **3,000U/mL NDC 59676-0303-00, 59676-0303-01: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **4,000U/mL NDC 59676-0304-00, 59676-0304-01: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **10,000U/mL NDC 59676-0310-00, 59676-0310-01, 59676-0310-02: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **20,000U/mL NDC 59676-0320-00, 59676-0320-04: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **40,000U/mL NDC 59676-0340-00, 59676-0340-01: #6mL per 28 days.**
- **20,000U/2mL NDC 59676-0312-00, 59676-0312-04: #12mL per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to the effect of concomitantly administered cancer chemotherapy and meet the following criterion?

- The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12g/dL

If yes, **approve Procrit for 12 months by NDC with the following quantity limits:**

- **2,000U/mL NDC 59676-0302-00, 59676-0302-01: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **3,000U/mL NDC 59676-0303-00, 59676-0303-01: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **4,000U/mL NDC 59676-0304-00, 59676-0304-01: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **10,000U/mL NDC 59676-0310-00, 59676-0310-01, 59676-0310-02: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **20,000U/mL NDC 59676-0320-00, 59676-0320-04: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **40,000U/mL NDC 59676-0340-00, 59676-0340-01: #6mL per 28 days.**
- **20,000U/2mL NDC 59676-0312-00, 59676-0312-04: #12mL per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #3.

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RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR PROCRIT (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia related to zidovudine therapy and meet the following criterion?

- The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12g/dL

If yes, **approve Procrit for 12 months by NDC with the following quantity limits:**

- 2,000U/mL NDC 59676-0302-00, 59676-0302-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 3,000U/mL NDC 59676-0303-00, 59676-0303-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 4,000U/mL NDC 59676-0304-00, 59676-0304-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 10,000U/mL NDC 59676-0310-00, 59676-0310-01, 59676-0310-02: #12mL per 28 days.
- 20,000U/mL NDC 59676-0320-00, 59676-0320-04: #12mL per 28 days.
- 40,000U/mL NDC 59676-0340-00, 59676-0340-01: #6mL per 28 days.
- 20,000U/2mL NDC 59676-0312-00, 59676-0312-04: #12mL per 28 days.

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to concurrent hepatitis C combination treatment with ribavirin plus an interferon alfa or peginterferon alfa and meet the following criterion?

- The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12g/dL

If yes, **approve Procrit for 6 months by NDC with the following limits:**

- 2,000U/mL NDC 59676-0302-00, 59676-0302-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 3,000U/mL NDC 59676-0303-00, 59676-0303-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 4,000U/mL NDC 59676-0304-00, 59676-0304-01: #12mL per 28 days.
- 10,000U/mL NDC 59676-0310-00, 59676-0310-01, 59676-0310-02: #12mL per 28 days.
- 20,000U/mL NDC 59676-0320-00, 59676-0320-04: #12mL per 28 days.
- 40,000U/mL NDC 59676-0340-00, 59676-0340-01: #6mL per 28 days.
- 20,000U/2mL NDC 59676-0312-00, 59676-0312-04: #12mL per 28 days.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of Procrit renewal guideline.

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RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR PROCRIT (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ERYTHROPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS (PROCRIT)** renewal requires that the following criteria are met:

For a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD), approval requires ONE of the following:

- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL if not on dialysis **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL if on dialysis **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level has reached 10g/dL (if not on dialysis) and dose reduction/interruption is require to reduce the need for blood transfusions **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level has reached 11g/dL (on dialysis) and dose reduction/interruption is required to reduce the need for blood transfusions

For a diagnosis of anemia due to the effect of concomitantly administered cancer chemotherapy, approval requires:

- The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12g/dL

For a diagnosis of anemia related to zidovudine therapy, approval requires:

- The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12g/dL

For a diagnosis of anemia due to concurrent hepatitis C combination treatment with ribavirin plus an interferon alfa or peginterferon alfa, approval requires:

- The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12g/dL

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RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR ARANESP

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD) and meet **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL if not on dialysis **OR**
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL if on dialysis **OR**
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level that has reached 10g/dL (if not on dialysis) and dose reduction/interruption is required to reduce the need for blood transfusions **OR**
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level that has reached 11g/dL (on dialysis) and dose reduction/interruption is required to reduce the need for blood transfusions

If yes, **approve Aranesp for 12 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:**
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RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR ARANESP (CONTINUED)

If yes, approve Aranesp for 12 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:

- 25mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 40mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 60mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 100mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 150mcg/0.75mL vial: #3mL per 28 days.
- 200mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 300mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 10mcg/0.4mL syringe: #1.6mL per 28 days.
- 25mcg/0.42mL syringe: #1.68mL per 28 days.
- 40mcg/0.4mL syringe: #1.6mL per 28 days.
- 60mcg/0.3mL syringe: #1.2mL per 28 days.
- 100mcg/0.5mL syringe: #2mL per 28 days.
- 150mcg/0.3mL syringe: #1.2mL per 28 days.
- 200mcg/0.4mL syringe: #1.6mL per 28 days.
- 300mcg/0.6mL syringe: #2.4mL per 28 days.
- 500mcg/mL syringe: #4mL per 28 days.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to the effect of concomitantly administered cancer chemotherapy and meet the following criterion?
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12g/dL

If yes, approve Aranesp for 12 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:
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RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR ARANESP (CONTINUED)

If yes, approve Aranesp for 12 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:

- 25mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 40mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 60mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 100mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 150mcg/0.75mL vial: #3mL per 28 days.
- 200mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 300mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 10mcg/0.4mL syringe: #1.6mL per 28 days.
- 25mcg/0.42mL syringe: #1.68mL per 28 days.
- 40mcg/0.4mL syringe: #1.6mL per 28 days.
- 60mcg/0.3mL syringe: #1.2mL per 28 days.
- 100mcg/0.5mL syringe: #2mL per 28 days.
- 150mcg/0.3mL syringe: #1.2mL per 28 days.
- 200mcg/0.4mL syringe: #1.6mL per 28 days.
- 300mcg/0.6mL syringe: #2.4mL per 28 days.
- 500mcg/mL syringe: #4mL per 28 days.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to concurrent hepatitis C combination treatment with ribavirin plus an interferon alfa or peginterferon alfa and meet the following criterion?
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12g/dL

If yes, approve Aranesp for 6 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:
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RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR ARANESP (CONTINUED)

If yes, approve Aranesp for 6 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:

- 25mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 40mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 60mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 100mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 150mcg/0.75mL vial: #3mL per 28 days.
- 200mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 300mcg/mL vial: #4mL per 28 days.
- 10mcg/0.4mL syringe: #1.6mL per 28 days.
- 25mcg/0.42mL syringe: #1.68mL per 28 days.
- 40mcg/0.4mL syringe: #1.6mL per 28 days.
- 60mcg/0.3mL syringe: #1.2mL per 28 days.
- 100mcg/0.5mL syringe: #2mL per 28 days.
- 150mcg/0.3mL syringe: #1.2mL per 28 days.
- 200mcg/0.4mL syringe: #1.6mL per 28 days.
- 300mcg/0.6mL syringe: #2.4mL per 28 days.
- 500mcg/mL syringe: #4mL per 28 days.

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ERYTHROPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS (ARANESP)** renewal requires that the following criteria are met:

For a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD), approval requires ONE of the following:

- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL if not on dialysis, **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL if on dialysis, **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin has reached 10g/dL (if not on dialysis) or 11g/dL (on dialysis) and dose reduction/interruption is required to reduce the need for blood transfusions.

For a diagnosis of anemia due to the effect of concomitantly administered cancer chemotherapy, approval requires:

The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12g/dL

For a diagnosis of anemia due to concurrent hepatitis C combination treatment with ribavirin plus an interferon alfa or peginterferon alfa, approval requires:

- The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12g/dL

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RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR EPOGEN

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD) and meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL if not on dialysis **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL if on dialysis **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level that has reached 10g/dL (if not on dialysis) and dose reduction/interruption is required to reduce the need for blood transfusions **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level that has reached 11g/dL (on dialysis) and dose reduction/interruption is required to reduce the need for blood transfusions

If yes, **approve Epogen for 12 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:**

- **2,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **3,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **4,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **10,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **20,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **20,000U/2mL: no quantity limit.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to the effect of concomitantly administered cancer chemotherapy and meet the following criterion?

- The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12g/dL

If yes, **approve Epogen for 12 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:**

- **2,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **3,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **4,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **10,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **20,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.**
- **20,000U/2mL: no quantity limit.**

If no, continue to #3.

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RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR EPOGEN (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia related to zidovudine therapy and meet the following criterion?

- The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12g/dL

If yes, approve Epogen for 12 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:

- 2,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.
- 3,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.
- 4,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.
- 10,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.
- 20,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.
- 20,000U/2mL: no quantity limit.

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to concurrent hepatitis C combination treatment with ribavirin plus an interferon alfa or peginterferon alfa and meet the following criterion?

- The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12g/dL

If yes, approve Epogen for 6 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:

- 2,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.
- 3,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.
- 4,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.
- 10,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.
- 20,000U/mL: #12mL per 28 days.
- 20,000U/2mL: no quantity limit.

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ERYTHROPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS (EPOGEN)** renewal requires that the following criteria are met:

For a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD), approval requires ONE of the following:

- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL if not on dialysis **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL if on dialysis **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level has reached 10g/dL (if not on dialysis) and dose reduction/interruption is require to reduce the need for blood transfusions **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level has reached 11g/dL (on dialysis) and dose reduction/interruption is required to reduce the need for blood transfusions.

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RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR EPOGEN (CONTINUED)

For a diagnosis of anemia due to the effect of concomitantly administered cancer chemotherapy, approval requires:

- The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12 g/dL

For a diagnosis of anemia related to zidovudine therapy, approval requires:

- The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12 g/dL

For a diagnosis of anemia due to concurrent hepatitis C combination treatment with ribavirin plus an interferon alfa or peginterferon alfa, approval requires:

- The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12 g/dL

Please discuss the information needed to get the drug approved with your physician.

RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR RETACRIT

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD) and meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL if not on dialysis **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL if on dialysis **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level that has reached 10g/dL (if not on dialysis) and dose reduction/interruption is required to reduce the need for blood transfusions **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level that has reached 11g/dL (on dialysis) and dose reduction/interruption is required to reduce the need for blood transfusions

If yes, approve Retacrit for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:

- 2000U/mL GPID 44764: #12mL in 28 days.
- 3000U/mL GPID 44765: #12mL in 28 days.
- 4000U/mL GPID 44766: #12mL in 28 days.
- 10000U/mL GPID 44767: #12mL in 28 days.
- 40000U/mL GPID 44768: #6mL in 28 days.

If no, continue to #2.

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RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR RETACRIT (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to the effect of concomitantly administered cancer chemotherapy and meet the following criterion?

- The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12g/dL

If yes, **approve Retacrit for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **2000U/mL GPID 44764: #12mL in 28 days**
- **3000U/mL GPID 44765: #12mL in 28 days**
- **4000U/mL GPID 44766: #12mL in 28 days**
- **10000U/mL GPID 44767: #12mL in 28 days**
- **40000U/mL GPID 44768: #6mL in 28 days**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia related to zidovudine therapy and meet the following criterion?

- The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12g/dL

If yes, **approve Retacrit for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **2000U/mL GPID 44764: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **3000U/mL GPID 44765: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **4000U/mL GPID 44766: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **10000U/mL GPID 44767: #12mL in 28 days.**
- **40000U/mL GPID 44768: #6mL in 28 days.**

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to concurrent hepatitis C combination treatment with ribavirin plus an interferon alfa or peginterferon alfa and meet the following criterion?

- The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12g/dL

If yes, **approve Retacrit for 6 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **2000U/mL GPID 44764: #12mL in 28 days**
- **3000U/mL GPID 44765: #12mL in 28 days**
- **4000U/mL GPID 44766: #12mL in 28 days**
- **10000U/mL GPID 44767: #12mL in 28 days**
- **40000U/mL GPID 44768: #6mL in 28 days**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of Retacrit renewal guideline.

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RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR RETACRIT (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ERYTHROPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS (RETACRIT)** renewal requires that the following criteria are met:

For a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD), approval requires ONE of the following:

- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL if not on dialysis **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL if on dialysis **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level has reached 10g/dL (if not on dialysis) and dose reduction/interruption is require to reduce the need for blood transfusions **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level has reached 11g/dL (on dialysis) and dose reduction/interruption is required to reduce the need for blood transfusions

For a diagnosis of anemia due to the effect of concomitantly administered cancer chemotherapy, approval requires:

- The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12g/dL

For a diagnosis of anemia related to zidovudine therapy, approval requires:

- The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12g/dL

For a diagnosis of anemia due to concurrent hepatitis C combination treatment with ribavirin plus an interferon alfa or peginterferon alfa, approval requires:

- The patient has a hemoglobin level between 10g/dL and 12g/dL

Please discuss the information needed to get the drug approved with your physician.

RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR MIRCERA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD)?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of Mircera renewal guideline.

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RENEWAL CRITERIA FOR MIRCERA (CONTINUED)

2. Is the patient 18 years of age or older **AND** meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- **If the patient is currently receiving dialysis treatment:**
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL **OR**
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level that has reached 11g/dL and dose reduction/interruption is required to reduce the need for blood transfusions
- **If the patient is NOT receiving dialysis treatment:**
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL **OR**
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level that has reached 10g/dL and dose reduction/interruption is required to reduce the need for blood transfusions

If yes, **approve Mircera for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #0.6mL per 28 days.**
If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the patient between 5 and 17 years of age **AND** meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- **If the patient is currently receiving dialysis treatment:**
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL **OR**
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level that has reached 11g/dL and dose reduction/interruption is required to reduce the need for blood transfusions

If yes, **approve Mircera for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #0.6mL per 28 days.**
If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ERYTHROPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS (MIRCERA)** requires a diagnosis of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For a patient 18 years of age or older, approval requires ONE of the following:

- **If the patient is currently receiving dialysis treatment:**
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL **OR**
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level that has reached 11g/dL and dose reduction/interruption is required to reduce the need for blood transfusions
- **If the patient is NOT receiving dialysis treatment:**
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 10g/dL **OR**
 - The patient has a hemoglobin level that has reached 10g/dL and dose reduction/interruption is required to reduce the need for blood transfusions

For a patient between 5 and 17 years of age and on dialysis, approval requires ONE of the following:

- The patient has a hemoglobin level of less than 11g/dL **OR**
- The patient has a hemoglobin level that has reached 11g/dL and dose reduction/interruption is required to reduce the need for blood transfusions

Please discuss the information needed to get the drug approved with your physician.

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RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate utilization and promote use of preferred ESA treatment.

Anemia due to hepatitis C therapy is not an FDA approved indication for any ESA. AASLD does not recommend the use of ESAs, NIH/DHHS/NIDDKD state that the proper role and dose of ESAs has yet to be defined, and the AGA consider either ribavirin dose reduction or ESA use as viable options for managing treatment-related anemia. None of these guidelines provide specific hemoglobin levels at which to initiate or maintain hemoglobin levels for this patient population, therefore the hemoglobin levels selected for this diagnosis are based off of the recommendations for zidovudine therapy.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

- CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE: The prescribing information (PI) of the ESAs and an FDA safety update recommend initiation of therapy only for patients with Hgb of <10g/dL. They recommend reducing or interrupting the dose of ESA and using the lowest dose of an ESA sufficient to reduce the need for blood transfusions at Hgb of 11g/dL for patients on dialysis or Hgb of 10g/dL for patients not on dialysis.
- ANEMIA RELATED TO CANCER CHEMOTHERAPY: ASCO recommends initiating ESA therapy at Hgb levels at less than 10g/dL while NCCN recommends initiation at or below Hgb levels of 11g/dL. ASCO recommends maintaining Hgb levels between 10 and 12g/dL, while NCCN does not comment on a maintenance Hgb range.
- ANEMIA RELATED TO ZIDOVUDINE THERAPY: The clinical trials contained within the prescribing information (PI) of the ESAs recommend initiating therapy at an Hgb of < 10g/dL and maintaining between 10 and 12g/dL.
- PATIENTS SCHEDULED FOR ELECTIVE, NONCARDIAC, NONVASCULAR SURGERY: The prescribing information (PI) of the ESAs recommends therapy only for those patients with Hgb ≤13g/dL.

Aranesp

For the treatment of anemia due to:

- Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) in patients on dialysis and patients not on dialysis
- The effects of concomitant myelosuppressive chemotherapy, and upon initiation, there is a minimum of two additional months of planned chemotherapy

Recommended starting dose:

- CKD on dialysis: 0.45mcg/kg IV/SC as a weekly injection or 0.75mcg/kg once every 2 weeks as appropriate
- CKD not on dialysis: 0.45mcg/kg IV/SC given once at 4-week intervals as appropriate
- Cancer chemotherapy:
 - 2.25mcg/kg SC every week until completion of a chemotherapy course
 - 500mcg every 3 weeks SC until completion of a chemotherapy course

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FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

Epogen Procrit & Retacrit

- Treatment of anemia due to:
 - Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) in patients on dialysis and not on dialysis
 - Zidovudine in HIV-infected patients
 - The effects of concomitant myelosuppressive chemotherapy, and upon initiation, there is a minimum of two additional months of planned chemotherapy
- Reduction of allogeneic RBC transfusions in patients undergoing elective, noncardiac, nonvascular surgery

Recommended starting dose:

- CKD on dialysis:
 - Adults: 50-100 units/kg 3 times weekly
 - Pediatrics: 50 units/kg 3 times weekly
- CKD not on dialysis:
 - Adult patients: 50-100 units/kg 3 times weekly
- Zidovudine-treated HIV-infected patients
 - Adults: 100 units/kg 3 times per week
- Cancer chemotherapy:
 - Adults: 150 units/kg SC 3 times per week until completion of a chemotherapy course, or 40,000 units SC weekly until completion of a chemotherapy course
 - Pediatrics: 600 units/kg IV until completion of a chemotherapy course
 - Surgery:
 - 300 units/kg per day SC for 15 days total: administered daily for 10 days before surgery, on the day of surgery, and for 4 days after surgery
 - 600 units/kg SC in 4 does administered 21, 14, and 7 days before surgery and on the day of surgery

Mircera

Treatment of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD) in adult patients on dialysis and patients not on dialysis.

Recommended dose:

- Initial treatment: 0.6mcg/kg body weight administered once every 2 weeks
- Conversion from another ESA: dosed once monthly or every 2 weeks based on total weekly epoetin alfa or darbepoetin alfa dose at time of conversion

Treatment of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD) in pediatric patients, 5 to 17 years of age, on hemodialysis whose hemoglobin level has been stabilized by treatment with an ESA. Available as 30 mcg, 50 mcg, 75 mcg, 100 mcg, 120 mcg, 150 mcg, 200 mcg, or 250 mcg in 0.3mL; and 360 mcg in 0.6mL solution of Mircera in single-use prefilled syringes.

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ETANERCEPT

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ETANERCEPT	ENBREL	18830		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID for #8 of the 25mg syringes/vials (2 kits) per 28 days or #4 of the 50mg syringes/pen injector/cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - The patient is 2 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID for #8 of the 25mg syringes/vials (2 kits) per 28 days or #4 of the 50mg syringes/pen injector/cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #3.

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3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID for #8 of the 25mg syringes/vials (2 kits) per 28 days or #4 of the 50mg syringes/pen injector/cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for psoriatic arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis (AS) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID for #8 of the 25mg syringes/vials (2 kits) per 28 days or #4 of the 50mg syringes/pen injector/cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for ankylosing spondylitis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained an improvement of at least 50% or 2 units (scale of 1-10) in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) while on therapy.

If no, continue to #5.

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INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

5. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
 - The patient has plaque psoriasis involving at least 10% of body surface area (BSA) **OR** psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

6. Is the patient 18 years of age or older **AND** meet the following criterion?
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to the following formulary preferred immunomodulator: Humira [**NOTE:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, **approve for a total of 6 months by GPID and enter two approvals as follows:**

- **FIRST APPROVAL:** approve for the first 3 months for #16 of the 25mg syringes/vials (4 kits) per 28 days or #8 of the 50mg syringes/pen injector/cartridges (2 kits) per 28 days.
- **SECOND APPROVAL:** approve for #8 of the 25mg syringes/vials (2 kits) per 28 days or #4 of the 50mg syringes/pen injector/cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days for the next 3 months.

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe plaque psoriasis requires that the patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more while on therapy.

If no, continue to #7.

7. Is the patient aged 4 to 17 years old?

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID for #8 of the 25mg syringes/vials (2 kits) per 28 days or #4 of the 50mg syringes/pen injector/cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe plaque psoriasis requires that the patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more while on therapy.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ETANERCEPT (Enbrel)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, or moderate to severe plaque psoriasis. In addition, the following criteria must be met.

For patients with moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis, approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

For patients with moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis, approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 2 years of age or older

For patients with psoriatic arthritis, approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

For patients with ankylosing spondylitis, approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

For patients with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis, approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
- The patient has plaque psoriasis involving at least 10% of body surface area (BSA) or psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine
- The patient is 4 to 17 years of age **OR** the patient is 18 years of age or older and had a previous trial of or contraindication to the following formulary preferred immunomodulator: Humira

The use of pharmaceutical samples (from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program) will not be considered when evaluating the medical condition or prior prescription history for drugs that require prior authorization.

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RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for #8 of the 25mg syringes/vials (2 kits) per 28 days or #4 of the 50mg syringes/pen injector/cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for #8 of the 25mg syringes/vials (2 kits) per 28 days or #4 of the 50mg syringes/pen injector/cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for #8 of the 25mg syringes/vials (2 kits) per 28 days or #4 of the 50mg syringes/pen injector/cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis (AS) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has experienced or maintained an improvement of at least 50% or 2 units (scale of 1-10) in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for #8 of the 25mg syringes/vials (2 kits) per 28 days or #4 of the 50mg syringes/pen injector/cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #5.

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RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

5. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for #8 of the 25mg syringes/vials (2 kits) per 28 days or #4 of the 50mg syringes/pen injector/cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ETANERCEPT (Enbrel)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis, moderate to severe juvenile polyarticular idiopathic arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, or moderate to severe plaque psoriasis for renewal. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis, approval requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis, approval requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

For the diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis, approval requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

For the diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis, approval requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained an improvement of at least 50% or 2 units (scale of 1-10) in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) while on therapy.

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis, approval requires:

- The patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more while on therapy.

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Enbrel.

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EVEROLIMUS

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
EVEROLIMUS	AFINITOR		20784 20844 28783 31396	
EVEROLIMUS	AFINITOR DISPERZ		34589 34590 34592	

**** Please use the criteria for the specific drug requested ****

GUIDELINES FOR USE

AFINITOR DISPERZ

- Does the patient have **ONE** of the following diagnoses and associated criteria?
 - Subependymal giant cell astrocytoma (SEGA) with tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC) AND meet the following:
 - The patient is 1 year of age or older
 - The patient's diagnosis requires therapeutic intervention but cannot be curatively resected
 - Tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC)-associated partial-onset seizures AND meet the following:
 - The patient is 2 years of age or older
 - The medication will be used as adjunctive treatment

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **EVEROLIMUS (Afinitor Disperz)** requires a diagnosis of subependymal giant cell astrocytoma (SEGA) with tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC) or tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC)-associated partial-onset seizures. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For diagnosis of subependymal giant cell astrocytoma (SEGA) in tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC), approval requires:

- The patient is 1 year of age or older
- The patient's diagnosis requires therapeutic intervention but cannot be curatively resected

For diagnosis of TSC-associated partial-onset seizures, approval requires:

- The patient is 2 year of age or older
- The medication will be used as adjunctive treatment

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EVEROLIMUS

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

AFINITOR

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has failed or is contraindicated to treatment with Sutent (sunitinib) **OR** Nexavar (sorafenib)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Afinitor 2.5mg (GPID 28783): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Afinitor 5mg (GPID 20784): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Afinitor 7.5mg (GPID 31396): #2 tablets per day.**
- **Afinitor 10mg (GPID 20844): #2 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of subependymal giant cell astrocytoma (SEGA) with tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 1 year of age or older
- The patient's diagnosis requires therapeutic intervention but cannot be curatively resected

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the patient 18 years of age or older and have a diagnosis of progressive neuroendocrine tumor (NET) with unresectable, locally advanced or metastatic disease and meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- Neuroendocrine tumor (NET) of pancreatic origin (PNET)
- Well-differentiated, non-functional neuroendocrine tumor (NET) of gastrointestinal (GI) or lung origin

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Afinitor 2.5mg (GPID 28783): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Afinitor 5mg (GPID 20784): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Afinitor 7.5mg (GPID 31396): #2 tablets per day.**
- **Afinitor 10mg (GPID 20844): #2 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #4.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

EVEROLIMUS

GUIDELINES FOR USE - AFINITOR (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of renal angiomyolipoma and tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC) that does not require immediate surgery **AND** meet the following criterion?
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Afinitor 2.5mg (GPID 28783): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Afinitor 5mg (GPID 20784): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Afinitor 7.5mg (GPID 31396): #2 tablets per day.**
- **Afinitor 10mg (GPID 20844): #2 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #5.

5. Is the patient a postmenopausal woman with a diagnosis of advanced hormone receptor (HR)-positive, HER2-negative breast cancer (defined as IHC less than or equal to 3+ or FISH amplification ratio less than or equal to 2.0) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- The patient has failed or is contraindicated to treatment with Femara (letrozole) or Arimidex (anastrozole)
 - Afinitor will be used in combination with Aromasin (exemestane).

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Afinitor 2.5mg (GPID 28783): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Afinitor 5mg (GPID 20784): #1 tablet per day.**
- **Afinitor 7.5mg (GPID 31396): #2 tablets per day.**
- **Afinitor 10mg (GPID 20844): #2 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See AFINITOR denial text on the next page.

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EVEROLIMUS

GUIDELINES FOR USE - AFINITOR (CONTINUED)

AFINITOR DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **EVEROLIMUS (Afinitor)** requires ONE of the following FDA approved indications:

- Advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC) after failure of or contraindication to treatment with sunitinib (Sutent) or sorafenib (Nexavar), which may also require prior authorization AND the patient is 18 years of age or older
- Subependymal giant cell astrocytoma (SEGA) with tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC) that requires therapeutic intervention but cannot be curatively resected AND the patient is 1 year of age or older
- Progressive neuroendocrine tumor (NET) with unresectable, locally advanced or metastatic disease, either neuroendocrine tumor (NET) of pancreatic origin (PNET) or well-differentiated, non-functional neuroendocrine tumor (NET) of gastrointestinal or lung origin AND the patient must also be 18 years of age or older
- Renal angiomyolipoma, and tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC) that does not require immediate surgery AND the patient is 18 years of age or older
- For postmenopausal women with a diagnosis of advanced hormone receptor-positive, HER2-negative breast cancer (defined as IHC less than or equal to 3+ or FISH amplification ratio less than or equal to 2.0) in combination with Aromasin (exemestane) after failure of or contraindication to treatment with Femara (letrozole) or Arimidex (anastrozole).

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of everolimus based on FDA approved indication and NCCN guidelines.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Afinitor and Afinitor Disperz are two different dosage forms. Select the recommended dosage form based on the indication. Do not combine Afinitor and Afinitor disperz to achieve the total dose. Modify the dosage for patients with hepatic impairment or for patients taking drugs that inhibit or induce pglycoprotein (P-gp) and CYP3A4.

Advanced HR+ BC, advanced NET, advanced RCC, or renal angiomyolipoma with TSC:

- Afinitor 10 mg once daily orally until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

SEGA with TSC:

- Afinitor/Afinitor Disperz 4.5 mg/m² once daily orally until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.
- Titrate the dose to attain trough concentrations of 5-15 ng/mL.

TSC-Associated Partial-Onset Seizures

- Afinitor Disperz 5 mg/m² once daily orally until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.
- Titrate the dose to attain trough concentrations of 5-15 ng/mL.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

EVEROLIMUS

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

AFINITOR is a kinase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of:

- Postmenopausal women with advanced hormone receptor-positive, HER2negative breast cancer (advanced HR+ BC) in combination with exemestane after failure of treatment with letrozole or anastrozole.
- Adults with progressive neuroendocrine tumors of pancreatic origin (PNET) and adults with progressive, well-differentiated, non-functional neuroendocrine tumors (NET) or gastrointestinal (GI) or lung origin that are unresectable, locally advanced or metastatic. Afinitor is not indicated for the treatment of patients with functional carcinoid tumors.
- Adults with advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC) after failure of treatment with sunitinib or sorafenib.
- Adults with renal angiomyolipoma and tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC), not requiring immediate surgery.

Afinitor and Afinitor Disperz are kinase inhibitors indicated for the treatment of:

- Adult and pediatric patients aged 1 year and older with tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC) who have subependymal giant cell astrocytoma (SEGA) that requires therapeutic intervention but cannot be curatively resected.

Afinitor Disperz is a kinase inhibitor indicated for:

- Adjunctive treatment of adult and pediatric patients aged 2 years and older with TSC associated partial-onset seizures.

REFERENCES

- Afinitor [Prescribing Information]. East Hanover, NJ: Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. April 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

EVOLOCUMAB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
EVOLOCUMAB	REPATHA SYRINGE, REPATHA SURECLICK, REPATHA PUSHTRONEX	42378		

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GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Is the requested medication prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist, endocrinologist, or lipidologist?

If yes, continue to #2.
If no, do not approve.
DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.
2. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has been taking a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily) for a duration of at least 8 weeks
 - The patient has been taking a maximally tolerated dose of any statin for a duration of at least 8 weeks given that the patient cannot tolerate a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily)
If yes, continue to #3.
If no, continue to #4.
3. Will the patient continue statin treatment as described above in combination with Repatha?

If yes, continue to #5.
If no, do not approve.
DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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EVOLOCUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- The patient has an absolute contraindication to statin therapy (e.g., active decompensated liver disease, nursing female, pregnancy or plans to become pregnant, hypersensitivity reaction)
- The patient has complete statin intolerance as defined by severe and intolerable adverse effects (e.g., creatine kinase elevation greater than or equal to 10 times the upper limit of normal, liver function test elevation greater than or equal to 3 times the upper limit of normal, rhabdomyolysis, severe muscle weakness leading to temporary disability, fall, or inability to use a major muscle group) that have occurred with trials of at least two separate statins and have improved with the discontinuation of each statin

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Does the patient have a LDL-cholesterol level greater than or equal to 70 mg/dL while on maximally tolerated statin treatment?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

6. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has **ONE** of the following diagnoses:
 - Established cardiovascular disease (e.g., history of myocardial infarction or other acute coronary syndrome, coronary or other revascularization procedure, transient ischemic attack, ischemic stroke, atherosclerotic peripheral arterial disease, coronary atherosclerosis, renal atherosclerosis, aortic aneurysm secondary to atherosclerosis, carotid plaque with 50% or more stenosis)
 - Primary hyperlipidemia (e.g., heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH)) as determined by meeting **ONE** of the following:
 - Simon Broome diagnostic criteria (definite)
 - Dutch Lipid Network criteria with a score of 6 or greater

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested medication with the following quantity limits:**

- **Repatha 140mg (GPID 39363, 38178): 2mL per 28 days.**
- **Repatha 420mg (GPID 41834): 3.5mL per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #7.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

EVOLOCUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

7. Does the patient have a diagnosis of homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH) as determined by meeting **ONE** of the following criteria?
- Simon Broome diagnostic criteria (definite)
 - Dutch Lipid Network criteria with a score of 8 or greater
 - A clinical diagnosis based on a history of an untreated LDL-cholesterol level greater than 500 mg/dL, in combination with either:
(1) xanthoma before 10 years of age **OR**
(2) evidence of heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH) in both parents

If yes, **approve Repatha 420mg (GPID 41834) for 12 months with a quantity limit of 3.5mL per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **EVOLOCUMAB (Repatha)** requires a diagnosis of established cardiovascular disease (e.g., history of myocardial infarction or other acute coronary syndrome, coronary or other revascularization procedure, transient ischemic attack, ischemic stroke, atherosclerotic peripheral arterial disease, coronary atherosclerosis, renal atherosclerosis, aortic aneurysm secondary to atherosclerosis, carotid plaque with 50% or more stenosis), **OR** primary hyperlipidemia (e.g., heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH)), **OR** homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The agent is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist, endocrinologist, or lipidologist
- The patient has a LDL-cholesterol level greater than or equal to 70 mg/dL while on maximally tolerated statin treatment

For statin tolerant patients, approval also requires:

- The patient meets **ONE** of the following criteria:
 - The patient has been taking a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily) for a duration of at least 8 weeks
 - The patient has been taking a maximally tolerated dose of any statin for a duration of at least 8 weeks given that the patient cannot tolerate a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily)
- The patient will continue statin treatment in combination with Repatha
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EVOLOCUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

For statin intolerant patients, approval also requires ONE of the following:

- The patient has an absolute contraindication to statin therapy (e.g., active decompensated liver disease, nursing female, pregnancy or plans to become pregnant, hypersensitivity reaction)
- The patient has complete statin intolerance as defined by severe and intolerable adverse effects (e.g., creatine kinase elevation greater than or equal to 10 times the upper limit of normal, liver function test elevation greater than or equal to 3 times the upper limit of normal, rhabdomyolysis, severe muscle weakness leading to temporary disability, fall, or inability to use a major muscle group) that have occurred with trials of at least two separate statins and have improved with the discontinuation of each statin

For patients with established cardiovascular disease, approval also requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older

For patients with primary hyperlipidemia (e.g., heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH)), approval also requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The diagnosis is determined by meeting **ONE** of the following:
 - Simon Broome diagnostic criteria (definite)
 - Dutch Lipid Network criteria with a score of 6 or greater

For patients with homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH), the diagnosis must be determined by meeting ONE of the following criteria:

- Simon Broome diagnostic criteria (definite)
- Dutch Lipid Network criteria with a score of 8 or greater
- A clinical diagnosis based on a history of an untreated LDL-cholesterol level greater than 500 mg/dL, in combination with either (1) xanthoma before 10 years of age **OR** (2) evidence of heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH) in both parents

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- The patient has continued concurrent therapy with a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily)
- The patient has continued concurrent therapy with a maximally tolerated dose of any statin
- The patient has an absolute contraindication to statin therapy
- The patient has complete statin intolerance

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

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EVOLOCUMAB

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of established cardiovascular disease **OR** primary hyperlipidemia (e.g., heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH))?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested medication with the following quantity limits:**

- **Repatha 140mg (GPID 39363, 38178): 2mL per 28 days.**
- **Repatha 420mg (GPID 41834): 3.5mL per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH)?

If yes, **approve Repatha 420mg (GPID 41834) for 12 months with a quantity limit of 3.5mL per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **EVOLOCUMAB (Repatha)** requires a diagnosis of established cardiovascular disease, primary hyperlipidemia (e.g., heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH)), or homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH). In addition, **ONE** of the following must be met:

- The patient has continued concurrent therapy with a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily)
- The patient has continued concurrent therapy with a maximally tolerated dose of any statin
- The patient has an absolute contraindication to statin therapy
- The patient has complete statin intolerance

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Repatha.

REFERENCES

- Repatha [Prescribing Information]. Thousand Oaks, CA: Amgen Inc.; December 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 02/11/19

Created: 08/15

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P&T Approval: 04/18



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

EXCLUDED FORMULARY DRUG EXCEPTION CRITERIA

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
EXCLUDED DRUGS				

*******Customer Service/PAC Alert*******
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GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the request for an excluded drug and the claim is rejecting with the error code **REJ-922**?
 - If yes, continue to #2.
 - If no, guideline does not apply.

2. Is the requested drug being used for the treatment of an FDA-approved indication?
 - If yes, continue to #4.
 - If no, continue to #3.

3. If the drug is requested for a non-FDA approved indication, does the patient have a diagnosis for which the drug is considered safe and effective based on sound medical evidence found in peer-reviewed medical literature, accepted standards of medical practice, or in one of the following compendia?
 - American Hospital Formulary Service-Drug Information (AHFS-DI): Contains narrative text supporting use
 - Clinical Pharmacology: Contains narrative text supporting use
 - National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Drugs and Biologics Compendium: Category 1 or 2A
 - Non-Formulary & Excluded Drug Exceptions Process
 - Truven Health Analytics Micromedex DrugDex: Class I, Class IIa, or Class IIb
 - Wolters Kluwer Lexi-Drugs: Use: Off-label rated as 'Evidence Level A' with a 'Strong' recommendation
 - If yes, continue to #4.
 - If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

EXCLUDED FORMULARY DRUG EXCEPTION CRITERIA

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

4. Is the requested drug under **ANY** of the following categories?

- Protected class drugs (such as Anticonvulsants, Antidepressants, Antineoplastic, Antipsychotics, Antiretroviral, or Immunosuppressants) and the member is already stabilized, and discontinuation of therapy could lead to harm
- The request is for a member who is stabilized on an Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder or an Antimania (Bipolar Affective Disorder) drug prescribed by or given in consultation with a psychiatrist and discontinuation of therapy could lead to harm
- The member is in the middle of completing an antibiotic or Hepatitis C treatment regimen

If yes, **approve the requested drug for 12 months by GPID. For requests for antibiotic or Hepatitis C drugs, please approve based on the duration of remaining therapy per AASLD (Hepatitis C) or the FDA approved duration.**

If no, continue to #5.

5. Has the patient had a previous trial of at least three clinically appropriate formulary agents (if available and supported by the FDA or compendia) one of which must be in the same class as the requested drug for the specified indication, **OR** has the physician provided documentation that the patient has experienced a therapeutic failure, contraindication, or intolerance to at least three clinically appropriate formulary agents (if available) for the specified indication?

If yes, **approve the requested drug for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **EXCLUDED FORMULARY DRUG EXCEPTION CRITERIA** requires that the following criteria have been met:

- The requested agent is being used for the treatment of **ONE** of the following:
 - An FDA approved indication
 - A medically accepted indication and is considered safe and effective by approved compendia, peer-reviewed medical literature, or accepted standards of medical practice.
- In addition, the request must meet **ONE** of the following:
 - The request is for a protected class drug such as an anticonvulsant (seizure drug), antidepressant, antineoplastic (cancer drugs), antipsychotic (mental disorder drug), antiretroviral (drugs for HIV- human immunodeficiency virus), and/ or immunosuppressant (drugs that weaken your immune system), where the member is already stabilized, and discontinuation of therapy could lead to harm
 - The request is for a member who is stabilized on an Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder or an Antimania (Bipolar Affective Disorder) drug prescribed by or given in consultation with a psychiatrist and discontinuation of therapy could lead to harm

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EXCLUDED FORMULARY DRUG EXCEPTION CRITERIA

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

- The member is in the middle of completing an antibiotic or Hepatitis C treatment regimen
- The member had a previous trial of at least three clinically appropriate formulary agents (if available and supported by the FDA or compendia) one of which must be in the same class as the requested drug for the specified indication, **OR** the physician has provided documentation that the patient has experienced a therapeutic failure, contraindication, or intolerance to all clinically appropriate formulary agents (if available) for the specified indication.

RATIONALE

To allow an exception for coverage of an excluded drug based on the following considerations:

- The drug is being requested for treatment of an FDA or medically supported indication.
- The patient cannot use formulary products due to therapeutic failure, contraindication or intolerance as documented by their physician.
- Any applicable prior authorization clinical criteria for the excluded drug have been met.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

See package insert for requested drug.

Part D Effective: N/A
Effective: 03/15/19

Created: 01/18
Client Approval: 03/19

P&T Approval: N/A



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

FENTANYL NASAL SPRAY

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
FENTANYL NASAL SPRAY	LAZANDA		27648 29146	ROUTE = NASAL

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of cancer?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the patient on a maintenance dose of controlled release pain medication (MS Contin, Oxycontin, Oramorph SR, Duramorph, Roxanol SR, Duragesic, Avinza or the generic forms of any of these drugs)?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Has the patient tried, or does the patient have a contraindication to at least 1 immediate-release oral pain agent (morphine sulfate immediate-release [MSIR], Percodan, Percocet, Vicodin, Tylenol with Codeine, Dilaudid, Demerol or the generic forms of any of these)?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have difficulty swallowing tablets or capsules?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Has the patient tried, or does the patient have a contraindication to generic fentanyl citrate lozenge?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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FENTANYL NASAL SPRAY

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

6. Has the patient tried, or does the patient have a contraindication to Abstral, Fentora, or Onsolis?

If yes, **approve for 6 months with a quantity limit of #15 per month.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **FENTANYL NASAL SPRAY** requires a diagnosis of cancer-related pain, and concurrent use with a controlled-release pain medication (MS Contin, Oxycontin, Oramorph SR, Duramorph, Roxanol SR, Duragesic, Avinza or the generic forms of any of these drugs), a trial of an oral immediate-release pain medication (morphine sulfate immediate-release [MSIR], Percodan, Percocet, Vicodin, Tylenol with Codeine, Dilaudid, Demerol or the generic forms of any of these), AND a trial of generic fentanyl citrate lozenge AND a trial of Abstral, Fentora, or Onsolis, which also requires a prior authorization.

RATIONALE

To ensure use of nasal fentanyl spray is consistent with indication.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

LAZANDA is an opioid analgesic indicated only for the management of breakthrough pain in patients with cancer, 18 years of age and older, who are already receiving and who are tolerant to opioid therapy for their underlying persistent cancer pain.

REFERENCES

- Archimedes Pharma US. Lazanda package insert. Bedminster, NJ. July 2011.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 01/01/15

Created: 08/11

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P&T Approval: 11/14



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

FENTANYL SUBLINGUAL SPRAY

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
FENTANYL SUBLINGUAL SPRAY	SUBSYS		31187 31188 31189 31192 31193 31596 31597	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of cancer?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the patient on a maintenance dose of controlled release pain medication (MS Contin, Oxycontin, Oramorph SR, Duramorph, Roxanol SR, Duragesic, Avinza or the generic forms of any of these drugs)?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Has the patient tried or does the patient have a contraindication to at least one immediate-release oral pain agent (morphine sulfate immediate-release [MSIR], Percodan, Percocet, Vicodin, Tylenol with Codeine, Dilaudid, Demerol or the generic forms of any of these)?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have difficulty swallowing tablets or capsules?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

FENTANYL SUBLINGUAL SPRAY

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

5. Has the patient tried or does the patient have a contraindication to generic fentanyl citrate lozenge?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

6. Has the patient tried or does the patient have a contraindication to Abstral, Fentora, or Onsolis?

If yes, **approve for 6 months with a quantity limit of #120 per month.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **FENTANYL SUBLINGUAL SPRAY** requires a diagnosis of cancer-related pain, and concurrent use with a controlled-release pain medication (MS Contin, Oxycontin, Oramorph SR, Duramorph, Roxanol SR, Duragesic, Avinza or the generic forms of any of these drugs), a trial of an oral immediate-release pain medication (morphine sulfate immediate-release [MSIR], Percodan, Percocet, Vicodin, Tylenol with Codeine, Dilaudid, Demerol or the generic forms of any of these), AND a trial of generic fentanyl citrate lozenge AND a trial of Abstral, Fentora, or Onsolis, all of which may also require a prior authorization.

RATIONALE

To ensure the use of fentanyl sublingual spray is consistent with the FDA approved indication.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

SUBSYS is an opioid agonist indicated for the management of breakthrough pain in cancer patients 18 years of age and older who are already receiving and who are tolerant to opioid therapy for their underlying persistent cancer pain.

REFERENCES

- Insys Therapeutics, Subsys package insert. Phoenix, AZ. January 2012.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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FENTANYL TRANSDERMAL PATCH

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Strength	Exception/Other
FENTANYL	DURAGESIC		24635 19200 37952 19201 37947 19202 37948 19203	12MCG/HR 25MCG/HR 37.5MCG/HR 50MCG/HR 62.5MCG/HR 75MCG/HR 87.5MCG/HR 100MCG/HR	GPID ≠ 25879 ROUTE = TRANSDERM.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient meet the definition of opioid tolerance (defined as those who are taking, for one week or longer, at least 60mg oral morphine per day, 25mcg transdermal fentanyl/hour, 30mg oral oxycodone/day, 25mg oral oxymorphone/day, 8mg oral hydromorphone/day, or an equianalgesic dose of another opioid)?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the request form indicate that this medication will be used on an "as needed" or "PRN" basis?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the request for more than one strength of transdermal fentanyl patch OR does the patient have an active prior authorization(s) for a different strength of fentanyl patch?

If yes, send to Clinical Pharmacist for review.

If no, continue to #4.

4. Is the request for every 72 hours dosing?

If yes, **approve for 12 months with the following quantity limits:**

- **FOR EVERY 72 HOUR DOSING: (12, 25, 37.5, 50, 62.5, 75, 87.5mcg/hr) approve by GPID for #10 patches per 30 days.**
- **FOR 100mcg/hr: approve by GPID (100mcg/hr) for up to #20 patches per 30 days.**

If no, continue to #5.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

FENTANYL TRANSDERMAL PATCH

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

5. Is the request for dosing every 48 hours?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, send to Clinical Pharmacist for review.

6. Has the patient tried every 72 hours dosing?

If yes, **approve for 12 months with the following quantity limits:**

- **FOR EVERY 48 HOUR DOSING: (12, 25, 37.5, 50, 62.5, 75, 87.5mcg/hr) approve by GPID for #15 patches per 30 days.**
- **FOR 100mcg/hr: approve by GPID (100mcg/hr) for up to #30 patches per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **FENTANYL TRANSDERMAL PATCH (Duragesic)** requires that patients meet the definition of opioid tolerance (defined as those who are taking, for one week or longer, at least 60mg oral morphine per day, 25mcg transdermal fentanyl/hour, 30mg oral oxycodone/day, 25mg oral oxymorphone/day, 8mg oral hydromorphone/day, or an equianalgesic dose of another opioid) and that the requested medication is not prescribed on an "as needed" basis. Requests for dosing every 48 hours requires a trial of transdermal fentanyl dosed every 72 hours.

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate utilization of fentanyl transdermal patch in opioid tolerant patients.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

- Duragesic is indicated for the management of pain in opioid tolerant patients, severe enough to require daily, around-the-clock, long-term opioid treatment and for which alternative treatment options are inadequate.
- Patients considered opioid-tolerant are those who are taking, for one week or longer, at least 60mg of morphine daily, or at least 30mg of oral oxycodone daily, or at least 8mg of oral hydromorphone daily, or an equianalgesic dose of another opioid.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

FENTANYL TRANSDERMAL PATCH

FDA APPROVED INDICATION (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE

- Calculate the previous 24-hour analgesic requirement.
- Convert this amount to the equianalgesic oral morphine dose using a reliable reference.
- Use this table to find the calculated 24-hour morphine dose and the corresponding Duragesic dose. Initiate Duragesic treatment using the recommended dose and titrate patients upwards (no more frequently than 3 days after the initial dose and every 6 days thereafter) until analgesic efficacy is attained.
- For patients that may be more sensitive to the effects of opioids, additional intermediate strengths may be considered during conversion from prior opioids or titrating the dose of the fentanyl transdermal system. For example, rather than converting or titrating to a 50mcg/hr system, a 37.5mcg/hr system is available. Similarly, a 62.5mcg/hr system is available for use as an intermediate strength between the 50mcg/hr and the 75mcg/hr system, and an 87.5mcg/hr system is available as an intermediate strength between the 75mcg/hr system and the 100mcg/hr system. The additional intermediate strengths, 32.5mcg/hr, 62.5mcg/hr and 87.5mcg/hr, were not used in the clinical studies.

Recommended Initial Duragesic Dose Based Upon Daily Oral Morphine Dose	
Oral 24-hour Morphine (mg/day)	DURAGESIC Dose (mcg/hour)
60–134	25
135–224	50
225–314	75
315–404	100
405–494	125
495–584	150
585–674	175
675–764	200

A small proportion of adult patients may not achieve adequate analgesia using a 72-hour dosing interval and may require systems to be applied at 48 hours rather than at 72 hours, only if adequate pain control cannot be achieved using a 72-hour regimen. An increase in the Duragesic dose should be evaluated before changing dosing intervals in order to maintain patients on a 72-hour regimen.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

FENTANYL TRANSDERMAL PATCH

REFERENCES

- Fentanyl Patch [Prescribing Information]. Morgantown, WV: Mylan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; March 2015.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

FENTANYL TRANSMUCOSAL AGENTS

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
FENTANYL CITRATE	ACTIQ ABSTRAL FENTORA ONSOLIS	01747		ROUTE = BUCCAL, SUBLINGUAL

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of cancer?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the patient on a maintenance dose of controlled release pain medication (MS Contin, Oxycontin, Oramorph SR, Duramorph, Roxanol SR, Duragesic, Avinza or the generic forms of any of these drugs)?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Has the patient tried or does the patient have a contraindication to at least one immediate-release oral pain agent (morphine sulfate immediate-release [MSIR], Percodan, Percocet, Vicodin, Tylenol with Codeine, Dilaudid, Demerol or the generic forms of any of these)?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have difficulty swallowing tablets or capsules?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Is the request for generic fentanyl citrate lozenge?

If yes, **approve for 6 months with a quantity limit of #120 per month.**

APPROVAL TEXT: See the approval text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #6.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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FENTANYL TRANSMUCOSAL AGENTS

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

6. Has the patient tried or does the patient have a contraindication to generic fentanyl citrate lozenge?

If yes, **approve for 6 months with a quantity limit of #120 per month.**

APPROVAL TEXT: See the approval text at the end of the guideline.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **FENTANYL TRANSMUCOSAL AGENTS** requires a diagnosis of cancer-related pain, and concurrent use with a controlled-release pain medication (MS Contin, Oxycontin, Oramorph SR, Duramorph, Roxanol SR, Duragesic, Avinza or the generic forms of any of these drugs), a trial of an oral immediate-release pain medication (morphine sulfate immediate-release [MSIR], Percodan, Percocet, Vicodin, Tylenol with Codeine, Dilaudid, Demerol or the generic forms of any of these), AND a trial of generic fentanyl citrate lozenge, which also requires a prior authorization.

RATIONALE

To ensure use of transmucosal fentanyl is consistent with indication.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

ABSTRAL is an opioid analgesic indicated only for the management of breakthrough pain in patients with cancer, 18 years of age and older, who are already receiving and who are tolerant to opioid therapy for their underlying persistent cancer pain.

ACTIQ is indicated for breakthrough cancer pain in patients 16 years and older with malignancies who are already receiving and who are tolerant to opioid therapy for persistent cancer pain. Patients must remain on around-the-clock opioids when taking Actiq.

FENTORA is indicated for breakthrough pain in patients with cancer who are already receiving and who are tolerant to around-the-clock opioid therapy for their underlying persistent cancer pain. Patients considered opioid tolerant are those who are taking around-the-clock medicine consisting of at least 60 mg of oral morphine daily, at least 25 mcg of transdermal fentanyl/hour, at least 30 mg of oxycodone daily, at least 8 mg of oral hydromorphone daily or an equianalgesic dose of another opioid daily for a week or longer. This product must not be used in opioid non-tolerant patients because life-threatening hypoventilation and death could occur at any dose in patients not on a chronic regimen of opioids.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

FENTANYL TRANSMUCOSAL AGENTS

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

FENTORA is contraindicated in the management of acute or postoperative pain. Fentora is intended to be used only in the care of opioid tolerant cancer patients and only by healthcare professionals who are knowledgeable of and skilled in the use of Schedule II opioids to treat cancer pain.

ONSOLIS is indicated for the management of breakthrough pain in patients with cancer, 18 years of age and older, who are already receiving and who are tolerant to opioid therapy for their underlying persistent cancer pain.

REFERENCES

- Cephalon, Inc. Actiq package insert. Frazer, PA. September 2009.
- Cephalon, Inc. Fentora package insert. Frazer, PA. January 2011.
- Meda Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Onsolis package insert. Somerset, NJ July 2009.
- ProStrakan Inc. Abstral package insert. Bedminster, NJ. January 2011.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

FINGOLIMOD

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
FINGOLIMOD	GILENYA	37180		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have the diagnosis of a relapsing form of multiple sclerosis **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient is 10 years of age and older

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient have **ANY** of the following contraindications to Gilenya?

- A recent (within past 6 months) occurrence of myocardial infarction, unstable angina, stroke, transient ischemic attack, decompensated heart failure requiring hospitalization, or Class III/IV heart failure
- A history or presence of Mobitz Type II 2nd degree or 3rd degree AV block or sick sinus syndrome, unless patient has a functioning pacemaker
- A baseline QTC interval 500 msec or above
- Current treatment with Class Ia (quinidine, procainamide, or disopyramide) or Class III anti-arrhythmic drugs (amiodarone, dofetilide, dronedarone, ibutilide, or sotalol)

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 capsule per day.**

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **FINGOLIMOD (Gilenya)** requires the diagnosis of a relapsing form of multiple sclerosis in patients 10 years of age and older and the absence of medical history or cardiac events that are contraindicated with the use of Gilenya (those that may increase risk of cardiac events associated with Gilenya), which includes any of the following criteria:

- A recent (within past 6 months) occurrence of myocardial infarction, unstable angina, stroke, transient ischemic attack, decompensated heart failure requiring hospitalization, or Class III/IV heart failure
- A history or presence of Mobitz Type II 2nd degree or 3rd degree AV block or sick sinus syndrome, unless the patient has a functioning pacemaker
- A baseline QTC interval 500 msec or above
- Current treatment with Class Ia (quinidine, procainamide, or disopyramide) or Class III anti-arrhythmic drugs (amiodarone, dofetilide, dronedarone, ibutilide, or sotalol)

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

FINGOLIMOD

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of Gilenya consistent with FDA approved indication and dosing. To prevent inappropriate utilization of Gilenya in those patients for whom it is contraindicated.

Cardiovascular adverse effects, including bradycardia and heart block, have been associated with Gilenya, especially early in therapy. Bradycardia was observed in fingolimod clinical trials (4% in fingolimod group versus 1% in placebo group), although patients at high risk of bradycardia were excluded from the clinical trials. Product labeling includes specific safety information on initial assessment prior to starting Gilenya, first dose monitoring, lab monitoring, and reinitiation of therapy instructions following discontinuation.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Gilenya is indicated for the treatment of relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS) in patients 10 years of age and older.

Type of MS	Description
Clinically Isolated Syndrome (CIS)	Single neurologic symptomatic attack compatible with MS. Clinically defined MS occurs in about 80% of patients who have demyelinating lesions on MRI.
Relapsing Remitting MS (RRMS)	Clearly defined acute exacerbations, followed by partial or complete recovery of the deficits.
Secondary Progressive MS (SPMS)	Initiates as RRMS before developing into a more steady disability progression, which may also include occasional relapses. The transition to SPMS generally occurs in people who have been living with RRMS for at least 10 years.
Primary Progressive MS (PPMS)	Progression of disability from onset without plateaus or remissions. Does not experience acute attacks.
Progressive Relapsing MS (PRMS)	Continuous worsening neurologic function with occasional relapses.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Adults and pediatric patients** (10 years of age and older weighing more than 40 kg): 0.5 mg orally once-daily, with or without food
- **Pediatric patients** (10 years of age and above weighing less than or equal to 40 kg): 0.25 mg orally once-daily, with or without food.

Fingolimod doses higher than 0.5 mg are associated with a greater incidence of adverse reactions without additional benefit.

Patients who initiate Gilenya and those who re-initiate treatment after discontinuation for longer than 14 days require first dose monitoring.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

FINGOLIMOD

REFERENCES

- Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation. Gilenya package insert. East Hanover, NJ. May 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

FLIBANSERIN

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
FLIBANSERIN	ADDYI	42447		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA, SEE BELOW)

1. Is Addyi (flibanserin) a covered benefit?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, guideline does not apply.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of acquired, generalized hypoactive sexual desire disorder (HSDD) (also referred to as female sexual interest/arousal disorder [FSIAD] per DSM-5), as defined by **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Persistently or recurrently deficient (or absent) sexual fantasies and desire for sexual activity that has persisted for at least 6 months
- HSDD is not a result of a co-existing medical or psychiatric condition, a problem within the relationship or the effects of a medication or drug substance
- HSDD symptom cause marked distress or interpersonal difficulty

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Have **ALL** of the following criteria been met?

- Patient is a premenopausal female
- Patient is at least 18 years old
- Patient has had previous trial of bupropion

If yes, **approve for 8 weeks by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

FLIBANSERIN

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **FLIBANSERIN** requires a diagnosis of acquired, generalized hypoactive sexual desire disorder (HSDD) (also referred to as female sexual interest/arousal disorder [FSIAD] per DSM-5), as defined by **ALL** of the following criteria:

- Persistently or recurrently deficient (or absent) sexual fantasies and desire for sexual activity that has persisted for at least 6 months
- HSDD is not a result of a co-existing medical or psychiatric condition, a problem within the relationship or the effects of a medication or drug substance
- HSDD symptom causes marked distress or interpersonal difficulty

Additional guideline requirements apply.

The following criteria must also be met for approval:

- Patient is a premenopausal female
- Patient is at least 18 years old
- Patient has had previous trial of bupropion

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Is the patient a premenopausal female?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is there an improvement in symptoms of HSDD/FSIAD such as an increase in sexual desire or lessened distress?

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **FLIBANSERIN** renewal requires that the patient is a premenopausal female and experiences improvement in symptoms of HSDD/FSIAD such as an increase in sexual desire or lessened distress.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

FLIBANSERIN

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of flibanserin based on FDA approved indication, dosing, and contraindications.

Addyi is the first and only FDA-approved agent to treat acquired, generalized hypoactive sexual desire disorder (HSDD). For many patients, sexual disorders are multifactorial and may arise due to a combination of potential factors such as medical conditions, medications, hormonal changes, and psychological or interpersonal factors. Approximately 40% of American women report concerns about sexual function and desire but only about 12% find this to be distressing. HSDD is the most common of the female sexual disorders with a prevalence of about 6.9% in premenopausal women. Prior to the approval of Addyi, sexual dysfunction in women was treated with behavioral modification and off-label use of Wellbutrin SR (bupropion). For post-menopausal women, hormonal therapies (i.e. estrogen/progestin, ospemifene [Osphena], testosterone) have been tried under certain circumstances (i.e. concurrent vasomotor symptoms, vaginal atrophy, and willingness to accept androgen side effects).

HSDD is defined as the absence or deficiency of sexual interest and/or desire, leading to significant distress and interpersonal difficulties that is not better accounted for by another mental disorder, medical condition, or physiological effects of a substance. HSDD is further categorized as acquired, which refers to HSDD that develops in a patient who previously had no problems with sexual desire, and generalized, which refers to HSDD that occurs regardless of the type of stimulation, situation or partner. All Addyi clinical trials and FDA submission used HSDD criteria and definition from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Disorders, fourth edition, text revision (DSM-IV-TR) but since then there have been updates made to the recently released DSM-5 in 2013. The term HSDD has been simplified by merging HSDD and female arousal dysfunction to the term female sexual interest/arousal disorder (FSIAD) as per the DSM-5. The DSM-5 includes the following additions: patients experience the disorder 75-100% of the time (with notable exception of substance or medication-induced disorders), required minimum duration of symptoms for approximately 6 months, and the disorder must cause significant distress. New exclusion criteria was added: the disorder should not be better explained by a "nonsexual mental disorder, a consequence of severe relationship distress (e.g. partner violence) or other significant stressors." Lastly, the individual must have at least three of the following criteria: absent or reduced sexual activity; absent or reduced sexual thoughts; no initiation of sexual activity; absent or reduced sexual excitement during sexual activity; desire is not triggered by sexual stimulus; and absent or reduced genital and/or non-genital physical changes. Per the package insert, treatment with Addyi is recommended to be discontinued after 8 weeks if no improvement.

There is a black box warning regarding severe hypotension and syncopal episodes, especially when combined with alcohol, concomitant strong CYP3A4 inhibitors, or in patients with hepatic impairment. As a result, Addyi has been designated to the REMS program.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

FLIBANSERIN

DOSAGE

The recommended dosage of Addyi is 100mg taken orally at bedtime on a regular basis. If there is no improvement in symptoms after 8 weeks then treatment should be discontinued.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Addyi is indicated for the treatment of premenopausal women with acquired, generalized hypoactive sexual desire disorder (HSDD) as characterized by low sexual desire that causes marked distress or interpersonal difficulty and is NOT due to:

- A co-existing medical or psychiatric condition,
- Problems within the relationship, or
- The effects of a medication or other drug substance

Limitations of Use:

- Addyi is not indicated for the treatment of HSDD in postmenopausal women or in men
- Addyi is not indicated to enhance sexual performance

REFERENCES

- Addyi [Prescribing Information]. Raleigh, NC: Sprout Pharmaceuticals, Inc. August 2015.
- Sprout Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [Media Release]. Sprout Pharmaceuticals Receives FDA Approval of Addyi (Flibanserin 100 MG). Press release. August 18, 2015. Available from: <http://www.sproutpharma.com/sprout-pharmaceuticals-receives-fda-approval-addyi-flibanserin-100-mg/>
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- UpToDate, Inc. Sexual dysfunction in women: Management. UpToDate [database online]. Waltham, MA. Available at <http://www.uptodate.com/home/index.html>. Updated August 31, 2015.
- IsHak WW and Tobia G. DSM-5 Changes in Diagnostic Criteria of Sexual Dysfunctions. Reprod Sys Sexual Disorders 2013; 2:122.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

FLUOROURACIL 0.5% CREAM

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
FLUOROURACIL 0.5%	CARAC		12514	

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINE FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of actinic or solar keratosis?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Has the patient had a previous trial of at least **ONE** of the following?

- Generic topical agents (e.g., imiquimod 5%, diclofenac 3%, fluorouracil 5%)
- Preferred topical agents (e.g., Picato)

If yes, **approve fluorouracil 0.5% for 1 month by GPID 12514 with no quantity limit.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **FLUOROURACIL 0.5% CREAM (Carac)** requires a diagnosis of actinic or solar keratosis. In addition, the following criterion must be met:

- The patient has received a trial of **ONE** of the following:
 - Generic topical agents (e.g., imiquimod 5%, diclofenac 3%, fluorouracil 5%)
 - Preferred topical agents (e.g., Picato)

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate utilization of topical fluorouracil 0.5% cream based on approved FDA indications and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Fluorouracil is indicated for the topical treatment of multiple actinic or solar keratoses of the face and anterior scalp.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Fluorouracil cream should be applied once a day to the skin where actinic or solar keratosis lesions appear, using enough to cover the entire area with a thin film. Fluorouracil cream should not be applied near the eyes, nostrils, or mouth. It should be applied 10 minutes after thoroughly washing, rinsing, and drying the entire area. It may be applied using the fingertips. Immediately after application, the hands should be thoroughly washed. Fluorouracil cream should be applied up to 4 weeks as tolerated.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

FLUOROURACIL 0.5% CREAM

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Continued treatment up to 4 weeks results in greater lesion reduction. Local irritation is not markedly increased by extending treatment from 2 to 4 weeks, and is generally resolved within 2 weeks of cessation of treatment.

REFERENCES

- Carac [Prescribing Information]. Valeant Pharmaceuticals North America LLC. Bridgewater, NJ. May 2017.
- Werner RN, Stockfleth E, Connolly SM, et al. Evidence-and consensus-based (S3) Guidelines for the Treatment of Actinic Keratosis – International League of Dermatological Societies in cooperation with the European Dermatology Forum – Short version. *JEADV*. 2015; 29:2069-2079.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

FOSTAMATINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
FOSTAMATINIB	TAVALISSE	44895		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic immune thrombocytopenia (ITP) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient has had insufficient response to previous treatments as confirmed by **ALL** of the following:
 - The patient has sustained low platelet counts ($<50 \times 10^9/L$) over a duration of at least 12 months
 - Physician attestation that the patient has had episodes of frank bleeding or will be undergoing events expected to increase bleeding risk (e.g., invasive surgery)
 - The requested medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist, immunologist, or rheumatologist

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Has the patient received splenectomy?

If yes, **approve for 3 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires physician attestation of clinically significant prevention of bleeds while on therapy, attainment of platelet levels of $50-450 \times 10^9/L$, and proof of normal LFTs, Tbili, and ANC.

If no, continue to #3.

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FOSTAMATINIB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

3. Has the patient has had a previous trial of or contraindication to **TWO** of the following?

- Corticosteroids
- Rhogam
- Rituxan (rituximab)
- Thrombopoietin receptor agonist (i.e., Promacta (eltrombopag), Nplate (romiplostim))

If yes, **approve for 3 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires physician attestation of clinically significant prevention of bleeds while on therapy, attainment of platelet levels of 50-450 x 10⁹/L, and proof of normal LFTs, Tbili, and ANC.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **FOSTAMATINIB (Tavalisse)** requires a diagnosis of chronic immune thrombocytopenia (ITP). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has had insufficient response to previous treatments as confirmed by **ALL** of the following:
 - The patient has sustained low platelet counts (<50 x 10⁹/L) over a duration of at least 12 months
 - Physician attestation that the patient has had episodes of frank bleeding or will be undergoing events expected to increase bleeding risk (e.g., invasive surgery)
- The requested medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist, immunologist, or rheumatologist
- The patient has had a splenectomy **OR** a previous trial of or contraindication to **TWO** of the following:
 - Corticosteroids
 - Rhogam
 - Rituxan (rituximab)
 - Thrombopoietin receptor agonist (i.e., Promacta (eltrombopag), Nplate (romiplostim))

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FOSTAMATINIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic immune thrombocytopenia (ITP) **AND** meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Physician attestation of clinically significant prevention of bleeds while on therapy
 - The patient's AST and ALT levels have remained under 3 times the upper limits of normal per reference range
 - The patient's total bilirubin level has remained under 2 times the upper limits of normal per reference range
 - The patient's ANC has remained within normal limits per reference range
 - The patient's platelets have attained a level between 50 and 450 x 10⁹/L

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **FOSTAMATINIB (Tavalisse)** requires a diagnosis of chronic immune thrombocytopenia (ITP). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient has prevented clinically significant bleeds, per physician attestation
- The patient's AST and ALT levels have remained under 3 times the upper limits of normal per reference range
- The patient's total bilirubin level has remained under 2 times the upper limits of normal per reference range
- The patient's ANC has remained within normal limits per reference range
- The patient's platelets have attained a level between 50 and 450 x 10(9)/L

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of Tavalisse (fostamatinib) consistent with FDA approved-indication and treatment guidelines.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Tavalisse is a kinase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of thrombocytopenia in adult patients with chronic immune thrombocytopenia (ITP) who have had an insufficient response to a previous treatment.

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FOSTAMATINIB

FDA APPROVED INDICATION (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Initiate Tavalisse at 100 mg orally twice daily with or without food. After 4 weeks, increase dose to 150 mg twice daily, if needed, to achieve platelet count of at least $50 \times 10^9/L$. Use the lowest dose of Tavalisse to achieve and maintain a platelet count at least $50 \times 10^9/L$ as necessary to reduce the risk of bleeding. Please refer to the full prescribing information for recommendations on how to manage adverse reactions. Discontinue Tavalisse after 12 weeks of treatment if the platelet count does not increase to a level sufficient to avoid clinically important bleeding.

REFERENCES

- Tavalisse [Prescribing Information]. South San Francisco, CA. Rigel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. April 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

FREMANEZUMAB-VFRM

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
FREMANEZUMAB-VFRM	AJOVY	45236		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of episodic migraines and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Ajovy is prescribed for the preventive treatment of migraines
- The patient has had a previous trial of at least **ONE** of the following preventative migraine treatments: Valproic acid/divalproex sodium, topiramate, propranolol, timolol, amitriptyline, venlafaxine, atenolol, nadolol, lisinopril, candesartan, clonidine, guanfacine, carbamazepine, nebivolol, pindolol, or cyproheptadine
- The patient has had a previous trial of Aimovig **AND** Emgality

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1.5mL (1 syringe) per 30 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient has experienced a reduction in migraine or headache frequency of at least 2 days per month, **OR** that the patient has experienced a reduction in migraine severity **OR** migraine duration with Ajovy therapy

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic migraines and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Ajovy is prescribed for the preventive treatment of migraines
- The patient has had a previous trial of at least **ONE** of the following preventative migraine treatments: Valproic acid/divalproex sodium, topiramate, propranolol, timolol, amitriptyline, venlafaxine, atenolol, nadolol, lisinopril, candesartan, clonidine, guanfacine, carbamazepine, nebivolol, pindolol, cyproheptadine, or Botox [**Note: For Botox, previous trial of only NDCs # 00023-1145-01 or 00023-3921-02 are allowable**]
- The patient has had a previous trial of Aimovig **AND** Emgality

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1.5mL (1 syringe) per 30 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient has experienced a reduction in migraine or headache frequency of at least 2 days per month, **OR** that the patient has experienced a reduction in migraine severity **OR** migraine duration with Ajovy therapy.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline

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FREMANEZUMAB-VFRM

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **FREMANEZUMAB-VFRM (Ajovy)** requires a diagnosis of migraines. The following criteria must also be met:

For episodic migraines, approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Ajovy is prescribed for the preventive treatment of migraines
- The patient has had a previous trial of at least **ONE** of the following preventative migraine treatments: Valproic acid/divalproex sodium, topiramate, propranolol, timolol, amitriptyline, venlafaxine, atenolol, nadolol, lisinopril, candesartan, clonidine, guanfacine, carbamazepine, nebivolol, pindolol, or cyproheptadine
- The patient has had a previous trial of Aimovig **AND** Emgality

For chronic migraines, approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Ajovy is prescribed for the preventive treatment of migraines
- The patient has had a previous trial of at least **ONE** of the following preventative migraine treatments: Valproic acid/divalproex sodium, topiramate, propranolol, timolol, amitriptyline, venlafaxine, atenolol, nadolol, lisinopril, candesartan, clonidine, guanfacine, carbamazepine, nebivolol, pindolol, cyproheptadine, or Botox [Note: For Botox, previous trial of only NDCs # 00023-1145-01 or 00023-3921-02 are allowable]
- The patient has had a previous trial of Aimovig **AND** Emgality

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Is Ajovy being prescribed for the preventive treatment of migraines **AND** does the patient meet at least **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has experienced a reduction in migraine or headache frequency of at least 2 days per month with Ajovy therapy
 - The patient has experienced a reduction in migraine severity with Ajovy therapy
 - The patient has experienced a reduction in migraine duration with Ajovy therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1.5mL (1 syringe) per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **FREMANEZUMAB-VFRM (Ajovy)** requires that Ajovy is being prescribed for preventive treatment of migraines. At least **ONE** of the following criteria must also be met:

- The patient has experienced a reduction in migraine or headache frequency of at least 2 days per month with Ajovy therapy
- The patient has experienced a reduction in migraine severity with Ajovy therapy
- The patient has experienced a reduction in migraine duration with Ajovy therapy

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FREMANEZUMAB-VFRM

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Ajovy.

REFERENCES

- Ajovy [Prescribing Information]. North Wales, PA: Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. September 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

GALCANEZUMAB-GNLM

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
GALCANEZUMAB-GNLM	EMGALITY	45281		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of episodic migraines and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - Emgality is prescribed for the preventive treatment of migraines
 - The patient has had a previous trial of at least **ONE** of the following preventative migraine treatments: Valproic acid/divalproex sodium, topiramate, propranolol, timolol, amitriptyline, venlafaxine, atenolol, nadolol, lisinopril, candesartan, clonidine, guanfacine, carbamazepine, nebivolol, pindolol, or cyproheptadine

If yes, **approve for a total of 6 months by entering TWO approvals as follows:**

- **FIRST APPROVAL:** approve for 1 month by GPID (40418 and 40419) with a quantity limit of #2mL per 30 days for one fill.
- **SECOND APPROVAL:** approve for 5 months by GPID (40418 and 40419) with a quantity limit of #1mL per 30 days for 5 fills (Please enter a start date of 23 days **AFTER** the start date of the first approval).

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient has experienced a reduction in migraine or headache frequency of at least 2 days per month **OR** the patient has experienced a reduction in migraine severity **OR** migraine duration with Emgality therapy.

If no, continue to #2.

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GALCANEZUMAB-GNLM

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic migraines and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Emgality is prescribed for the preventive treatment of migraines
- The patient has had a previous trial of at least **ONE** of the following preventative migraine treatments: Valproic acid/divalproex sodium, topiramate, propranolol, timolol, amitriptyline, venlafaxine, atenolol, nadolol, lisinopril, candesartan, clonidine, guanfacine, carbamazepine, nebivolol, pindolol, cyproheptadine, or Botox [**Note: For Botox, previous trial of only NDCs 00023-1145-01 or 00023-3921-02 are allowable**]

If yes, **approve for a total of 6 months by entering TWO approvals as follows:**

- **FIRST APPROVAL:** approve for 1 month by GPID (40418 and 40419) with a quantity limit of #2mL per 30 days for one fill.
- **SECOND APPROVAL:** approve for 5 months by GPID (40418 and 40419) with a quantity limit of #1mL per 30 days for 5 fills (Please enter a start date of 23 days **AFTER** the start date of the first approval).

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient has experienced a reduction in migraine or headache frequency of at least 2 days per month **OR** the patient has experienced a reduction in migraine severity **OR** migraine duration with Emgality therapy.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the request for the treatment of episodic cluster headache **AND** the patient meets the following criterion?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (46397) with a quantity limit of #3mL per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **GALCANEZUMAB-GNLM (Emgality)** requires a diagnosis of episodic or chronic migraines, or treatment of episodic cluster headache. The following criteria must also be met:

For episodic migraines, approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Emgality is prescribed for the preventive treatment of migraines
- The patient has had a previous trial of at least **ONE** of the following preventative migraine treatments: Valproic acid/divalproex sodium, topiramate, propranolol, timolol, amitriptyline, venlafaxine, atenolol, nadolol, lisinopril, candesartan, clonidine, guanfacine, carbamazepine, nebivolol, pindolol, or cyproheptadine

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GALCANEZUMAB-GNLM

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

For chronic migraines, approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Emgality is prescribed for the preventive treatment of migraines
- The patient has had a previous trial of at least **ONE** of the following preventative migraine treatments: Valproic acid/divalproex sodium, topiramate, propranolol, timolol, amitriptyline, venlafaxine, atenolol, nadolol, lisinopril, candesartan, clonidine, guanfacine, carbamazepine, nebivolol, pindolol, cyproheptadine, or Botox [**Note:** For Botox, previous trial of only NDCs 00023-1145-01 or 00023-3921-02 are allowable]

For treatment of episodic cluster headache, approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Is Emgality prescribed for the preventive treatment of migraines **AND** does the patient meet at least **ONE** of the following criteria?

- The patient has experienced a reduction in migraine or headache frequency of at least 2 days per month with Emgality therapy
- The patient has experienced a reduction in migraine severity with Emgality therapy
- The patient has experienced a reduction in migraine duration with Emgality therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (40418 and 40419) with a quantity limit of #1mL per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **GALCANEZUMAB-GNLM (Emgality)** requires that Emgality is prescribed for preventive treatment of migraines. In addition, at least **ONE** of the following criteria must be met:

- The patient has experienced a reduction in migraine or headache frequency of at least 2 days per month with Emgality therapy
- The patient has experienced a reduction in migraine severity with Emgality therapy
- The patient has experienced a reduction in migraine duration with Emgality therapy

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing information and/or Drug Monograph for Emgality.

REFERENCES

- Emgality [Prescribing Information]. Indianapolis, IN: Eli Lilly and Company. June 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

GEFITINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
GEFITINIB	IRESSA	25178		ROUTE = ORAL

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and has the patient met all of the following criteria?

- Has tumors with epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletions or exon 21 (L858R) substitution mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for quantity of #2 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **GEFITINIB** requires that the patient has a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose tumors have epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletions or exon 21 (L858R) substitution mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test.

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of gefitinib based on FDA approved indication and dosing.

About 85% to 90% of lung cancer is classified as NSCLC and of that population, an estimated 10% is due to an EGFR mutation. Iressa targets a specific subset of this EGFR mutation population. Although Iressa was withdrawn from the market in 2012 due to failure to demonstrate clinical benefit in NSCLC, it is now reapproved due to efficacy findings in a specific population whose tumors have EGFR exon 19 deletions or exon 21 (L858R) substitution mutations.

DOSAGE

The recommended dose of Iressa is 250 mg by mouth daily until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

Increase Iressa dose to 500 mg daily when taken concomitantly with a strong CYP3A4 inducer. Return to recommended dose of 250 mg daily 7 days after discontinuation of the strong inducer.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Iressa is a tyrosine kinase inhibitor indicated for the first-line treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose tumors have epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletions or exon 21 (L858R) substitution mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test.

Limitation of Use: Safety and efficacy of Iressa have not been established in patients whose tumors have EGFR mutations other than exon 19 deletions or exon 21 (L858R) substitution mutations.

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GEFITINIB

REFERENCES

- Iressa [Prescribing Information]. AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals. Wilmington, DE. July 2015.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

GILTERITINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
GILTERITINIB FUMARATE	XOSPATA	45506		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of relapsed or refractory acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has FMS-like tyrosine kinase 3 (FLT3) mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #3 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **GILTERITINIB (Xospata)** requires a diagnosis of relapsed or refractory acute myeloid leukemia (AML). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has FMS-like tyrosine kinase 3 (FLT3) mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Xospata.

REFERENCES

- Xospata [Prescribing Information]. Northbrook, IL: Astellas Pharma US, Inc.; November 2018

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

GLASDEGIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
GLASDEGIB MALEATE	DAURISMO	45502		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of newly-diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia (AML) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The requested medication will be used in combination with low-dose cytarabine

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 75 years of age or older
- The patient has comorbidities that prevent use of intensive induction chemotherapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID as follows:**

- **Daurismo 25mg (GPID 45797): #2 tablets per day.**
- **Daurismo 100mg (GPID 45798): #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **GLASDEGIB (Daurismo)** requires a diagnosis of newly-diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia (AML). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The requested medication will be used in combination with low-dose cytarabine
- The patient is 75 years of age or older, OR the patient has comorbidities that prevent use of intensive induction chemotherapy

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Daurismo.

REFERENCES

- Daurismo [Prescribing Information]. New York, NY: Pfizer Inc.; November 2018

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

GLATIRAMER ACETATE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
GLATIRAMER ACETATE	COPAXONE, GLATOPA	12810		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of a relapsing form of multiple sclerosis?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Glatiramer acetate 20mg/mL: #1mL per day.**
- **Glatiramer acetate 40mg/mL: #12 syringes per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline for **GLATIRAMER ACETATE (Copaxone)** requires a diagnosis of a relapsing form of multiple sclerosis.

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use aligned with FDA approved indication and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Copaxone and Glatopa are indicated for the treatment of patients with relapsing-forms of multiple sclerosis.

Type of MS	Description	% MS population
Clinically Isolated Syndrome (CIS)	Single neurologic symptomatic attack compatible with MS. Clinically defined MS occurs in about 80% of patients who have demyelinating lesions on MRI.	MS Precursor
Relapsing Remitting MS (RRMS)	Clearly defined acute exacerbations, followed by partial or complete recovery of the deficits.	85%
Secondary Progressive MS (SPMS)	Initiates as RRMS before developing into a more steady disability progression, which may also include occasional relapses. The transition to SPMS generally occurs in people who have been living with RRMS for at least 10 years.	85% of RRMS patients
Primary Progressive MS (PPMS)	Progression of disability from onset without plateaus or remissions. Does not experience acute attacks.	10%
Progressive Relapsing MS (PRMS)	Continuous worsening neurologic function with occasional relapses.	5%

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GLATIRAMER ACETATE

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSING

Glatopa 20 mg per mL and glatiramer acetate injection 40 mg per mL are not interchangeable.

Copaxone

Copaxone is for subcutaneous use only. The dosing schedule depends on the product strength that is selected. The recommended doses are:

Copaxone 20 mg per mL: administer once per day

Copaxone 40 mg per mL: administer three times per week and at least 48 hours apart

Copaxone 20 mg per mL and Copaxone 40 mg per mL are not interchangeable.

Glatopa

Glatopa is for subcutaneous use only. Do not administer intravenously. The recommended dose is:

Glatopa 20 mg per mL: administer once per day.

REFERENCES

- Copaxone [Prescribing Information]. Overland Park, KS: Teva; January 2014.
- Glatopa [Prescribing Information], Princeton, NJ: Sandoz Inc.; June 2015.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

GLECAPREVIR/PIBRENTASVIR

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
GLECAPREVIR/ PIBRENTASVIR	MAVYRET	44453		

*******Customer Service/PAC Alert*****
(For Internal Use Only)**

THIS IS A HIGH-IMPACT MEDICATION. DO NOT OVERRIDE OR APPROVE WITHOUT SUBMITTING FOR PHARMACIST REVIEW.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 and meet **ALL** the following criteria?
 - The patient is at least 18 years old
 - The medication prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (e.g., a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model
 - Documentation of chronic HCV infection (e.g., at least **ONE** detectable HCV RNA level within the last 6 months)

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

- Does the patient meet at least **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has moderate or severe liver impairment (Child-Pugh B or C)
 - The patient is concurrently taking any of the following medications: rifampin, atazanavir, carbamazepine, efavirenz, darunavir, lopinavir, ritonavir, atorvastatin, lovastatin, simvastatin, rosuvastatin (at doses greater than 10mg), cyclosporine (for patients requiring stable cyclosporine doses greater than 100mg/day) or medications containing ethinyl estradiol
 - The patient has prior failure of a direct-acting antiviral (DAA) regimen that contains a NS5A inhibitor **AND** a NS3/4A protease inhibitor (e.g., Viekira Pak, Viekira XR, Technivie, Vosevi, Zepatier), or previous concurrent treatments containing a NS5A inhibitor **AND** NS3/4A protease inhibitor
 - Patient has a limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #3.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

GLECAPREVIR/PIBRENTASVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

3. Is the patient post kidney transplant or post-liver transplant and meet **ONE** of the following criteria?
- Genotype 1 infection, treatment experienced (previous treatment with NS5A inhibitor) **AND** NS3/4A protease inhibitor naïve
 - Genotype 3 infection, treatment experienced (previous treatment with a regimen that contains interferon or peginterferon with ribavirin, and/or sofosbuvir)

If yes, **approve for 16 weeks by HICL for #3 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #4.

4. Is the patient post kidney transplant or post-liver transplant and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- Genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 infection
 - Treatment experienced or treatment naïve
 - Without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #3 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #5.

5. Has the patient previously received a full treatment of a regimen that contains a NS5A inhibitor (e.g., Harvoni, Epclusa, or Daklinza/Sovaldi combination)?

If yes, continue to #8.

If no, continue to #6.

6. Is the patient **ONE** of the following?
- Genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 infection without cirrhosis and treatment naïve
 - Genotype 1, 2, 4, 5 or 6 infection without cirrhosis and treatment experienced (previous treatment failure with regimens containing interferon, peginterferon, ribavirin, and/or sofosbuvir)

If yes, **approve for 8 weeks by HICL for #3 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #7.

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GLECAPREVIR/PIBRENTASVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

7. Is the patient **ONE** of the following?

- Genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 infection with compensated cirrhosis and treatment naïve
- Genotype 1, 2, 4, 5 or 6 infection with compensated cirrhosis and treatment experienced (previous treatment failure with regimens containing interferon, peginterferon, ribavirin, and/or sofosbuvir)
- Genotype 1 infection and treatment experienced (previous treatment with NS3/4A inhibitor (e.g., boceprevir, telaprevir, simeprevir) **AND** is NS5A inhibitor naïve)

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #3 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #8.

8. Is the patient **ONE** of the following?

- Genotype 1 infection and treatment experienced (previous treatment with NS5A inhibitor **AND** is NS3/4A protease inhibitor naïve)
- Genotype 3 infection and treatment experienced (previous treatment failure with regimens containing interferon, peginterferon, ribavirin, and/or sofosbuvir)

If yes, **approve for 16 weeks by HICL for #3 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **GLECAPREVIR/PIBRENTASVIR (Mavyret)** requires a diagnosis of genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 hepatitis C. The following criteria must also be met:

- The patient is at least 18 years old
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model
- Documentation of HCV infection (e.g., at least **ONE** detectable HCV RNA level within the last 6 months)
- Patient has compensated cirrhosis or no cirrhosis and meets one of the following: 1) treatment naïve (genotype 1-6), or 2) treatment experienced with regimens containing interferon, peginterferon, ribavirin, and/or sofosbuvir (genotype 1-6), or 3) treatment experienced with NS5A inhibitor or NS3/4A protease inhibitor (genotype 1), or 4) post kidney transplant or post liver transplant and is treatment naïve or treatment experienced (genotype 1-6)

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GLECAPREVIR/PIBRENTASVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

The medication will not be approved for the following:

- Patient is concurrently taking: rifampin, atazanavir, carbamazepine, efavirenz, darunavir, lopinavir, ritonavir, atorvastatin, lovastatin, simvastatin, rosuvastatin (at doses greater than 10mg), cyclosporine (for patients requiring stable cyclosporine doses greater than 100mg/day) or medications containing ethinyl estradiol
- Patient has moderate or severe liver impairment (Child-Pugh B or C)
- Patients with prior failure of a direct-acting antiviral (DAA) regimen that contains NS5A inhibitor AND NS3/4A protease inhibitor (e.g., Technivie, Viekira, Vosevi, Zepatier) or previous concurrent treatments containing a NS5A inhibitor AND NS3/4A protease inhibitor
- Patient with limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of Mavyret (glecaprevir/pibrentasvir).

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

For the treatment of patients with chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 infection without cirrhosis and with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A). Mavyret is also indicated for the treatment of adult patients with genotype 1 infection, who previously have been treated with a regimen containing an HCV NS5A inhibitor or an NS3/4A protease inhibitor, but not both.

FDA APPROVED DOSAGE

- Three tablets taken once daily with food.

Duration of therapy is as follows:

Patient type	Treatment duration	
	No cirrhosis	Compensated Cirrhosis
Treatment naïve; genotypes 1-6	8 weeks	12 weeks
Treatment experienced with regimens containing interferon, peginterferon, ribavirin, and/or sofosbuvir; genotypes 1, 2,4,5 or 6	8 weeks	12 weeks
Treatment experienced with regimens containing interferon, peginterferon, ribavirin, and/or sofosbuvir; genotype 3	16 weeks	16 weeks
Treatment experienced with NS3/4A protease inhibitor; genotype 1	12 weeks	12 weeks
Treatment experienced with NS5A inhibitor; genotype 1	16 weeks	16 weeks

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GLECAPREVIR/PIBRENTASVIR

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

FDA APPROVED DOSAGE

Mavyret is recommended for 12 weeks in liver or kidney transplant recipients. A 16-week treatment duration is recommended in genotype 1-infected patients who are NS5A inhibitor-experienced without prior treatment with an NS3/4A protease inhibitor or in genotype 3-infected patients who are PRS treatment-experienced.

Mavyret is not recommended in patients with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh B) and is contraindicated in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh C).

REFERENCES

- Guidance from the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) and the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) Recommendations for Testing, Managing, and Treating hepatitis C. Available online at <http://www.hcvguidelines.org/full-report-view> Accessed July 7, 2017.
- Mavyret [Prescribing Information]. North Chicago, IL: Abbvie; August 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 09/01/18

Created: 09/17

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

GLYCEROL PHENYLBUTYRATE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
GLYCEROL PHENYLBUTYRATE	RAVICTI		34137	

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of urea cycle disorders (UCDs) that cannot be managed by dietary protein restriction and/or amino acid supplementation alone?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Has the patient tried or does the patient have a contraindication to Buphenyl?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **GLYCEROL PHENYLBUTYRATE (Ravicti)** requires a diagnosis of urea cycle disorders (UCDs) that cannot be managed by dietary protein restriction and/or amino acid supplementation alone, and a trial of or contraindication to Buphenyl (sodium phenylbutyrate).

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Ravicti.

REFERENCES

- Ravicti [Prescribing Information]. Lake Forest, IL: Horizon Pharma USA, Inc; December 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

GLYCOPYRRONIUM TOPICAL

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
GLYCOPYRRONIUM 2.4% CLOTH	QBREXZA	45086		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of primary axillary hyperhidrosis and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 9 years of age or older
 - The patient has had a trial of prescription strength aluminum chloride product (e.g., Drysol)
 - Physician attestation by primary care provider that the patient has primary axillary hyperhidrosis as evidenced by focal, visible, excessive sweating of at least six months duration with all secondary causes ruled out
 - Physician attestation that the patient has at least **TWO** of the following:
 - Symptoms occur bilaterally
 - Symptoms impair daily activities
 - Patient has at least one episode per week
 - Onset occurred prior to patient turning 25 years old
 - Patient has a family history of primary axillary hyperhidrosis
 - Symptoms do not occur during sleep

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 packet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **GLYCOPYRRONIUM TOPICAL (Qbrexza)** requires that the patient must have a diagnosis of primary axillary hyperhidrosis. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is 9 years of age or older
- The patient has had a trial of prescription strength aluminum chloride product (e.g., Drysol)
- Physician attestation by primary care provider patient has primary axillary hyperhidrosis as evidenced by focal, visible, excessive sweating of at least six months duration with all secondary causes ruled out
- Physician attestation that the patient has at least two of the following:
 - Symptoms occur bilaterally
 - Symptoms impair daily activities
 - Patient has at least one episode per week
 - Onset occurred prior to patient turning 25 years old
 - Patient has a family history of primary axillary hyperhidrosis
 - Symptoms do not occur during sleep

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GLYCOPYRRONIUM TOPICAL

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Qbrexza.

REFERENCES

- Qbrexza [Prescribing Information]. Menlo Park, CA. Dermira, Inc. June 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

GOLIMUMAB - SQ

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
GOLIMUMAB - SQ	SIMPONI - SQ		22533 22536 34697 35001	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - Concurrent use of methotrexate (unless contraindicated)
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Actemra, Enbrel, Humira, Xeljanz (IR/XR) [**NOTE:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID for 0.5mL of the 50mg prefilled SmartJect autoinjector or syringe per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #2.

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GOLIMUMAB - SQ

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Enbrel, Humira, Cosentyx, Stelara [**NOTE:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID for 0.5mL of the 50mg prefilled SmartJect autoinjector or syringe per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for psoriatic arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe ankylosing spondylitis (AS) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Enbrel, Humira, Cosentyx [**NOTE:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID for 0.5mL of the 50mg prefilled SmartJect autoinjector or syringe per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe ankylosing spondylitis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained an improvement of at least 50% or 2 units (scale of 1-10) in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) while on therapy.

If no, continue to #4.

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GOLIMUMAB - SQ

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis (UC) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following conventional agents such as corticosteroids (i.e., budesonide, methylprednisolone), azathioprine, mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or mesalamine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to the formulary preferred immunomodulator: Humira [**NOTE:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, **approve for a total of 6 months by GPID and enter two authorizations as follows:**

- **FIRST APPROVAL:** Approve 1 month of Simponi 100mg/mL prefilled syringe (GPID 34967) OR SmartJect autoinjector (GPID 35001) with a quantity limit of #3mL per 28 days.
- **SECOND APPROVAL:** Approve 5 months of Simponi 100mg/mL prefilled syringe (GPID 34967) OR SmartJect autoinjector (GPID 35001) with a quantity limit of #1mL per 28 days.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **GOLIMUMAB - SQ (Simponi - SQ)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, moderate to severe ankylosing spondylitis, or moderate to severe ulcerative colitis. In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

For patients with moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- Concurrent use of methotrexate (unless contraindicated)
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any TWO of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Actemra, Enbrel, Humira, Xeljanz (IR/XR)

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GOLIMUMAB - SQ

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

For patients with psoriatic arthritis (PsA), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Enbrel, Humira, Cosentyx, Stelara

For patients with moderate to severe ankylosing spondylitis (AS), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Enbrel, Humira, Cosentyx

For patients with moderate to severe ulcerative colitis (UC), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following conventional agents such as corticosteroids (i.e., budesonide, methylprednisolone), azathioprine, mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or mesalamine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to the formulary preferred immunomodulator: Humira

The use of pharmaceutical samples (from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program) will not be considered when evaluating the medical condition or prior prescription history for drugs that require prior authorization.

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy
 - Concurrent use of methotrexate (unless contraindicated)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for 0.5mL of the 50mg prefilled SmartJect autoinjector or syringe per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #2.

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GOLIMUMAB - SQ

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) **AND** meet the following criterion?
- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for 0.5mL of the 50mg prefilled SmartJect autoinjector or syringe per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe ankylosing spondylitis (AS) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has experienced or maintained an improvement of at least 50% or 2 units (scale of 1-10) in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for 0.5mL of the 50mg prefilled SmartJect autoinjector or syringe per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis (UC)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for 1mL of the 100mg prefilled SmartJect autoinjector or syringe per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **GOLIMUMAB - SQ (Simponi - SQ)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, moderate to severe ankylosing spondylitis, or moderate to severe ulcerative colitis for renewal. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA), approval requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy
- Concurrent use of methotrexate (unless contraindicated)

For the diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA), approval requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe ankylosing spondylitis (AS), approval requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained an improvement of at least 50% or 2 units (scale of 1-10) in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) while on therapy

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GOLIMUMAB - SQ

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Simponi

REFERENCES

- Simponi [Prescribing Information]. Horsham, PA: Janssen Biotech, Inc. February 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

GONADOTROPIN RELEASING HORMONE (GNRH) AGONIST

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
LEUPROLIDE ACETATE	ELIGARD		17377 18155 19219 24301	
LEUPROLIDE ACETATE (GENERIC)	LEUPROLIDE ACETATE		84597	
NAFARELIN ACETATE	SYNAREL		84354	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Is the requested medication being used for gender dysphoria?

If yes, **approve for 12 months for the requested agent and strength by GPID and override quantity limits.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Is the request for Eligard or Leuprolide (generic) for a patient who has a diagnosis of advanced prostate cancer?

If yes, **approve for 12 months for the requested agent and strength with the following quantity limits:**

- **Eligard 7.5mg (GPID 17377): #1 injection per 28 days (every month).**
- **Eligard 22.5mg (GPID 18155): #1 injection per 84 days (every 3 months).**
- **Eligard 30mg (GPID 19219): #1 injection per 112 days (every 4 months).**
- **Eligard 45mg (GPID 24301): #1 injection per 168 days (every 6 months).**
- **Leuprolide (generic) (GPID 84597): #1 kit per 14 days (every 2 weeks).**

If no, continue to #3.

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GONADOTROPIN RELEASING HORMONE (GNRH) AGONIST

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

3. Is the request for Synarel for a patient who has a diagnosis of moderate to severe pain associated with endometriosis **AND** meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The requested medication is prescribed by or in consultation with an obstetrician/gynecologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) **AND** a progestin-containing contraceptive preparation (e.g., combination hormonal contraceptive preparation, progestin-only contraceptive preparation)

If yes, **approve for 6 months with the following quantity limits:**

- **Synarel 2mg/mL (GPID 84354): #96mL per 180 days (#12 bottles).**

If no, continue to #4.

4. Is the request for Synarel or Leuprolide (generic) for a female patient who has a diagnosis of central precocious puberty (CPP) **AND** meets **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is at least 2 years of age
- The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a pediatric endocrinologist
- Patient has elevated levels of follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) (level >4.0 mIU/ml) and luteinizing hormone (LH) (level > 0.2 to 0.3 mIU/L) at diagnosis
- Patient is younger than 8 years of age at the onset of CPP
- Documentation of pubertal staging using the Tanner scale for:
 - Breast development (stage 2 or above) **AND**
 - Pubic hair growth (stage 2 or above)

If yes, **approve for 12 months for the requested agent and strength with the following quantity limits:**

- **Synarel 2mg/mL (GPID 84354): #32mL per 30 days (#4 bottles).**
- **Leuprolide (generic) 1mg/0.2 mL (GPID 84597): approve with no quantity limit.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires physician attestation that Tanner scale staging at initial diagnosis of CPP has become stable or regresses at three separate medical visits in previous year and that patient has not reached actual age which corresponds to current pubertal age.

If no, continue to #5.

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GONADOTROPIN RELEASING HORMONE (GNRH) AGONIST

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

5. Is the request for Synarel or Leuprolide (generic) for a male patient who has a diagnosis of central precocious puberty (CPP) **AND** meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
- The patient is at least 2 years of age
 - The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a pediatric endocrinologist
 - Patient has elevated levels of follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) (level >5.0 mIU/ml) and luteinizing hormone (LH) (level > 0.2 to 0.3 mIU/L) at diagnosis
 - Patient is younger than 9 years of age at the onset of CPP
 - Documentation of pubertal staging using the Tanner scale for:
 - Genital development (stage 2 or above) **AND**
 - Pubic hair growth (stage 2 or above)

If yes, **approve for 12 months for the requested agent and strength with the following quantity limits:**

- **Synarel 2 mg/mL (GPID 84354): #32mL per 30 days (#4 bottles).**
- **Leuprolide (generic) 1mg/0.2 mL (GPID 84597): approve with no quantity limit.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires physician attestation that Tanner scale staging at initial diagnosis of CPP has become stable or regresses at three separate medical visits in previous year and that patient has not reached actual age which corresponds to current pubertal age.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **GONADOTROPIN RELEASING HORMONE (GNRH) AGONIST** requires that the patient has gender dysphoria or a diagnosis of advanced prostate cancer, moderate to severe pain associated with endometriosis, or central precocious puberty (CPP). In addition, the following criteria must also be met for the requested diagnosis:

Patients diagnosed with moderate to severe pain associated with endometriosis, approval requires:

- The request is for Synarel
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The requested medication is prescribed by or in consultation with an obstetrician/gynecologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) **AND** a progestin-containing contraceptive preparation (e.g., combination hormonal contraceptive preparation, progestin-only contraceptive preparation)

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GONADOTROPIN RELEASING HORMONE (GNRH) AGONIST

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

Female patients diagnosed with CPP, approval requires:

- The request is for Synarel or Leuprolide (generic)
- The patient is at least 2 years of age
- The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a pediatric endocrinologist
- Patient has elevated levels of follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) (level >4.0 mIU/ml) and luteinizing hormone (LH) (level > 0.2 to 0.3 mIU/L) at diagnosis
- Patient is younger than 8 years of age at the onset of CPP
- Documentation of pubertal staging using the Tanner scale for:
 - Breast development (stage 2 or above) **AND**
 - Pubic hair growth (stage 2 or above)

Male patients diagnosed with CPP, approval requires:

- The request is for Synarel or Leuprolide (generic)
- The patient is at least 2 years of age
- The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a pediatric endocrinologist
- Patient has elevated levels of follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) (level >5.0 mIU/ml) and luteinizing hormone (LH) (level > 0.2 to 0.3 mIU/L) at diagnosis
- Patient is younger than 9 years of age at the onset of CPP
- Documentation of pubertal staging using the Tanner scale for:
 - Genital development (stage 2 or above) **AND**
 - Pubic hair growth (stage 2 or above)

Requests for Eligard or Leuprolide (generic) for patients with advanced prostate cancer will be approved without requiring additional criteria.

Requests for patients with gender dysphoria will be approved without requiring additional criteria.

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Is the requested medication being used for gender dysphoria?

If yes, **approve for 12 months for the requested agent and strength by GPID.**
If no, continue to #2.

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GONADOTROPIN RELEASING HORMONE (GNRH) AGONIST

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Is the request for Eligard or Leuprolide (generic) for a patient who has a diagnosis of advanced prostate cancer?

If yes, **approve for 12 months for the requested agent and strength with the following quantity limits:**

- **Eligard 7.5mg (GPID 17377): #1 injection per 28 days (every month).**
- **Eligard 22.5mg (GPID 18155): #1 injection per 84 days (every 3 months).**
- **Eligard 30mg (GPID 19219): #1 injection per 112 days (every 4 months).**
- **Eligard 45mg (GPID 24301): #1 injection per 168 days (every 6 months).**
- **Leuprolide (generic) (GPID 84597): #1 kit per 14 days (every 2 weeks)**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the request for Synarel for a patient who has a diagnosis of moderate to severe pain associated with endometriosis **AND** meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Physician attestation of improvement of pain related to endometriosis while on therapy
- The patient is receiving concomitant add-back therapy (e.g., combination estrogen-progestin or progestin-only contraceptive preparation)
- The patient has **NOT** received a total course of Synarel therapy exceeding 12 months

If yes, **approve for 6 months with the following quantity limits:**

- **Synarel 2mg/mL (GPID 84354): #96mL per 180 days (#12 bottles).**

If no, continue to #4.

4. Is the request for Synarel or Leuprolide (generic) for a patient who has a diagnosis of central precocious puberty (CPP) **AND** meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Physician attestation for **ALL** of the following:
 - Tanner scale staging at initial diagnosis of CPP has stabilized or regressed during three separate medical visits in the previous year
 - Patient has not reached actual age which corresponds to current pubertal age

If yes, **approve for 12 months for the requested agent and strength with the following quantity limits:**

- **Synarel 2mg/mL (GPID 84354): #32mL per 30 days (#4 bottles).**
- **Leuprolide 1mg/0.2mL (generic) (GPID 84597): approve with no quantity limit.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

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GONADOTROPIN RELEASING HORMONE (GNRH) AGONIST

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **GONADOTROPIN RELEASING HORMONE (GNRH) AGONIST** requires that the patient has gender dysphoria or a diagnosis of advanced prostate cancer, moderate to severe pain associated with endometriosis, or central precocious puberty (CPP). In addition, the following criteria must also be met for the requested diagnosis:

Patients diagnosed with moderate to severe pain associated with endometriosis, approval requires:

- The request is for Synarel
- Physician attestation of improvement of pain related to endometriosis while on therapy
- The patient is receiving concomitant add-back therapy (e.g., combination estrogen-progestin or progestin-only contraceptive preparation)
- The patient has **NOT** received a total course of Synarel therapy exceeding 12 months

Patients diagnosed with CPP, approval requires:

- The request is for Synarel or Leuprolide (generic) with physician attestation of all of the following:
 - Tanner scale staging at initial diagnosis of CPP has stabilized or regressed during three separate medical visits in the previous year
 - Patient has not reached actual age which corresponds to current pubertal age

Requests for Eligard or Leuprolide (generic) for patients with advanced prostate cancer will be approved without additional criteria.

Requests for patients with gender dysphoria will be approved without requiring additional criteria.

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **GONADOTROPIN RELEASING HORMONE (GNRH) AGONIST** (Eligard, Leuprolide acetate [generic], and Synarel) based on FDA approved indications and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Eligard is a GnRH agonist indicated for the palliative treatment of advanced prostate cancer.

Leuprolide acetate is a GnRH agonist indicated for the palliative treatment of advanced prostate cancer and treatment of children with central precocious puberty.

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GONADOTROPIN RELEASING HORMONE (GNRH) AGONIST

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

Synarel is a GnRH agonist indicated for the management of endometriosis, including pain relief and reduction of endometriotic lesions. Experience with Synarel for the management of endometriosis has been limited to women 18 years of age and older treated for 6 months.

Synarel is indicated for the treatment of central precocious puberty (gonadotropin-dependent precocious puberty) in children of both sexes.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Eligard:

Eligard is administered subcutaneously as follows: 7.5 mg every month, 22.5 mg every 3 months, 30 mg every 4 months, and 45 mg every 6 months.

Leuprolide acetate:

	Indication	Dosing
Leuprolide acetate	Prostate cancer	1 mg subcutaneously daily
	Central precocious puberty	Initial: 50 mcg/kg/day given subcutaneously; titrate dose upward by 10 mcg/kg/day if down-regulation is not achieved. Higher mg/kg doses may be required in younger children.

Synarel:

For the management of endometriosis, the recommended daily dose of Synarel is 400 µg. This is achieved by one spray (200 µg) into one nostril in the morning and one spray into the other nostril in the evening. Treatment should be started between days 2 and 4 of the menstrual cycle. Occasionally, the 400 µg daily dose may not produce amenorrhea. For these patients with persistent regular menstruation after 2 months of treatment, the dose of Synarel may be increased to 800 µg daily. The 800 µg dose is administered as one spray into each nostril in the morning (a total of two sprays) and again in the evening.

For the management of CPP, the recommended daily dose of Synarel is 1600 µg. The dose can be increased to 1800 µg daily if adequate suppression cannot be achieved at 1600 µg/day. The 1600 µg dose is achieved by two sprays (400 µg) into each nostril in the morning (4 sprays) and two sprays into each nostril in the evening (4 sprays), a total of 8 sprays per day. The 1800 µg dose is achieved by 3 sprays (600 µg) into alternating nostrils three times a day, a total of 9 sprays per day. The patient's head should be tilted back slightly, and 30 seconds should elapse between sprays.

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GONADOTROPIN RELEASING HORMONE (GNRH) AGONIST

REFERENCES

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- Leuprolide acetate [Prescribing Information]. Sandoz Inc. Princeton, NJ. Aug 2017.
- Synarel [Prescribing Information]. Pfizer Inc. New York, NY. Dec 2017.

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GRANULOCYTE COLONY-STIMULATING FACTORS

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
FILGRASTIM-SNDZ	ZARXIO	41814		
FILGRASTIM	NEUPOGEN	06070		
PEGFILGRASTIM	NEULASTA	23255		
PEGFILGRASTIM-JMDB	FULPHILA	45010		
PEGFILGRASTIM-CBQV	UDENYCA	45445		
TBO-FILGRASTIM	GRANIX	40426		
FILGRASTIM-AAFI	NIVESTYM	45154		

**** Please use the criteria for the specific drug requested ****

GUIDELINES FOR USE

ZARXIO

1. Is Zarxio prescribed by or given in consultation with a hematologist or oncologist?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is Zarxio prescribed for **ONE** of the following indications?

- Patients with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) undergoing induction or consolidation chemotherapy treatment
- Patients with nonmyeloid malignancies undergoing myeloablative chemotherapy followed by bone marrow transplantation (BMT) who are experiencing neutropenia and/or neutropenia-related clinical sequelae (e.g., febrile neutropenia)
- Mobilization of autologous hematopoietic progenitor cells into peripheral blood for collection by leukapheresis
 - Patients with congenital neutropenia, cyclic neutropenia, or idiopathic neutropenia

If yes, **approve Zarxio for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is Zarxio prescribed for a patient with nonmyeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a significant incidence of severe neutropenia with fever?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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GRANULOCYTE COLONY-STIMULATING FACTORS

GUIDELINES FOR USE - ZARXIO (CONTINUED)

4. Is the patient less than 1 month of age?

If yes, **approve Zarxio for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, continue to #5.

5. Is the patient 1 month of age or older **AND** has had a previous trial of Granix?

If yes, **approve Zarxio for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

NEUPOGEN

1. Is Neupogen prescribed by or given in consultation with a hematologist or oncologist?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is Neupogen prescribed for **ONE** of the following indications?

- Patients with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) undergoing induction or consolidation chemotherapy treatment
- Patients with nonmyeloid malignancies undergoing myeloablative chemotherapy followed by bone marrow transplantation (BMT) who are experiencing neutropenia and/or neutropenia-related clinical sequelae (e.g., febrile neutropenia)
- Mobilization of autologous hematopoietic progenitor cells into peripheral blood for collection by leukapheresis
- Patients with congenital neutropenia, cyclic neutropenia, or idiopathic neutropenia
- Increasing survival in patients acutely exposed to myelosuppressive doses of radiation (Hematopoietic Syndrome of Acute Radiation Syndrome)

If yes, **approve Neupogen for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is Neupogen prescribed for a patient with nonmyeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a significant incidence of severe neutropenia with fever?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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GRANULOCYTE COLONY-STIMULATING FACTORS

GUIDELINES FOR USE - NEUPOGEN (CONTINUED)

4. Is the patient less than 1 month of age?

If yes, **approve Neupogen for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, continue to #5.

5. Is the patient 1 month of age or older **AND** has had a previous trial of Granix?

If yes, **approve Neupogen for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

NEULASTA

1. Is Neulasta prescribed by or given in consultation with a hematologist or oncologist for **ONE** of the following indications?

- Patients with nonmyeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a significant incidence of severe neutropenia with fever
- Increasing survival in patients acutely exposed to myelosuppressive doses of radiation (Hematopoietic Syndrome of Acute Radiation Syndrome)

If yes, **approve Neulasta for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

FULPHILA

1. Is Fulphila prescribed by or given in consultation with a hematologist or oncologist for the following indication?

- Patients with nonmyeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a significant incidence of severe neutropenia with fever

If yes, **approve Fulphila for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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GRANULOCYTE COLONY-STIMULATING FACTORS

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

UDENYCA

1. Is Udenyca prescribed by or given in consultation with a hematologist or oncologist for the following indication?

- Patients with nonmyeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a significant incidence of severe neutropenia with fever

If yes, **approve Udenyca for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

GRANIX

1. Is Granix prescribed by or given in consultation with a hematologist or oncologist for the following indication?

- Adult and pediatric patients 1 month of age and older with nonmyeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a significant incidence of severe neutropenia with fever

If yes, **approve Granix for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

NIVESTYM

1. Is Nivestym prescribed by or given in consultation with a hematologist or oncologist?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is Nivestym prescribed for **ONE** of the following indications?

- Patients with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) undergoing induction or consolidation chemotherapy treatment
- Patients with nonmyeloid malignancies undergoing myeloablative chemotherapy followed by bone marrow transplantation (BMT) who are experiencing neutropenia and/or neutropenia-related clinical sequelae (e.g., febrile neutropenia)
- Mobilization of autologous hematopoietic progenitor cells into the peripheral blood for collection by leukapheresis
- Patients with congenital neutropenia, cyclic neutropenia, or idiopathic neutropenia

If yes, **approve Nivestym for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, continue to #3.

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GRANULOCYTE COLONY-STIMULATING FACTORS

GUIDELINES FOR USE - NIVESTYM (CONTINUED)

3. Nivestym prescribed for a patient with nonmyeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a significant incidence of severe neutropenia with fever?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Is the patient less than 1 month of age?

If yes, **approve Nivestym for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, continue to #5.

5. Is the patient 1 month of age or older **AND** has had a previous trial of Granix?

If yes, **approve Nivestym for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **GRANULOCYTE COLONY-STIMULATING FACTORS (GCSF)** requires that the requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a hematologist or oncologist. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

Requests for Zarxio require ONE of the following indications:

- Patients with nonmyeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a significant incidence of severe neutropenia with fever: A previous trial of Granix for patients 1 month of age or older is required for this indication
- Patients with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) undergoing induction or consolidation chemotherapy treatment
- Patients with nonmyeloid malignancies undergoing myeloablative chemotherapy followed by bone marrow transplantation (BMT) who are experiencing neutropenia and/or neutropenia-related clinical sequelae (e.g., febrile neutropenia)
- Mobilization of autologous hematopoietic progenitor cells into peripheral blood for collection by leukapheresis
- Patients with congenital neutropenia, cyclic neutropenia, or idiopathic neutropenia

Requests for Neulasta require ONE of the following indications:

- Patients with nonmyeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a significant incidence of severe neutropenia with fever
- Increasing survival in patients acutely exposed to myelosuppressive doses of radiation (Hematopoietic Syndrome of Acute Radiation Syndrome)

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GRANULOCYTE COLONY-STIMULATING FACTORS

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

Requests for Fulphila and Udenyca require the following indication:

- Patients with nonmyeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a significant incidence of severe neutropenia with fever

Requests for Neupogen require ONE of the following indications:

- Patients with nonmyeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a significant incidence of severe neutropenia with fever: A previous trial of Granix for patients 1 month of age or older is required for this indication
- Patients with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) undergoing induction or consolidation chemotherapy treatment
- Patients with nonmyeloid malignancies undergoing myeloablative chemotherapy followed by bone marrow transplantation (BMT) who are experiencing neutropenia and/or neutropenia-related clinical sequelae (e.g., febrile neutropenia)
- Mobilization of autologous hematopoietic progenitor cells into peripheral blood for collection by leukapheresis
- Patients with congenital neutropenia, cyclic neutropenia, or idiopathic neutropenia
- Increasing survival in patients acutely exposed to myelosuppressive doses of radiation (Hematopoietic Syndrome of Acute Radiation Syndrome)

Requests for Granix require the following indication:

- Adult and pediatric patients 1 month of age and older with nonmyeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a significant incidence of severe neutropenia with fever

Requests for Nivestym require ONE of the following indications:

- Patients with nonmyeloid malignancies receiving myelosuppressive anti-cancer drugs associated with a significant incidence of severe neutropenia with fever: A previous trial of Granix for patients 1 month of age or older is required for this indication
- Patients with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) undergoing induction or consolidation chemotherapy treatment
- Patients with nonmyeloid malignancies undergoing myeloablative chemotherapy followed by bone marrow transplantation (BMT) who are experiencing neutropenia and/or neutropenia-related clinical sequelae (e.g., febrile neutropenia)
- Mobilization of autologous hematopoietic progenitor cells into peripheral blood for collection by leukapheresis
- Patients with congenital neutropenia, cyclic neutropenia, or idiopathic neutropenia

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GRANULOCYTE COLONY-STIMULATING FACTORS

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Granulocyte Colony-Stimulating Factors.

REFERENCES

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- Zarxio [Prescribing Information]. Princeton, NJ. Sandoz Inc. December 2017.
- Granix [Prescribing Information]. North Wales, PA: Teva Pharmaceuticals; July 2018.
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- Neulasta [Prescribing Information]. Thousand Oaks, CA. Amgen Inc. June 2018.
- Nivestym [Prescribing Information]. Lake Forest, IL. Pfizer (Hospira). July 2018.
- Udenyca [Prescribing Information]. Redwood City, CA: Coherus BioSciences Inc. November 2018.

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

GUSELKUMAB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
GUSELKUMAB	TREMFYA	44418		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
 - The patient has psoriatic lesions involving at least 10% of body surface area (BSA) **OR** psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** or more forms of conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 6 months by entering TWO approvals by HICL as follows:**

- **FIRST APPROVAL:** approve for 1 month with a quantity limit of #2mL (#2 100mg/mL syringes)
- **SECOND APPROVAL:** approve for 5 months with a quantity limit of #1mL (#1 100mg/mL syringe) per 56 days (Please enter a start date of 1 WEEK AFTER the END date of the first approval)

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe plaque psoriasis requires that the patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **GUSELKUMAB (Tremfya)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
- The patient has psoriatic lesions involving at least 10% of body surface area (BSA) **OR** psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** or more forms of conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

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GUSELKUMAB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1mL (#1 100mg/mL syringe) per 56 days.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **GUSELKUMAB (Tremfya)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) for renewal. In addition, the following criterion must be met:

- The patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Tremfya.

REFERENCES

- Tremfya [Prescribing Information]. Horsham, PA: Janssen Biotech, Inc. January 2019.

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

HYDROMORPHONE ER

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
HYDROMORPHONE ER	EXALGO		22056 28427 22098 33088	EXTENDED RELEASE ONLY

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient meet the definition of opioid tolerance (defined as those who are taking, for one week or longer, at least 60 mg oral morphine per day, 25 mcg transdermal fentanyl/hour, 30 mg oral oxycodone/day, 25 mg oral oxymorphone/day, 8 mg oral hydromorphone/day, or an equianalgesic dose of another opioid)?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the request form indicate that this medication will be used on an "as needed" or "PRN" basis?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient require a dosage of 16mg or less?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (8mg, 12mg, 16mg) for #1 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #4.

4. Was this dosage recommended by a pain specialist?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (32mg) for #2 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **HYDROMORPHONE** requires that all patients meet the definition of opioid tolerance (defined as those who are taking, for one week or longer, at least 60 mg oral morphine per day, 25 mcg transdermal fentanyl/hour, 30 mg oral oxycodone/day, 25 mg oral oxymorphone/day, 8 mg oral hydromorphone/day), or an equianalgesic dose of another opioid) and that the requested medication is not prescribed on an "as needed" basis. Dosages above 16mg require recommendation from a pain specialist.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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HYDROMORPHONE ER

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of Exalgo (once daily administration in opioid tolerant patients). A dosage range of 12 mg/day to 64 mg/day was studied in the clinical trials used for the FDA approval of Exalgo.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

The management of pain severe enough to require daily, around-the-clock, long-term opioid treatment and for which alternative treatment options are inadequate.

Patients considered opioid tolerant are those who are taking, for one week or longer, at least 60 mg oral morphine per day, 25 mcg transdermal fentanyl/hour, 30 mg oral oxycodone/day, 8 mg oral hydromorphone/day, 25 mg oral oxymorphone/day or an equianalgesic dose of another opioid.

Exalgo is not indicated as an as-needed (prn) analgesic.

REFERENCES

- Exalgo [Prescribing Information]. Hazelwood, MO: Mallinckrodt; April 2014.

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IBRUTINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
IBRUTINIB	IMBRUVICA	40745		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the patient 18 years of age or older?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of mantle cell lymphoma (MCL) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- Patient has received at least one prior therapy for mantle cell lymphoma (MCL)

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL), or Waldenström's macroglobulinemia (WM)?

If yes, continue to #8.

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of marginal zone lymphoma (MZL) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Patient requires systemic therapy
- Patient has received at least one prior anti-CD20-based therapy (e.g., Rituxan)

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, continue to #5.

5. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic graft versus host disease (cGVHD) **AND** meet the following criteria?

- The patient has failed one or more lines of systemic therapy (e.g., corticosteroids)

If yes, continue to #8.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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IBRUTINIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

6. Is the request for Ibrutinib 140mg or 280mg tablets?

If yes, continue to #7.

If no, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all of the following strengths:**

- 70mg capsule (GPID 44475) with a quantity limit of #1 capsule per day.
- 140mg capsule (GPID 35599) with a quantity limit of #2 capsules per day.
- 420mg tablet (GPID 44467) with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.
- 560mg tablet (GPID 44468) with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.

7. Has the patient tried or have a contraindication to Ibrutinib 140mg capsules?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (44465, 44466) (140mg, 280mg tablet) with a quantity limit of #1 per day. Please also enter approvals for all of the following:**

- 70mg capsule (GPID 44475) with a quantity limit of #1 capsule per day.
- 140mg capsule (GPID 35599) with a quantity limit of #2 capsules per day.
- 420mg tablet (GPID 44467) with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.
- 560mg tablet (GPID 44468) with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.

If no, do not approve. **Please enter proactive approvals for 12 months by GPID for all of the following:**

- 70mg capsule (GPID 44475) with a quantity limit of #1 capsule per day.
- 140mg capsule (GPID 35599) with a quantity limit of #2 capsules per day.
- 420mg tablet (GPID 44467) with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.
- 560mg tablet (GPID 44468) with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

8. Is the request for Ibrutinib 140mg or 280mg tablets?

If yes, continue to #9.

If no, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all of the following strengths:**

- 70mg capsule (GPID 44475) with a quantity limit of #1 capsule per day.
- 140mg capsule (GPID 35599) with a quantity limit of #2 capsules per day.
- 420mg tablet (GPID 44467) with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.

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IBRUTINIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

9. Has the patient tried or have a contraindication to Ibrutinib 140mg capsules?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (44465, 44466) (140mg, 280mg tablet) with a quantity limit of #1 per day. Please also enter approvals for all of the following:**

- **70mg capsule (GPID 44475) with a quantity limit of #1 capsule per day.**
- **140mg capsule (GPID 35599) with a quantity limit of #2 capsules per day.**
- **420mg tablet (GPID 44467) with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve. **Please enter proactive approvals for 12 months by GPID for all of the following:**

- **70mg capsule (GPID 44475) with a quantity limit of #1 capsule per day.**
- **140mg capsule (GPID 35599) with a quantity limit of #2 capsules per day.**
- **420mg tablet (GPID 44467) with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **IBRUTINIB (Imbruvica)** requires a diagnosis of mantle cell lymphoma (MCL), chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL), Waldenström's macroglobulinemia (WM), marginal zone lymphoma (MZL), or chronic graft versus host disease (cGVHD). Request for Ibrutinib 140mg or 280mg tablets requires a trial of or contraindication to Ibrutinib 140mg capsules. The following criteria must also be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older

For patients with mantle cell lymphoma (MCL), approval requires:

- Patient has received at least one prior therapy for mantle cell lymphoma (MCL)

For patients with marginal zone lymphoma (MZL), approval requires:

- Patient requires systemic therapy
- Patient has received at least one prior anti-CD20-based therapy (e.g., Rituxan)

For patients with chronic graft versus host disease (cGVHD), approval requires:

- The patient has failed one or more lines of systemic therapy (e.g., corticosteroids)

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Imbruvica.

REFERENCES

- Imbruvica [Prescribing Information]. Janssen Biotech, Inc.: Horsham, PA; January 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ICATIBANT

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ICATIBANT	FIRAZYR	35962		

*******Customer Service/PAC Alert*******
(For Internal Use Only)

THIS IS A HIGH-IMPACT MEDICATION. DO NOT OVERRIDE OR APPROVE WITHOUT SUBMITTING FOR PHARMACIST REVIEW.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema and meet ALL of the following criteria?
 - Diagnosis is confirmed via complement testing
 - The medication is being used for treatment of acute attacks of hereditary angioedema
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an allergist/immunologist or hematologist

If yes, **approve for a duration of 12 months, each fill of #6 syringes (total of 18mL), up to 12 fills per year.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ICATIBANT (Firazyr)** requires a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema. In addition, all of the following criteria must be met:

- Diagnosis is confirmed via complement testing
- The medication is being used for treatment of acute attacks of hereditary angioedema
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an allergist/immunologist or hematologist

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate use of Firazyr (icatibant) based on FDA approved indication and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Firazyr (icatibant) is indicated for the treatment of acute attacks of hereditary angioedema in adults 18 years of age and older.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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ICATIBANT

FDA APPROVED INDICATION (CONTINUED)

DOSING AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dose of Firazyr (icatibant) is 30 mg administered subcutaneously in the abdominal area. Additional doses may be administered at intervals of at least 6 hours if response is inadequate or if symptoms recur. No more than 3 doses may be administered in any 24-hour period (for a total of 90 mg). Patients may self-administer Firazyr (icatibant) upon recognition of symptoms of an HAE attack after training under the guidance of a healthcare professional.

REFERENCE

- Firazyr [Prescribing Information]. Lexington, MA: Shire Orphan Therapies; December 2015.

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

IDELALISIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
IDELALISIB	ZYDELIG	41297		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of relapsed chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)?

If yes, continue to #2.
If no, continue to #3.

2. Is the patient on chemotherapy in combination with rituximab?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of relapsed follicular B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma (FL) and has received two prior systemic therapies?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**
If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of relapsed small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL) and has received at least two prior systemic therapies?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **IDELALISIB** requires a diagnosis of relapsed chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) with concomitant treatment with rituximab, relapsed follicular B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma (FL) or relapsed small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL) and having received two prior systemic therapies.

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IDELALISIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

Table 1. Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) Treatment Options (please refer to NCCN for most current guideline)

<u>chlorambucil</u>
<u>ibrutinib</u>
<u>Obinutuzumab+chlorambucil</u>
<u>Idelalisib+rituximab</u>
<u>Bendamustine+/-rituximab</u>
<u>ofatumumab</u>
<u>fludarabine</u>
<u>cladribine</u>
<u>rituximab</u>
<u>alemtuzumab IV</u>
<u>alemtuzumab (Campath) SC+/-rituximab</u>
<u>chlorambucil + prednisone</u>
<u>fludarabine+prednisone</u>
<u>fludarabine+cyclophosphamide (FC)</u>
<u>Fludarabine+alemtuzumab</u>
<u>Rituximab+chlorambucil</u>
<u>fludarabine+rituximab</u>
<u>fludarabine+cyclophosphamide rituximab (FCR)</u>
<u>cladribine+mitoxantrone+cyclophosphamide (CMC)</u>
<u>cyclophosphamide+vincristine+prednisone (CVP)</u>
<u>lenalidomide+/-rituximab</u>
<u>pentostatin+cyclophosphamide+rituximab (PCR)</u>
<u>cyclophosphamide+fludarabine+alemtuzumab+rituximab (CFAR)</u>
<u>rituximab+cyclophosphamide+doxorubicin+vincristine+prednisone (RCHOP)</u>
<u>Oxaliplatin+fludarabine+cytarabine+rituximab (OFAR)</u>

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization and dosing of idelalisib based on their FDA approved indication.

DOSAGE

The recommended maximum starting dose of Zydelig is 150 mg administered orally twice daily.

Dose modification may be required for specific toxicities related to Zydelig. If resuming Zydelig after interruption for other severe or life-threatening toxicities, reduce the dose to 100 mg twice daily.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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IDELALISIB

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Zydelig is a kinase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of patients with:

- Relapsed chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), in combination with rituximab, in patients for whom rituximab alone would be considered appropriate therapy due to other co-morbidities.
- Relapsed follicular B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma (FL) in patients who have received at least two prior systemic therapies.
- Relapsed small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL) in patients who have received at least two prior systemic therapies.

Accelerated approval was granted for FL and SLL based on overall response rate. Improvement in patient survival or disease related symptoms has not been established. Continued approval for these indications may be contingent upon verification of clinical benefit in confirmatory trials.

REFERENCES

- Gilead Sciences, Inc. Zydelig package insert. Foster City, CA. July 2014
- NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology. Non-Hodgkin's Lymphomas. Version 4.2014. Available at: http://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/nhl.pdf [Accessed October 15, 2014]

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ILOPROST

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ILOPROST	VENTAVIS	26287		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group 1) and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
 - Documented confirmatory hypertension pulmonary arterial (PAH) diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) > 3 Wood units
 - The patient has NYHA/WHO Functional Class III-IV symptoms

If yes, **approve up to 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline for **ILOPROST (Ventavis)** requires a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group 1). The following criteria must also be met.

- The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
- Documented confirmatory pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) > 3 Wood units
- The patient has NYHA/WHO Functional Class III-IV symptoms.

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group 1)?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

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ILOPROST

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Has the patient shown improvement from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance test?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, continue to #2.

3. Has the patient remained stable from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance test?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Has the patient's WHO functional class remained stable or has improved?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline for **ILOPROST (Ventavis)** renewal requires a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) WHO Group 1 with WHO Class III-IV symptoms. The following criteria must also be met:

- The patient has shown improvement from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance test **OR**
- The patient has a stable 6-minute walk distance test with a stable or improved WHO functional class.

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate use of Ventavis.

Diagnosis of PAH involves a logical sequence of steps utilizing different diagnostic tests to assist in confirmation of PAH (chest x-ray, echocardiogram, electrocardiogram, CT angiogram, pulmonary function tests, VQ scan); however, right heart catheterization (RHC) remains the gold standard and is an essential component in the definitive diagnosis, prognosis, and evaluation of PAH. RHC is critical in distinguishing PH due to other etiologies, for example PH due to left heart disease (e.g., diastolic dysfunction) or severe lung disease, which may appear similar to PAH on an echocardiogram. In addition, RHC can be used to monitor the therapeutic and adverse effects of medical interventions, to assess the severity of hemodynamic impairment, and to test the vasoreactivity of the pulmonary circulation.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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ILOPROST

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

VENTAVIS is indicated for treatment of pulmonary artery hypertension (WHO group 1) in patients with NYHA/WHO class III or IV symptoms to improve exercise capacity.

World Health Organization Classification of Pulmonary Hypertension Group 1:

- Idiopathic (familial)
- Congenital systemic-to-pulmonary shunts
- HIV infection
- Collagen vascular disease
- Portal Hypertension
- Drugs and toxins

REFERENCES

- Actelion. Ventavis® (iloprost) prescribing information. South San Francisco, CA. April 2013.

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

IMATINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
IMATINIB MESYLATE	GLEEVEC	22096		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Philadelphia chromosome positive (Ph+) chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) in chronic phase, accelerated phase, or blast crisis?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #4.

2. Has the patient been previously treated with Tassigna, Sprycel, Bosulif, or Iclusig?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day for Gleevec 400mg and #2 tablets per day for Gleevec 100mg (enter two authorizations).**

3. Has the patient had a Breakpoint Cluster Region Abelson Murine Leukemia (BCR-ABL) mutational analysis confirming that the following mutations are not present: T315I, V299L, F317L/V/I/C, Y253H, E255K/V, or F359V/C/I?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day for both Gleevec 100mg and 400mg (enter two authorizations).**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of Philadelphia chromosome positive (Ph+) chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) in chronic phase, accelerated phase, or blast crisis. Patients previously treated with therapy such as Tassigna, Sprycel, Bosulif, or Iclusig require a Breakpoint Cluster Region Abelson Murine Leukemia (BCR-ABL) mutational analysis confirming that the following mutations are not present: T315I, V299L, F317L/V/I/C, Y253H, E255K/V, or F359V/C/I.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Philadelphia chromosome positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia (Ph+ ALL)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day for Gleevec 400mg and #2 tablets per day for Gleevec 100mg (enter two authorizations).**

If no, continue to #5.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

IMATINIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

5. Does the patient have a diagnosis of a myelodysplastic/myeloproliferative disease associated with PDGFR (platelet-derived growth factor receptor) gene re-arrangements?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day for Gleevec 400mg.**

If no, continue to #6.

6. Does the patient have a diagnosis of aggressive systemic mastocytosis without D816V c-Kit mutation or with c-Kit mutational status unknown?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day for Gleevec 400mg and #3 tablets per day for Gleevec 100mg (enter two authorizations).**

If no, continue to #7.

7. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hypereosinophilic syndrome and/or chronic eosinophilic leukemia?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day for Gleevec 400mg and #3 tablets per day for Gleevec 100mg (enter two authorizations).**

If no, continue to #8.

8. Does the patient have a diagnosis of unresectable, recurrent, and/or metastatic dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day for both Gleevec 100mg and 400mg (enter two authorizations).**

If no, continue to #9.

9. Does the patient have a diagnosis of unresectable and/or metastatic malignant gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST) with a Kit (CD117) positive or platelet derived growth factor-alpha (PDGFRA) mutation?

If yes, continue to #11.

If no, continue to #10.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

IMATINIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

10. Is the request for adjuvant treatment of adult patients following complete gross resection of Kit (CD117) positive gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST)?

If yes, continue to #11.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of Philadelphia chromosome positive (Ph+) chronic myeloid leukemia (CML), Philadelphia chromosome positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia (Ph+ ALL), myelodysplastic/myeloproliferative diseases associated with PDGFR (platelet-derived growth factor receptor) gene re-arrangements, aggressive systemic mastocytosis without D816V c-Kit mutation or with c-Kit mutational status unknown, hypereosinophilic syndrome and/or chronic eosinophilic leukemia, unresectable, recurrent, and/or metastatic dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans, unresectable and/or metastatic malignant gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST) with a Kit (CD117) positive or PDGFRA (platelet-derived growth factor receptor-alpha) mutation, or adjuvant treatment of adult patients following complete gross resection of Kit (CD117) positive GIST.

11. Is the request for Gleevec 400mg twice daily?

If yes, continue to #12.

If no, **approve as follows:**

- **For adjuvant GIST treatment: approve for 36 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day for Gleevec 400mg.**
- **For unresectable and/or metastatic malignant GIST: approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day for Gleevec 400mg.**

12. Has patient tried Gleevec 400mg once daily or does the patient have GIST tumor expressing a KIT exon 9 mutation?

If yes, **approve as follows:**

- **For adjuvant GIST treatment: approve for 36 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day for Gleevec 400mg.**
- **For unresectable and/or metastatic malignant GIST: approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day for Gleevec 400mg.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval of Gleevec 400mg twice daily for the treatment gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST) requires a trial of Gleevec 400mg once daily or a GIST tumor expressing a KIT exon 9 mutation.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

IMATINIB

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of imatinib based on FDA approved indication and NCCN guidelines. Doses of 400mg or 600mg should be administered once daily, while a dose of 800mg should be given as 400mg twice daily.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Gleevec is FDA approved for the following:

- Newly diagnosed adult and pediatric patients with Philadelphia chromosome positive chronic myeloid leukemia in chronic phase.
- Patients with Philadelphia chromosome positive chronic myeloid leukemia in blast crisis, accelerated phase, or in chronic phase after failure of interferon-alpha therapy.
- Adult patients with relapsed or refractory Philadelphia chromosome positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia.
- Adult patient with myelodysplastic/myeloproliferative diseases associated with PDGFR (platelet-derived growth factor receptor) gene re-arrangements.
- Adult patient with aggressive systemic mastocytosis without D816V c-Kit mutation or with c-Kit mutational status unknown.
- Adult patients with hypereosinophilic syndrome and/or chronic eosinophilic leukemia who have the FIP1L1-PDGFR α fusion kinase (mutational analysis or FISH demonstration of CHIC2 allele deletion) and for patients with HES and/or CEL who are FIP1L1-PDGFR α fusion kinase negative or unknown.
- Adult patients with unresectable, recurrent, and/or metastatic dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans.
- Patients with Kit (CD117) positive unresectable and/or metastatic malignant gastrointestinal stromal tumors.
- Adjuvant treatment of adult patients following complete gross resection of Kit (CD117) positive GIST.

REFERENCES

- National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. The NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology. Soft Tissue Sarcoma. (Version 1.2011).
- Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. Gleevec package insert. East Hanover, NJ. January 2012.

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

IMMUNE GLOBULIN

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
IMMUNE GLOBULIN	BIVIGAM, CARIMUNE NF NANOFILTRE, FLEBOGAMMA DIF GAMASTAN S-D, GAMMAGARD S-D, GAMMAPLEX, PRIVIGEN, GAMMAGARD LIQUID, HIZENTRA	04202 41798		
IMMUNE GLOB, GAM CAPRYLATE	GAMUNEX-C, GAMMAKED	25631		
IMMUNE GLOBULIN / MALTOSE	OCTAGAM	33220		
IGG/HYALURONIDASE, RECOMBINANT	HYQVIA	41391		
IMMUN GLOB G(IGG)/GLY/IGA 0-50	HYQVIA IG COMPONENT	41995		
IMMUN GLOB G(IGG)/GLY/IGA OV50	CUVITRU	41796		
IMMUN GLOB G(IGG)- IFAS/GLYCINE	PANZYGA	45354		

This drug must be reviewed by a pharmacist.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the request for use as a subcutaneous injection?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #5.

2. Is the request for Hizentra and will be used for **ONE** of the following diagnoses?

- Primary immunodeficiency disease (PID)
- Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, continue to #3.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

IMMUNE GLOBULIN

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

3. Is the request for Gammagard Liquid, Cuvitru, Gamunex-C, Gammaked, or Hyqvia (**NOTE:** Gammagard, Gamunex-C and Gammaked may be given via SC or IV route.)?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Does the patient have a primary immunodeficiency disease (PID)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Is the request for a non-self-administered agent?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, guideline does not apply.

6. Does the plan cover non-self-administered agents?

If yes continue to #7.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

7. Is the request for Cuvitru, Hizentra, or Hyqvia (**NOTE:** Cuvitru, Hizentra, and Hyqvia are indicated only for SC route)?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #8.

8. Is the requested medication Gamastan S/D (**NOTE:** Gamastan S/D is indicated for intramuscular use only)?

If yes, continue to #9.

If no, continue to #10.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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IMMUNE GLOBULIN

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

9. Is Gamastan S/D being used for hepatitis A, measles, varicella, or rubella prophylaxis, or passive immunization?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

10. Does the patient have **ONE** of the following diagnoses?

- Primary Immunodeficiency Disease (PID)
- Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP)
- Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP)
- Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN)
- Kawasaki Syndrome
- B-cell Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) with Hypogammaglobulinemia, Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia (AIHA), Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), or pure Red Blood Cell Aplasia (PRCA)
- Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS)
- Myasthenia Gravis
- Autoimmune Graves' Ophthalmopathy
- Cytomegalovirus-induced Pneumonitis related to a solid organ transplant
- Prevention of bacterial infection in an HIV-infected child
- Reduction of secondary infections in pediatric HIV infections
- Dermatomyositis or polymyositis
- Autoimmune uveitis (Birdshot retinochoroidopathy)
- Lambert-Eaton myasthenic syndrome
- IgM anti-myelin-associated glycoprotein paraprotein-associated peripheral neuropathy
- Stiff-man syndrome
- Neonatal sepsis
- Rotaviral enterocolitis
- Toxic shock syndrome
- Enteroviral meningoencephalitis
- Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis or Stevens-Johnson syndrome
- Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Disease (AMBD) (such as pemphigus vulgaris, bullous pemphigoid, mucous membrane pemphigoid, or epidermolysis bullosa acquisita)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

IMMUNE GLOBULIN

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **IMMUNE GLOBULIN** requires that the patient has **ONE** of the following diagnoses:

- Primary Immunodeficiency Disease (PID)
- Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP)
- Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP)
- Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN)
- Kawasaki Syndrome
- B-cell Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) with hypogammaglobulinemia, Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia (AIHA), Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), or pure Red Cell Blood Aplasia (PRCA)
- Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS)
- Myasthenia Gravis
- Autoimmune Graves' Ophthalmopathy
- Cytomegalovirus-induced Pneumonitis related to a solid organ transplant
- Prevention of bacterial infection in an HIV-infected child
- Reduction of secondary infections in pediatric HIV infections
- Dermatomyositis or polymyositis
- Autoimmune uveitis (Birdshot retinochoroidopathy)
- Lambert-Eaton myasthenic syndrome
- IgM anti-myelin-associated glycoprotein paraprotein-associated peripheral neuropathy
- Stiff-man syndrome
- Neonatal sepsis
- Rotaviral enterocolitis
- Toxic shock syndrome
- Enteroviral meningoencephalitis
- Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis or Stevens-Johnson syndrome
- Autoimmune Mucocutaneous Blistering Disease (AMBD) (such as pemphigus vulgaris, bullous pemphigoid, mucous membrane pemphigoid, or epidermolysis bullosa acquisita)

For prophylaxis or passive immunization of hepatitis A, measles, varicella, or rubella, only Gamastan S-D will be approved.

For requests of Hizentra, approval requires:

- Only for subcutaneous use
- Diagnosis of primary immunodeficiency disease (PID) OR chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP)

For requests of Cuvitru or Hyqvia, approval requires:

- Only for subcutaneous use
- Diagnosis of primary immunodeficiency disease (PID)

For requests for subcutaneous use of Gammagard, Gamunex-C, or Gammaked, approval requires:

- Diagnosis of primary immunodeficiency disease (PID)

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IMMUNE GLOBULIN

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monographs for the drugs listed in this guideline.

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Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	Yes

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

INDOMETHACIN RECTAL

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
INDOMETHACIN	INDOCIN		20240	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has dysphagia, difficulty swallowing capsules, or has a feeding tube placed (e.g., G-tube, J-tube)
 - The patient had a previous trial of at least **TWO** prescription strength oral NSAIDs (e.g., ibuprofen, meloxicam, diclofenac, sulindac, indomethacin, celecoxib)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of 30 rectal suppositories per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **INDOMETHACIN RECTAL (Indocin)** requires that the patient meets one of the following criteria:

- The patient has dysphagia, difficulty swallowing capsules, or has a feeding tube placed (e.g., G-tube, J-tube)
- The patient had a previous trial of at least two prescription strength oral NSAIDs (e.g., ibuprofen, meloxicam, diclofenac, sulindac, indomethacin, celecoxib)

RATIONALE

To promote appropriate utilization of Indocin (indomethacin rectal suppositories).

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Indocin is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug indicated for:

- Moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis including acute flares of chronic disease
- Moderate to severe ankylosing spondylitis
- Moderate to severe osteoarthritis
- Acute painful shoulder (bursitis and/or tendinitis)
- Acute gouty arthritis

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INDOMETHACIN RECTAL

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSING

- Use lowest effective dosage for shortest duration consistent with individual patient treatment goals.
- Indocin suppositories are not for oral or intravaginal use.
- Indocin suppositories 50 mg can be substituted for indomethacin capsules; however, there will be significant differences between the two dosage regimens in indomethacin blood levels.
- The recommended dosage is as follows:
 - For moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis including acute flares of chronic disease, moderate to severe ankylosing spondylitis, and moderate to severe osteoarthritis: Indomethacin capsules 25 mg two or three times a day.
 - Acute painful shoulder (bursitis and/or tendinitis): Indomethacin capsules 75-150 mg daily in 3 or 4 divided doses.
 - Acute gouty arthritis: Indomethacin capsules 50 mg three times a day.

REFERENCES

- Incodin [Prescribing Information]. Iroko Pharmaceuticals, LLC: Philadelphia, PA; May 2016.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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Commercial Effective: 04/01/18

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

INHALED INSULIN

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
INSULIN REGULAR, HUMAN	AFREZZA	00768		ROUTE = INHALATION

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient meet any **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - Chronic lung disease (i.e., asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
 - Active lung cancer
 - Currently in diabetic ketoacidosis
 - Patient who smokes or who has quit smoking within the past 6 months

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Has baseline spirometry to measure FEV1 been performed?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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INHALED INSULIN

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis type 1 diabetes and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient is concurrently using a long-acting insulin
- The patient had a trial of a preferred formulary rapid acting insulin: Humalog

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Afrezza 90-4 Unit Cartridges (GPID 37619) for #180 cartridges (2 kits) per 28 days.**
- **Afrezza 90-8 Unit Cartridges (GPID 37621) for #180 cartridges (2 kits) per 28 days.**
- **Afrezza 90-12 Unit Cartridges (GPID 38918) for #180 cartridges (2 kits) per 28 days.**
- **Afrezza 90-4 Unit + 90-8 Unit Titration pack (GPID 37624) for #180 cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.**
- **Afrezza 90-8 Unit + 90-12 Unit Cartridges (GPID 45955) for #180 cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.**
- **Afrezza 30-4 Unit + 60-8 Unit Cartridges (GPID 37623) for #360 cartridges (4 kits) per 28 days.**
- **Afrezza 60-4 Unit + 30-8 Unit Cartridges (GPID 37622) for #360 cartridges (4 kits) per 28 days.**
- **Afrezza 60-8 Unit + 30-12 Unit Cartridges (GPID 38923) for #360 cartridges (4 kits) per 28 days.**
- **Afrezza 60-4 Unit + 60-8 Unit + 60-12 Unit Cartridges (GPID 42833) for #180 cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires a follow-up spirometry after 6 months of treatment and annually thereafter, and concurrent use of a long acting insulin. Renewal will not be provided for patients with a FEV1 that has declined 20% or more from baseline.

If no, continue to #4.

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INHALED INSULIN

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient had a trial of a preferred formulary rapid acting insulin: Humalog
 - The prescriber indicated that the patient is physically unable to or unwilling to administer injectable insulin

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Afrezza 90-4 Unit Cartridges (GPID 37619) for #180 cartridges (2 kits) per 28 days.**
- **Afrezza 90-8 Unit Cartridges (GPID 37621) for #180 cartridges (2 kits) per 28 days.**
- **Afrezza 90-12 Unit Cartridges (GPID 38918) for #180 cartridges (2 kits) per 28 days.**
- **Afrezza 90-4 Unit + 90-8 Unit Titration pack (GPID 37624) for #180 cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.**
- **Afrezza 90-8 Unit + 90-12 Unit Cartridges (GPID 45955) for #180 cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.**
- **Afrezza 30-4 Unit + 60-8 Unit Cartridges (GPID 37623) for #360 cartridges (4 kits) per 28 days.**
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- **Afrezza 60-8 Unit + 30-12 Unit Cartridges (GPID 38923) for #360 cartridges (4 kits) per 28 days.**
- **Afrezza 60-4 Unit + 60-8 Unit + 60-12 Unit Cartridges (GPID 42833) for #180 cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires a follow-up spirometry after 6 months of treatment and annually thereafter. Renewal will not be provided for patients with a FEV1 that has declined 20% or more from baseline.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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INHALED INSULIN

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **INHALED INSULIN (Afrezza)** requires a diagnosis of type 1 or type 2 diabetes, patient is 18 years of age or older, and a baseline spirometry to measure FEV1 is performed. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For type 1 diabetes, approval requires:

- The patient is concurrently using a long-acting insulin
- The patient had a trial of a preferred formulary rapid acting insulin: Humalog

For type 2 diabetes, approval requires:

- The patient had a trial of a preferred formulary rapid acting insulin: Humalog
- The prescriber indicated that the patient is physically unable to or unwilling to administer injectable insulin

Afrezza will NOT be approved for patients with any of the following conditions:

- Chronic lung disease
- Active lung cancer
- Currently in diabetic ketoacidosis
- The patient is currently smoking or has quit smoking within the past 6 months

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of type 1 diabetes and currently on a long acting insulin?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

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INHALED INSULIN

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

3. Was follow-up spirometry to measure FEV1 performed after 6 months of treatment and annually thereafter?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, **approve for 1 month by GPID (to allow for follow-up spirometry evaluation) with the following quantity limits:**

- Afrezza 90-4 Unit Cartridges (GPID 37619) for #180 cartridges (2 kits) per 28 days.
- Afrezza 90-8 Unit Cartridges (GPID 37621) for #180 cartridges (2 kits) per 28 days.
- Afrezza 90-12 Unit Cartridges (GPID 38918) for #180 cartridges (2 kits) per 28 days.
- Afrezza 90-4 Unit + 90-8 Unit Titration pack (GPID 37624) for #180 cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.
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- Afrezza 60-8 Unit + 30-12 Unit Cartridges (GPID 38923) for #360 cartridges (4 kits) per 28 days.
- Afrezza 60-4 Unit + 60-8 Unit + 60-12 Unit Cartridges (GPID 42833) for #180 cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.

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INHALED INSULIN

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

4. Has FEV1 declined 20% or more from baseline?

If yes, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **INHALED INSULIN (Afrezza)** requires a diagnosis of type 1 or type 2 diabetes, and a follow up spirometry to measure FEV1 after 6 months of treatment and annually thereafter. In addition, the following criteria must be met for renewal:

- **For type 1 diabetes**, approval requires concurrent use of a long acting insulin.
- **Afrezza will NOT be approved** for patients with a FEV1 that has declined 20% or more from baseline

If no, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Afrezza 90-4 Unit Cartridges (GPID 37619) for #180 cartridges (2 kits) per 28 days.**
- **Afrezza 90-8 Unit Cartridges (GPID 37621) for #180 cartridges (2 kits) per 28 days.**
- **Afrezza 90-12 Unit Cartridges (GPID 38918) for #180 cartridges (2 kits) per 28 days.**
- **Afrezza 90-4 Unit + 90-8 Unit Titration pack (GPID 37624) for #180 cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.**
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- **Afrezza 60-4 Unit + 60-8 Unit + 60-12 Unit Cartridges (GPID 42833) for #180 cartridges (1 kit) per 28 days.**

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Afrezza.

REFERENCES

- Afrezza [Prescribing Information]. Danbury, CT: Mankind Corporation. October 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

INOTERSEN

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
INOTERSEN SODIUM	TEGSEDI	45353		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis (hATTR) with polyneuropathy and meet **ALL** the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a neurologist, cardiologist, hATTR specialist, or medical geneticist
 - Physician attestation that the patient has Stage 1 or 2 polyneuropathy
 - The patient has documented diagnosis of hereditary TTR amyloidosis (hATTR) as confirmed by **ONE** of the following:
 - Biopsy of tissue/organ to confirm amyloid presence **AND** chemical typing to confirm presence of TTR protein **OR**
 - DNA genetic sequencing to confirm hATTR mutation

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #6mL per 28 days (each prefilled syringe is 284mg/1.5mL).**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires physician attestation that the patient has not progressed to stage 3 polyneuropathy as evidenced by functional decline (e.g., wheelchair-bound, bedridden).

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **INOTERSEN (Tegsedi)** requires a diagnosis of hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis (hATTR) with polyneuropathy. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a neurologist, cardiologist, hATTR specialist, or medical geneticist
- Physician attestation that the patient has Stage 1 or 2 polyneuropathy
- The patient has documented diagnosis of hereditary TTR amyloidosis (hATTR) as confirmed by **ONE** of the following:
 - Biopsy of tissue/organ to confirm amyloid presence **AND** chemical typing to confirm presence of TTR protein **OR**
 - DNA genetic sequencing to confirm hATTR mutation

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INOTERSEN

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hereditary TTR amyloidosis (hATTR) with polyneuropathy **AND** meet the following criterion?

- Physician attestation that the patient has not progressed to stage 3 polyneuropathy as evidenced by functional decline (e.g., wheelchair-bound, bedridden)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #6mL per 28 days (each prefilled syringe is 284mg/1.5mL).**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **INOTERSEN (Tegsedi)** requires a diagnosis of hereditary TTR amyloidosis (hATTR) with polyneuropathy and physician attestation that the patient has not progressed to stage 3 polyneuropathy as evidenced by functional decline (e.g., wheelchair-bound, bedridden).

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Tegsedi.

REFERENCES

- Inotersen [Prescribing Information]. Carlsbad, CA: Ionis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; October 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

INTERFERON ALFA-2B

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
INTERFERON ALFA-2B	INTRON A	04528		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization. All requests for medications used to treat hepatitis C require review by a pharmacist prior to final approval.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the request for continuation of current therapy (also consider continuation if member has a claim for the currently requested interferon in past 120 days) or a renewal?

If yes, continue to #8.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Is the patient being treated for one of the following?

- hairy cell leukemia, or
- condylomata acuminata, or
- AIDS-related Kaposi's sarcoma, or
- Chronic hepatitis B, or
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, or
- Malignant melanoma, or
- Chronic phase, Philadelphia chromosome (Ph) positive chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML) patients who are minimally treated (within 1 year of diagnosis), or
- Follicular lymphoma, or
- Angioblastoma, or
- Carcinoid tumor, or
- Chronic myeloid leukemia, or
- Laryngeal papillomatosis, or
- Multiple myeloma, or
- Neoplasm of conjunctiva-neoplasm of cornea, or
- Ovarian cancer, or
- Polycythemia vera, or
- Renal cell carcinoma, or
- Skin cancer, or
- Thrombocytosis, or
- Vulvar vestibulitis

If yes, **approve by HICL for 24 weeks (6 months).**

If no, continue to #3.

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INTERFERON ALFA-2B

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

3. Is the patient being treated for chronic hepatitis C and currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist or a physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist)?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C and therapy is being supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist or a physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist) OR interferon use is treatment of one of the following: hairy cell leukemia, condylomata acuminata, AIDS-related Kaposi's sarcoma, chronic hepatitis B, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, malignant melanoma, chronic phase, Philadelphia chromosome (Ph) positive chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML) patients who are minimally treated (within 1 year of diagnosis), follicular lymphoma, angioblastoma, carcinoid tumor, chronic myeloid leukemia, laryngeal papillomatosis, multiple myeloma, neoplasm of conjunctiva-neoplasm of cornea, ovarian cancer, polycythemia vera, renal cell carcinoma, skin cancer, Thrombocytosis, or vulvar vestibulitis.

4. Is the request for interferon being used with ribavirin or does the patient have a contraindication to ribavirin?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C and therapy is being supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist or a physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist) ,requires combination therapy with ribavirin, a previous trial of or contraindication to a peginterferon product, and a detectable pretreatment HCV RNA level/viral load of greater than or equal to 50 IU/mL.

5. Does the patient have a detectable pretreatment HCV RNA level/viral load of greater than or equal to 50 IU/mL?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C and therapy is being supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist or a physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist) ,requires combination therapy with ribavirin, a previous trial of or contraindication to a peginterferon product, and a detectable pretreatment HCV RNA level/viral load of greater than or equal to 50 IU/mL.

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INTERFERON ALFA-2B

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

6. Has the patient had a trial of peginterferon alfa-2a or peginterferon alfa-2b, or contraindication to pegylated interferon?

If yes, continue to #7.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C and therapy is being supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist or a physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist), requires combination therapy with ribavirin, a previous trial of or contraindication to a peginterferon product, and a detectable pretreatment HCV RNA level/viral load of greater than or equal to 50 IU/mL.

7. Is the patient infected with genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 hepatitis C?

If yes, **approve by HICL for 24 weeks (6 months).**

APPROVAL TEXT: Recommend obtaining HCV RNA level at 12 weeks of treatment to determine if the patient has achieved at least a 2 log reduction (100 fold decrease) in HCV RNA. Renewal requires HCV RNA undetectable (less than 50 IU/mL) at 24 weeks.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C and therapy is being supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist or a physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist), requires combination therapy with ribavirin, a previous trial of or contraindication to a peginterferon product, and a detectable pretreatment HCV RNA level/viral load of greater than or equal to 50 IU/mL.

8. Is the patient being treated for chronic hepatitis C and currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist or a physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist)?

If yes, continue to #9.

If no, **approve by HICL for 24 weeks (6 months).**

9. Has the patient already received 24 weeks or more of interferon during this treatment?

If yes, continue to #10.

If no, **approve by HICL for 24 weeks (6 months).**

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GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

10. Is the patient HCV RNA undetectable (less than 50 IU/mL) at 24 weeks?

If yes, **approve by HICL for 24 weeks (6 months).**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C and therapy is being supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist or a physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist) and HCV RNA undetectable (less than 50 IU/mL) at 24 weeks.

RATIONALE

Ensure that ribavirin and interferon are used for combination treatment of chronic hepatitis C. The 16 week initial approval for hepatitis C allow a sufficient length of time for the 12-week HCV RNA result (EVR) to be reported and evaluated by the physician. If the patient did not achieve undetectable viral load at 12 weeks then a total of 72 weeks may be considered if the 24-week HCV RNA is undetectable. Total therapy time for HCV genotypes 1, 4, 5 and 6 is 48 weeks, and for HCV genotypes 2 and 3 is 16 to 24 weeks.

Note on HCV RNA levels defined by lab as undetectable versus detectable but not quantifiable:

Commercially available quantitative HCV RNA assays may have differing limits for quantification and detection. The lower limit of detection is 10 or 50 IU/mL HCV RNA (depends on assay used by lab). The FDA suggests that labs testing HCV RNA levels for patients taking protease inhibitors must use an assay with a lower limit of quantification of 25 IU/mL or less, and a lower limit of detection of 10-15 IU/mL. Generally, patients with detectable but not quantifiable levels of HCV RNA will have lower SVR rates with triple therapy; a detectable but not quantifiable HCV RNA level should not be considered equivalent to an undetectable level. When the product package insert (or MedImpact PA guideline) specifies "undetectable HCV RNA level", generally an undetectable HCV RNA result is required.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

INTRON A (Interferon alfa-2b) is indicated for treatment of hairy cell leukemia, condylomata acuminata, AIDS-related Kaposi's sarcoma, hepatitis C (in combination), malignant melanoma, follicular lymphoma and chronic hepatitis B.

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INTERFERON ALFA-2B

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

INTERFERONS FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
INTERFERON BETA-1A	AVONEX ADMINISTRATION PACK, AVONEX PEN	11253		
INTERFERON BETA-1A/ALBUMIN	AVONEX, REBIF, REBIF REBIDOSE		23230 15914 15918 24286 34166 34167 34168	
INTERFERON BETA-1B	BETASERON, EXTAVIA	08537		
PEGINTERFERON BETA-1A	PLEGRIDY, PLEGRIDY PEN	41331		

****Please use the criteria for the specific drug requested ****

GUIDELINES FOR USE

PLEGRIDY, AVONEX, REBIF, BETASERON

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of a relapsing form of multiple sclerosis?

If yes, approve the requested drug as follows:

PLEGRIDY: Enter two prior authorizations by GPID as follows:

- Plegridy injection starter pack: approve by GPID (36947 and 36956) for 1 month with a quantity limit of 1mL (#2 prefilled pens or syringes), then
- Plegridy Pen/Syringe: approve for 12 months by GPID (36948 and 36958) with a quantity limit of 1mL (#2 125mcg prefilled pens or syringes) per 28 days.

REBIF, AVONEX, or BETASERON: Approve for 12 months by GPID as follows:

- Rebif: 6mL (#12 syringes) per 28 days.
- Rebif Rebidose: 6mL (#12 syringes) per 28 days.
- Rebif for new starts only: approve for a total of 12 months by GPID and enter two prior authorizations as follows:
 - Rebif Titration Pack: 1 month of 4.2mL (#12 syringes) per 28 days, then
 - Rebif: 6mL (#12 syringes) per 28 days (total approval duration is 12 months).**OR**
 - Rebif Rebidose Titration Pack: 1 month of 4.2mL (#12 syringes) per 28 days, then
 - Rebif Rebidose: 6mL (#12 syringes) per 28 days (total approval duration is 12 months).

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INTERFERONS FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

- **Avonex Administration Pack: #4 kits per 28 days.**
- **Avonex: #1 kit per 28 days or 2mL (#4 syringes) per 28 days.**
- **Avonex Pen: #1 pen injector kit per 28 days or 2mL (#4 syringes) per 28 days.**
- **Betaseron: #14 vials or kits per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **INTERFERONS FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (Plegridy, Avonex, Rebif, Betaseron)** requires a diagnosis of a relapsing form of multiple sclerosis.

EXTAVIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of a relapsing form of multiple sclerosis **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred agents for MS: Gilenya, Tecfidera, Avonex, Rebif, Plegridy, Betaseron, glatiramer acetate

If yes, **approve Extavia for 12 months by GPID for #14 vials or kits per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **INTERFERONS FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (Extavia)** requires a diagnosis of a relapsing form of multiple sclerosis. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred agents for MS: Gilenya, Tecfidera, Avonex, Rebif, Plegridy, Betaseron, glatiramer acetate

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Review for interferon products used for multiple sclerosis (MS).

REFERENCES

- Plegridy [Prescribing Information]. Cambridge, MA: Biogen Inc.; July 2016.
- Rebif [Prescribing Information]. Rockland, MA: EMD Serono, Inc.; November 2015.
- Avonex [Prescribing Information]. Cambridge, MA: Biogen Inc.; March 2016.
- Betaseron [Prescribing Information]. Whippany, NJ: Bayer; August 2018.
- Extavia [Prescribing Information]. East Hanover, NJ: EMD Novartis; December 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

ITRACONAZOLE - TOLSURA

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ITRACONAZOLE	TOLSURA		45848	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the patient 18 years of age or older and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is diagnosed with **ONE** of the following types of fungal infections:
 - Blastomycosis, pulmonary and extrapulmonary
 - Histoplasmosis, including chronic cavitary pulmonary disease and disseminated, nonmeningeal histoplasmosis
 - Aspergillosis, pulmonary and extrapulmonary, **AND** the patient is intolerant to or refractory to amphotericin B therapy
 - Tolsura is prescribed by or in consultation with an Infectious Disease Specialist
 - The patient has had a previous trial of a generic itraconazole formulation
 - Physician attestation that Tolsura is prescribed due to subclinical response to other formulations of itraconazole suspected to be due to poor bioavailability

If yes, **approve for a total of 12 months by GPID (45848) as follows:**

- **For requests that require a loading dose, enter both of the following approvals:**
 - **FIRST APPROVAL:** approve for 1 month with a quantity limit of #126 capsules per 30 days for 1 fill.
 - **SECOND APPROVAL:** approve for 11 months with a quantity limit of #120 capsules per 30 days (Please enter a start date of one day after the **END** date of the first approval).
- **For requests that do NOT require a loading dose: approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of #120 capsules per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **ITRACONAZOLE (Tolsura)** requires that the patient is 18 years of age or older. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is diagnosed with **ONE** of the following fungal infections:
 - Blastomycosis, pulmonary and extrapulmonary
 - Histoplasmosis, including chronic cavitary pulmonary disease and disseminated, nonmeningeal histoplasmosis
 - Aspergillosis, pulmonary and extrapulmonary, **AND** the patient is intolerant to or refractory to amphotericin B therapy
- Tolsura is prescribed by or in consultation with an Infectious Disease Specialist
- The patient has had a previous trial of a generic itraconazole formulation
- Physician attestation that Tolsura is prescribed due to subclinical response to other formulations of itraconazole suspected to be due to poor bioavailability

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ITRACONAZOLE - TOLSURA

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Tolsura.

REFERENCES

- Tolsura [Prescribing Information]. Greenville, NC: Mayne Pharma; December 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

IVACAFTOR

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
IVACAFTOR	KALYDECO	38461		

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(For Internal Use Only)**

THIS IS A HIGH-IMPACT MEDICATION. DO NOT OVERRIDE OR APPROVE WITHOUT SUBMITTING FOR PHARMACIST REVIEW.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis (CF) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Patient has one of the following mutations in the CFTR gene (documentation required):

<i>2789+5G→A</i>	<i>D1152H</i>	<i>G1069R</i>	<i>P67L</i>	<i>S1251N</i>
<i>3272-26A→G</i>	<i>D1270N</i>	<i>G1244E</i>	<i>R1070Q</i>	<i>S1255P</i>
<i>3849+10kbC→T</i>	<i>D579G</i>	<i>G1349D</i>	<i>R1070W</i>	<i>S549N</i>
<i>711+3A→G</i>	<i>E193K</i>	<i>G178R</i>	<i>R117C</i>	<i>S549R</i>
<i>A1067T</i>	<i>E56K</i>	<i>G551D</i>	<i>R117H</i>	<i>S945L</i>
<i>A455E</i>	<i>E831X</i>	<i>G551S</i>	<i>R347H</i>	<i>S977F</i>
<i>D110E</i>	<i>F1052V</i>	<i>K1060T</i>	<i>R352Q</i>	
<i>D110H</i>	<i>F1074L</i>	<i>L206W</i>	<i>R74W</i>	

- Patient is 6 months of age or older
- Patient is NOT homozygous for the F508del mutation in the CFTR gene
- Prescribed by or given in consultation with a pulmonologist or CF expert
- Previously treated or currently treated with another agent for CF (examples include oral inhaled corticosteroid, bronchodilator, inhaled antibiotics, dornase alfa, or acetylcysteine)
- Baseline FEV1 of at least 40% for patients age 6 years and older as documented by lab report or chart notes (baseline FEV1 not required for patients younger than 6 years of age)
- Patient is not on concurrent therapy with other ivacaftor-containing products (e.g., Orkambi, Symdeko)
- Patient is not currently pregnant

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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IVACAFTOR

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Is the patient 6 years of age or older?

If yes, **approve 150mg tablets for 12 months by GPID (31312) with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient weigh less than 14kg (documentation of weight required)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all strengths as follows:**

- **25mg packets (GPID 46238): #2 packets per day.**
- **50mg packets: #2 packets per day.**

If no, **approve 75mg packets for 12 months by GPID (38139) with a quantity limit of #2 packets per day.**

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **IVACAFTOR (Kalydeco)** requires a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis (CF). For patients who are between 6 months to less than 6 years of age, **Ivacaftor packets** will be approved. Documentation of patient's weight is required.

In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- Patient has one of the following mutations in the CFTR gene (documentation required):

<i>2789+5G→A</i>	<i>D1152H</i>	<i>G1069R</i>	<i>P67L</i>	<i>S1251N</i>
<i>3272-26A→G</i>	<i>D1270N</i>	<i>G1244E</i>	<i>R1070Q</i>	<i>S1255P</i>
<i>3849+10kbC→T</i>	<i>D579G</i>	<i>G1349D</i>	<i>R1070W</i>	<i>S549N</i>
<i>711+3A→G</i>	<i>E193K</i>	<i>G178R</i>	<i>R117C</i>	<i>S549R</i>
<i>A1067T</i>	<i>E56K</i>	<i>G551D</i>	<i>R117H</i>	<i>S945L</i>
<i>A455E</i>	<i>E831X</i>	<i>G551S</i>	<i>R347H</i>	<i>S977F</i>
<i>D110E</i>	<i>F1052V</i>	<i>K1060T</i>	<i>R352Q</i>	
<i>D110H</i>	<i>F1074L</i>	<i>L206W</i>	<i>R74W</i>	

- Patient is 6 months of age or older
- Patient is NOT homozygous for the F508del mutation in the CFTR gene
- Prescribed by or given in consultation with a pulmonologist or CF expert
- Previously treated or currently treated with another agent for CF (examples include oral inhaled corticosteroid, bronchodilator, inhaled antibiotics, dornase alfa, or acetylcysteine)
- Baseline FEV1 of at least 40% for patients age 6 years and older as documented by lab report or chart notes (baseline FEV1 not required for patients younger than 6 years of age)
- Patient is not on concurrent therapy with other ivacaftor-containing products (e.g., Orkambi, Symdeko)
- Patient is not currently pregnant

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IVACAFTOR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis (CF) **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - Improvement in CF as indicated by ONE of the following: maintained or improvement in FEV1 or BMI or reductions in pulmonary exacerbations (documentation must be provided)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested drug with the following quantity limits:**

- 150mg tablet (GPID 31312): #2 tablets per day.
- 50mg packet (GPID 38138): #2 packets per day.
- 75mg packet (GPID 38139): #2 packets per day.
- 25mg packet (GPID 46238): #2 packets per day.

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **IVACAFTOR (Kalydeco)** requires a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis (CF) for renewal. In addition, the following criterion must be met:

- Improvement in CF as indicated by one of the following: maintained or improvement in FEV1 or BMI or reductions in pulmonary exacerbations (documentation must be provided)

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Kalydeco.

REFERENCES

- Kalydeco [Prescribing Information]. Boston, MA: Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated. April 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

IVOSIDENIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
IVOSIDENIB	TIBSOVO	45096		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of relapsed or refractory acute myeloid leukemia (AML) **AND** meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has a susceptible isocitrate dehydrogenase-1 (IDH1) mutation as detected by an FDA-approved diagnostic test
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**
If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a new diagnosis of acute myeloid leukemia (AML) **AND** meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has a susceptible isocitrate dehydrogenase-1 (IDH1) mutation as detected by an FDA-approved diagnostic test
 - The patient meets **ONE** of the following criteria:
 - The patient is 75 years of age or older
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older **AND** has comorbidities that preclude the use of intensive induction chemotherapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **IVOSIDENIB (Tibsovo)** requires a diagnosis of acute myeloid leukemia (AML). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For patients with relapsed or refractory acute myeloid leukemia (AML), approval requires the following:

- The patient has a susceptible isocitrate dehydrogenase-1 (IDH1) mutation as detected by an FDA-approved diagnostic test
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

For patients with a new diagnosis of acute myeloid leukemia (AML), approval requires the following:

- The patient has a susceptible isocitrate dehydrogenase-1 (IDH1) mutation as detected by an FDA-approved diagnostic test
- The patient meets **ONE** of the following criteria:
 - The patient is 75 years of age or older
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older **AND** has comorbidities that preclude the use of intensive induction chemotherapy

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IVOSIDENIB

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Tibsovo.

REFERENCES

- Tibsovo [Prescribing Information]. Cambridge, MA: Agios Pharmaceuticals; May 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 06/01/19

Created: 11/18

Client Approval: 05/19

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

IXAZOMIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
IXAZOMIB CITRATE	NINLARO	42826		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of multiple myeloma and have **ALL** of the following criteria been met?
 - Ninlaro (ixazomib) will be used in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone
 - Patient has received at least one prior therapy for the treatment of multiple myeloma such as bortezomib, carfilzomib, thalidomide, lenalidomide, melphalan or stem cell transplantation

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #3 capsules per 28 days.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **IXAZOMIB (Ninlaro)** requires a diagnosis of multiple myeloma and that it will be used in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone in patients who have received at least one prior therapy such as bortezomib, carfilzomib, thalidomide, lenalidomide, melphalan or stem cell transplantation.

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of IXAZOMIB (Ninlaro) based on FDA approved indication.

Ninlaro, in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone offers the first all-oral treatment option for patients with relapsed and/or refractory multiple myeloma (RRMM). According to the National Cancer Institute (NCI), MM is the third most common blood cancer (after lymphoma and leukemia) in the United States. NCI estimates there will be 26,850 new cases of multiple myeloma and 11,240 related deaths in the US this year.

Standard treatment options for MM include proteasome inhibitors (Velcade [bortezomib], Kyprolis [carfilzomib]), immunomodulators (IMiDs) (Revlimid [lenalidomide], Thalomid [thalidomide], Pomalyst [pomalidomide]), alkylating agents (Alkeran [melphalan], Cytoxan [cyclophosphamide]), anthracyclines (Doxil [liposomal doxorubicin]), and corticosteroids (dexamethasone). Regimens may contain two or three drug combinations, with selected patients undergoing hematopoietic cell transplantation (HCT).

NCCN guidelines added a category 1 recommendation for Ninlaro in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone for previously untreated MM. While ongoing studies are evaluating Ninlaro for newly diagnosed MM, current labeling for Ninlaro requires at least one prior line of therapy, as the FDA approval was based only on patients with RRMM. Although Ninlaro has the convenience of an all-oral regimen, it should be reserved for patients who have progressed on currently recommended regimens.

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IXAZOMIB

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

The efficacy of Ninlaro was evaluated in a phase 3, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter trial (Tourmaline-MM1) in 722 patients with RRMM. Patients had to receive at least one prior line of therapy (60-62% received one, 38-40% received two or three), but patients who were refractory to lenalidomide or PIs (e.g., Velcade) were excluded from the study. The most common types of prior therapy included melphalan-containing (80-81%), bortezomib-containing (69%), thalidomide-containing (44-47%), and stem cell transplantation (55-59%). Other prior therapies included lenalidomide-containing and carfilzomib containing regimens.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Indicated in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone for the treatment of patients with multiple myeloma who have received at least one prior therapy.

DOSAGE

The recommended starting dose of Ninlaro (ixazomib) is 4mg taken orally on Days 1, 8, and 15 of a 28-day cycle. Treatment should be continued until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

The dose may be reduced due to adverse reactions as shown in the table below.

Recommended starting dose	First reduction to	Second reduction to	Discontinue
4mg	3mg	2.3mg	

REFERENCES

- Ninlaro [Prescribing Information]. Cambridge, MA: Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited; 2015.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

IXEKIZUMAB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
IXEKIZUMAB	TALTZ	43193		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
 - The patient has psoriatic lesions involving greater than or equal to 10% of body surface area (BSA) **OR** psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one or more forms of preferred conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Cosentyx, Humira, Otezla, Stelara, Tremfya, Skyrizi [**NOTE:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, **approve for a total of 6 months by entering THREE approvals by HICL as follows:**

- **FIRST APPROVAL:** approve for 4 weeks with a quantity limit of 3mL (#3 80mg/mL syringes or autoinjectors) per 28 days.
- **SECOND APPROVAL:** approve for 8 weeks with a quantity limit of 2mL (#2 80mg/mL syringes or autoinjectors) per 28 days (Please enter a start date of 4 WEEKS AFTER the START date of the first approval).
- **THIRD APPROVAL:** approve for 12 weeks with a quantity limit of 1mL (#1 80mg/mL syringe or autoinjector) per 28 days (Please enter a start date of 4 WEEKS AFTER the END date of the second approval).

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe plaque psoriasis requires that the patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more.

If no, continue to #2.

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IXEKIZUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Cosentyx, Enbrel, Humira, Stelara [**NOTE:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, **approve for a total of 6 months by entering TWO approvals by HICL as follows:**

- **FIRST APPROVAL:** approve for 4 weeks with a quantity limit of 2mL (#2 80mg/mL syringes or autoinjectors) per 28 days.
- **SECOND APPROVAL:** approve for 20 weeks with a quantity limit of 1mL (#1 80mg/mL syringe or autoinjector) per 28 days (Please enter a start date of 4 WEEKS AFTER the **START** date of the first approval).

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for psoriatic arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **IXEKIZUMAB (Taltz)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) or psoriatic arthritis (PsA). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO), approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
 - The patient has psoriatic lesions involving greater than or equal to 10% of body surface area (BSA) **OR** psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one or more forms of preferred conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Cosentyx, Humira, Otezla, Stelara, Tremfya, Skyrizi
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IXEKIZUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA), approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Cosentyx, Enbrel, Humira, Stelara

The use of pharmaceutical samples (from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program) will not be considered when evaluating the medical condition or prior prescription history for drugs that require prior authorization.

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of 1mL (#1 80mg/mL syringe/autoinjector) per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of 1mL (#1 80mg/mL syringe/autoinjector) per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **IXEKIZUMAB (Taltz)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) or psoriatic arthritis (PsA) for renewal. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO), approval requires:

- The patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more

For the diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA), approval requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

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IXEKIZUMAB

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Taltz.

REFERENCES

- Taltz [Prescribing Information]. Eli Lilly and Company: Indianapolis, IN: December 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 05/03/19

Created: 04/16

Client Approval: 05/19

P&T Approval: 04/19



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LANADELUMAB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
LANADELUMAB-FLYO	TAKHZYRO	45177		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema (HAE) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Diagnosis of HAE is confirmed via complement testing
 - The medication is being used for prophylaxis to prevent HAE attacks
 - The patient is 12 years of age or older
 - The medication is prescribed by or in consultation with an allergist/immunologist or hematologist

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4mL per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires physician attestation of improvement (i.e., reductions in attack frequency or attack severity) compared to baseline in HAE attacks with routine prophylaxis.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **LANADELUMAB (Takhzyro)** requires a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema (HAE). Additionally, the following criteria must be met:

- Diagnosis of HAE is confirmed via complement testing
- The medication is being used for prophylaxis to prevent HAE attacks
- The patient is 12 years of age or older
- The medication is prescribed by or in consultation with an allergist/immunologist or hematologist

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema (HAE) and meet the following criteria?
 - Physician attestation of improvement (i.e., reductions in attack frequency or attack severity) compared to baseline in HAE attacks with routine prophylaxis

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4mL per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **LANADELUMAB (Takhzyro)** requires a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema (HAE) for renewal. The following criteria must also be met:

- Physician attestation of improvement (i.e., reductions in attack frequency or attack severity) compared to baseline in HAE attacks with routine prophylaxis

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LANADELUMAB

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of LANADELUMAB (Takhzyro) based on FDA-approved indication and clinical trial design.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Takhzyro is a plasma kallikrein inhibitor (monoclonal antibody) indicated for prophylaxis to prevent attacks of hereditary angioedema (HAE) in patients 12 years and older.

DOSING AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended starting dosage of Takhzyro is 300 mg given subcutaneously every 2 weeks. A dosing interval of 300 mg every 4 weeks is also effective and may be considered if the patient is well-controlled (e.g., attack-free) for more than 6 months.

Takhzyro should be administered subcutaneously into the abdomen, thigh, or upper arm and is provided as a ready-to-use solution in a single-dose vial that does not require additional reconstitution or dilution for administration. Takhzyro is intended for self-administration or administration by a caregiver, following training by a healthcare professional. In clinical studies, the majority of patients self-administered Takhzyro over 10 to 60 seconds.

REFERENCES

- Takhzyro [Prescribing Information]. Lexington, MA: Dyax Corp.; August 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A
Commercial Effective: 09/24/18

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LAPATINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
LAPATINIB DITOSYLATE	TYKERB	34541		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have breast cancer?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the patient's breast cancer HER2 positive (defined as IHC 3+ or FISH amplification ratio greater than 2.0)?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Is the requested medication being used in combination with Xeloda (capecitabine), Herceptin (trastuzumab), or Femara (letrozole)?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Does the patient have estrogen or progesterone receptor-positive breast cancer?

If yes, **approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of up to #6 per day per month.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If no, continue to #5.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LAPATINIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

5. Has the patient's prior therapy included Herceptin (trastuzumab)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of up to #6 per day per month.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval criteria require concurrent treatment with Xeloda (capecitabine), Herceptin (trastuzumab), or Femara (letrozole) for patients with a diagnosis of HER2-positive breast cancer with estrogen/progesterone receptor-positive breast cancer; or a diagnosis of HER2-positive breast cancer in a patient with a previous trial of Herceptin (trastuzumab).

RATIONALE

To ensure that lapatinib is used in the appropriate patient population with HER2 positive breast cancer. Lapatinib in combination with capecitabine or trastuzumab is recommended for trastuzumab-exposed HER2 positive breast cancer. Lapatinib is recommended in combination with other chemotherapy for HER2 positive breast cancer that is either estrogen or progesterone receptor-positive or negative.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Tykerb is indicated in combination with:

Capecitabine, for the treatment of patients with advanced or metastatic breast cancer whose tumors over express HER2 and who have received prior therapy including an anthracycline, a taxane, and trastuzumab.

Letrozole, for the treatment of postmenopausal women with hormone receptor positive metastatic breast cancer that over expresses the HER2 receptor for whom hormonal therapy is indicated.

REFERENCES

- GlaxoSmithKline. Tykerb package insert. Research Triangle Park, NC. April, 2010.
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology. Breast Cancer v.2.2011
- Thomson Healthcare. Monograph Name. DRUGDEX® System [database online]. Greenwood Village, CO. Available at: <https://www.thomsonhc.com/hcs/librarian/PFDefaultActionId/pf.LoginAction>. [Accessed: June 27, 2011].

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LAPATINIB

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LAROTRECTINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
LAROTRECTINIB	VITRAKVI	45494		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of a solid tumor and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The tumor has a neurotrophic receptor tyrosine kinase (*NTRK*) gene fusion without a known acquired resistance mutation
 - The tumor is metastatic or surgical resection is likely to result in severe morbidity
 - There are no satisfactory alternative treatments, or the patient has progressed following treatment

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the request for Vitrakvi oral capsules?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all strengths as follows:**

- **Vitrakvi 25mg (GPID 45793): #6 capsules per day.**
- **Vitrakvi 100mg (GPID 45794): #2 capsules per day.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the request for Vitrakvi oral solution and the patient meets **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - The request is for a pediatric patient
 - Physician attestation that the patient is unable to take Vitrakvi capsules due to difficulty swallowing or dysphagia
 - Physician attestation that the patient has other medical need for the oral solution

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID as follows:**

- **Vitrakvi 20mg/mL oral solution (GPID 45789): #10mL per day.**

If no, do not approve Vitrakvi oral suspension. **Please enter a proactive PA for Vitrakvi capsules and approve for 12 months by GPID for all strengths as follows:**

- **Vitrakvi 25mg (GPID 45793): #6 capsules per day.**
- **Vitrakvi 100mg (GPID 45794): #2 capsules per day.**

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LAROTRECTINIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **LAROTRECTINIB (Vitrakvi)** requires a diagnosis of a solid tumor. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The tumor has a neurotrophic receptor tyrosine kinase (*NTRK*) gene fusion without a known acquired resistance mutation
- The tumor is metastatic or surgical resection is likely to result in severe morbidity
- There are no satisfactory alternative treatments, or the patient has progressed following treatment
- **Requests for Vitrakvi oral solution also requires that ONE of the following is met:**
 - The request is for a pediatric patient
 - Physician attestation that the patient is unable to take Vitrakvi capsules due to difficulty swallowing or dysphagia
 - Physician attestation that the patient has other medical need for the oral solution

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Vitrakvi.

REFERENCES

- Vitrakvi [Prescribing Information]. Stamford, CT: Loxo Oncology, Inc: November 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 04/01/19

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

L-GLUTAMINE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
GLUTAMINE (L-GLUTAMINE)	ENDARI			NDC = 42457-0420-01, 42457-0420-60

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of sickle cell disease and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is between 5 years of age and 17 years of age
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a hematologist

If yes, **approve for 6 months by NDC with a quantity limit of 180 packets per 30 days.**

Approval Text: Renewal requires physician attestation that the patient has maintained or experienced a reduction in acute complications of sickle-cell disease (SCD) (e.g., number of sickle cell crises, hospitalizations, ACS).

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of sickle cell disease and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age and older
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a hematologist
- Physician attestation of **ONE** of the following:
 - At least 3 sickle cell crises in the past year (A sickle cell crises is defined as a visit to an emergency room/medical facility for sickle cell disease-related pain which was treated with a parenterally administered narcotic or parenterally administered ketorolac, the occurrence of chest syndrome, priapism, or splenic sequestration)
 - The patients is having sickle-cell associated symptoms (e.g., pain or anemia) which are interfering with activities of daily living
 - The patients has a history of or has recurrent acute chest syndrome (ACS)

If yes, **approve for 6 months by NDC with a quantity limit of 180 packets per 30 days.**

Approval Text: Renewal requires physician attestation that the patient has maintained or experienced a reduction in acute complications of sickle-cell disease (SCD) (e.g., number of sickle cell crises, hospitalizations, ACS).

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

L-GLUTAMINE

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **L-GLUTAMINE (ENDARI)** requires a diagnosis of sickle cell disease and patient must be at least 5 years old. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a hematologist
- For patients 18 years of age and older, approval also requires physician attestation of ONE of the following:**
- At least 3 sickle cell crises in the past year (A sickle cell crises is defined as a visit to an emergency room/medical facility for sickle cell disease-related pain which was treated with a parenterally administered narcotic or parenterally administered ketorolac, the occurrence of chest syndrome, priapism, or splenic sequestration)
 - The patients is having sickle-cell associated symptoms (e.g., pain or anemia) which are interfering with activities of daily living
 - The patients has a history of or has recurrent acute chest syndrome (ACS)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of sickle cell disease and meet the following criterion?
 - Physician attestation that the patient has maintained or experienced a reduction in acute complications of sickle-cell disease (SCD) (e.g., number of sickle cell crises, hospitalizations, ACS)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by NDC with a quantity limit of 180 packets per 30 days.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **L-GLUTAMINE (Endari)** requires a diagnosis of sickle cell disease and physician attestation that the patient has maintained or experienced a reduction in acute complications of sickle-cell disease (SCD) (e.g., number of sickle cell crises, hospitalizations, ACS) for renewal.

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of L-GLUTAMINE based on FDA approved indication and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Endari is indicated to reduce the acute complications of sickle cell disease in adult and pediatric patients 5 years of age and older.

DOSING & ADMINISTRATION

Administer Endari orally, twice per day at the dose based on body weight according to Table 1.

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L-GLUTAMINE

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSING & ADMINISTRATION

Table 1. Recommended Dosing

Weight in kilograms	Weight in pounds	Per dose in grams	Per day in grams	Packets per dose	Packets per day
< 30	< 66	5	10	1	2
30 to 65	66 to 143	10	20	2	4
> 65	> 143	15	30	3	6

REFERENCES

- Endari [Prescribing Information]. Torrance, CA: Emmaus Medical, Inc. 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

LEDIPASVIR/SOFOSBUVIR

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
LEDIPASVIR/SOFOSBUVIR	HARVONI	41457		

*******Customer Service/PAC Alert*****
(For Internal Use Only)**

THIS IS A HIGH-IMPACT MEDICATION. DO NOT OVERRIDE OR APPROVE WITHOUT SUBMITTING FOR PHARMACIST REVIEW.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C with genotype 1, genotype 4, genotype 5, or genotype 6 and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Patient is at least 18 years old **OR** a pediatric patient who is 12-17 years old **OR** weighs at least 77 pounds (35kg)
 - Patient has a recent HCV infection documented by one detectable HCV RNA level within the last 6 months
 - Patient is currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

- Does the patient meet at least **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - Patient has end stage renal disease or requires hemodialysis
 - Patient is currently taking any of the following medications: amiodarone, carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine, rosuvastatin, simeprevir, sofosbuvir, Stribild (elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir), or tipranavir/ritonavir
 - Patient has a limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions (e.g., physician attestation)

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #3.

- Does the patient have decompensated cirrhosis?

If yes, continue to #11.

If no, continue to #4.

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LEDIPASVIR/SOFOSBUVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- Treatment of genotype 1, genotype 4, genotype 5 or genotype 6
 - A liver transplant recipient
 - At least 18 years old
 - Without cirrhosis **OR** with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A)

If yes, continue to #14.

If no, continue to #5.

5. Is this request for treatment of genotype 4, 5, or 6?

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day.**

If no, continue to #6.

6. Is the patient treatment naïve?

If yes, continue to #7.

If no, continue to #9.

7. Does the patient have cirrhosis **OR** is this request for treatment of a pediatric patient?

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day.**

If no, continue to #8.

8. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Genotype 1 HCV infection
- No cirrhosis
- No HIV co-infection
- Pre-treatment HCV RNA level < 6 million IU/mL
- Not of African descent (Patient is not African American)

If yes, **approve for 8 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day.**

If no, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: 8 weeks of treatment is approved for treatment-naïve patients (no cirrhosis) with a pre-treatment HCV RNA level less than 6 million IU/mL, or 12 weeks will be approved for treatment-naïve patients of African descent and/or those with cirrhosis or HIV co-infection.

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LEDIPASVIR/SOFOSBUVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

9. Has the patient received prior treatment (e.g., treatment-experienced patient) for hepatitis C with 1) peginterferon and ribavirin, or 2) triple therapy with HCV protease inhibitor, peginterferon and ribavirin, or 3) is the patient without cirrhosis with a prior non-NS5A inhibitor, sofosbuvir-containing regimen?

If yes, continue to #10.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

10. Does the patient have cirrhosis?

If yes, **approve for 24 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day.**

If no, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day.**

11. Does the patient have genotype 1, genotype 4, genotype 5 or genotype 6 hepatitis C infection **AND** is at least 18 years old?

If yes, continue to #12.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

12. Is the requested medication being used with ribavirin?

If yes, continue to #13.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

13. Has the patient previously failed a Sovaldi (sofosbuvir)-containing regimen?

If yes, **approve for 24 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day.**

If no, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day.**

14. Is the requested medication being used with ribavirin?

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LEDIPASVIR/SOFOSBUVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **LEDIPASVIR/SOFOSBUVIR (Harvoni)** requires a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C. The following criteria must also be met:

- Has genotype 1, genotype 4, genotype 5, or genotype 6 hepatitis C
- Patient is at least 18 years old OR the request is for a pediatric patient (12-17 years old or weighs at least 77 pounds (35kg))
- Patient is currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model
- Documentation of HCV infection by at least one detectable HCV RNA level within the last 6 months
- For treatment-experienced patients with no cirrhosis and genotype 1, previous treatment must include 1) peginterferon and ribavirin, 2) triple therapy with HCV protease inhibitor, peginterferon and ribavirin, or 3) a prior non-NS5A inhibitor, sofosbuvir-containing regimen
- For treatment-experienced patients with compensated cirrhosis and genotype 1, previous treatment must be either 1) peginterferon and ribavirin, or 2) triple therapy with HCV protease inhibitor, peginterferon and ribavirin
- For patients with decompensated cirrhosis or those who are post-liver transplant (without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis), the patient must be at least 18 years old, have genotype 1, genotype 4, genotype 5 or genotype 6 infection, and will be using a ribavirin-containing regimen

Harvoni will not be approved for the following patients:

- Patients using any of the following medications concurrently while on Harvoni: amiodarone, carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine, rosuvastatin, simeprevir, sofosbuvir, Stribild (elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir), or tipranavir/ritonavir
- Patients with end stage renal disease or on hemodialysis
- Patients with limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of Harvoni (sofosbuvir/ledipasvir).

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LEDIPASVIR/SOFOSBUVIR

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

For the treatment of chronic hepatitis C in:

- Adults with genotype 1, 4, 5, and 6 infection in adults, without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis
- Adults with genotype 1 infection with decompensated cirrhosis, in combination with ribavirin
- Adults with genotype 1 or 4 infection who are liver transplant recipients without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis, in combination with ribavirin
- Pediatric patients 12 years of age and older or weighing at least 35kg with genotype 1, 4, 5, or 6 without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis

FDA APPROVED DOSAGE

- One 400mg/90mg tablet taken once daily with or without food.

Duration of therapy is as follows:

Adult patient population		
Genotype 1	Treatment naïve without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A)	Harvoni for 12 weeks*
	Treatment experienced without cirrhosis	Harvoni for 12 weeks
	Treatment-experienced with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A)	Harvoni for 24 weeks
	Treatment naïve and treatment-experienced with decompensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh B or C)	Harvoni + ribavirin for 12 weeks
Genotype 1 or 4	Treatment naïve and treatment experienced liver transplant recipients without cirrhosis, or with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A)	Harvoni + ribavirin for 12 weeks
Genotype 4, 5 or 6	Treatment naïve and treatment experienced without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A)	Harvoni for 12 weeks
* = Treatment of 8 weeks can be considered in treatment naïve patients without cirrhosis who have a pretreatment HCV RNA load of <6 million IU/mL.		

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LEDIPASVIR/SOFOSBUVIR

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

FDA APPROVED DOSAGE

Pediatric patient population (12 years of age and older or weighing at least 35kg)		
Genotype 1	Treatment naïve without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A)	Harvoni for 12 weeks
	Treatment experienced without cirrhosis	Harvoni for 12 weeks
	Treatment-experienced with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A)	Harvoni for 24 weeks
Genotype 4, 5 or 6	Treatment naïve and treatment experienced, without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A)	Harvoni for 12 weeks

OTHER INFORMATION

Harvoni is the first single tablet, all-oral combination therapy approved to treat chronic hepatitis C. It is a combination of sofosbuvir, a NS5B polymerase inhibitor (currently also available as a single ingredient medication under brand Sovaldi), with ledipasvir, a new NS5A inhibitor. Potential advantages for Harvoni include once daily dosing, excellent tolerability, improved SVR rates, and it is the first agent to offer an all-oral, interferon-free treatment option for all genotype 1 patients with treatment duration as short as 8 weeks for certain patients. Because it is the first interferon-free regimen to be FDA-approved to treat all genotype 1 patients, initial demand for this agent is expected to be high. Harvoni joins Sovaldi (sofosbuvir) as well as the NS3/4A protease inhibitors (Olysio (simeprevir), Victrelis (boceprevir), and Incivek (telaprevir)) as the fifth oral, direct-acting antiviral agent for treatment of chronic hepatitis C. Incivek (telaprevir) was previously available but has been recently discontinued by the manufacturer due to low demand. Harvoni differs from these agents in that it does not require additional components in the treatment regimen (e.g., ribavirin and/or peginterferon alfa).

Current treatment guidelines for hepatitis C include Harvoni as a recommended treatment option for genotype 1, 4, 5, or 6 and for patients with decompensated cirrhosis (genotypes 1 or 4).

EFFICACY

The efficacy of Harvoni was evaluated in three phase III clinical trials (ION-1, ION-2, and ION-3); the studies enrolled a total of 1518 adults with genotype 1 chronic hepatitis C with compensated liver disease. The primary efficacy endpoint for all studies was SVR, defined as HCV RNA below the lower limit of quantification, at 12 weeks after the end of treatment (SVR12).

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

LEDIPASVIR/SOFOSBUVIR

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

EFFICACY

Table 1: Major phase III clinical trials for Harvoni

Study	Clinical trial design	Patient population
ION-1	randomized, open-label study	Treatment naïve patients, genotype 1, with or without cirrhosis (16% had cirrhosis)
ION-2	randomized, open-label study	Previously treated patients (previous failure with peginterferon/ribavirin or protease inhibitor triple therapy), genotype 1, with or without cirrhosis (20% had cirrhosis)
ION-3	randomized, open-label study	647 treatment naïve patients, genotype 1, without cirrhosis

Efficacy outcomes for Harvoni (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir) with or without ribavirin (RBV) for treatment of genotype 1 infection: ION-1 and ION-2 clinical trials

	Harvoni - 12 weeks (GT 1)	Harvoni + RBV- 12 weeks (GT 1)	Harvoni - 24 weeks (GT 1)	Harvoni + RBV - 24 weeks (GT 1)
ION-1, Previously untreated patients (16% with cirrhosis)				
Primary endpoint, SVR12 for all study patients	99% (210/213)*	97% (211/217)	98% (212/217)	99% (215/217)
SVR for patients with cirrhosis	94% (32/34)	N/A	N/A	N/A
SVR for patients without cirrhosis	99% (176/177)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Virologic failure	0	0	1	0
Relapse	<1% (1/212)	0	<1% (1/217)	0
ION-2, Treatment-experienced patients (20% with cirrhosis)				
Primary endpoint, SVR12	94%	96%	99%	99%
Virologic failure	0	0	0	1% (1/111)
Relapse	6% (7/109)	4% (4/111)	0	0
* = SVR for various subgroups within ION-2 : patients with cirrhosis- SVR rate was 94% (32/34), patients with genotype 1a- SVR rate was 98% (142/145) and patients with genotype 1b – SVR rate was 100% (67/67)				

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

Efficacy outcomes for Harvoni (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir) for 8 or 12 weeks for treatment of genotype 1 infection in treatment naïve patients: ION-3 clinical trial

	Harvoni - 8 weeks (GT 1)	Harvoni – 12 weeks (GT 1)
Primary endpoint, SVR12 for all study patients	94% (202/215)*	95% (206/216)
SVR for those with baseline HCV RNA < 6million IU/mL	97% (119/123)	96% (126/131)
SVR by genotype, genotype 1a	93% (159/171)	96% (165/172)
SVR by genotype, genotype 1b	98% (42/43)	98% (43/44)
Relapse	5% (11/215)	1% (3/216)
Virologic failure	0	0

SAFETY

Adverse events reported in more than 10% of patients treated with Harvoni in clinical trials included fatigue and headache. Incidence varied by treatment duration (see below).

Table 4: Adverse reactions reported in greater than or equal to 5% of subjects receiving 8, 12 or 24 weeks of Harvoni (from Harvoni prescribing information):

	Harvoni 8 week regimen (n=215)	Harvoni 12 week regimen (n=539)	Harvoni 24 week regimen (n=326)
Fatigue	16%	13%	18%
Headache	11%	14%	17%
Nausea	6%	7%	9%
Diarrhea	4%	3%	7%
Insomnia	3%	5%	6%

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

LEDIPASVIR/SOFOSBUVIR

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

SAFETY

Ledipasvir and sofosbuvir are both substrates of P-glycoprotein (P-gp), but are not metabolized by the CYP450 pathway. Drug interactions with Harvoni include medications that are P-gp inducers such as rifampin and St John's wort. Concurrent administration of Harvoni and P-gp inducers is not recommended. The following medications may decrease the concentrations of Harvoni: carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine, St. John's Wort, or tipranavir/ritonavir; concurrent administration of these agents with Harvoni is not recommended. The following medications interact with Harvoni and an increase in their concentration may occur with coadministration with Harvoni: rosuvastatin and Stribild (elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir); concurrent administration with Harvoni is not recommended. The concurrent use of simeprevir and Harvoni may increase serum concentrations of simeprevir; concurrent administration with Harvoni is not recommended. The use of Harvoni with other products containing sofosbuvir, such as Sovaldi, is not recommended. Concurrent use of Harvoni and amiodarone may increase the risk of symptomatic bradycardia and is not recommended.

The solubility of ledipasvir, a component of Harvoni, decreases as pH increases. Drugs that may increase gastric pH, such as antacids, H₂ blockers, and proton pump inhibitors could decrease concentrations of ledipasvir. If the patient continues to use these medications while taking Harvoni, the manufacturer recommends the following:

- Patients using antacids while taking Harvoni should separate administration of the two medications by at least 4 hours.
- Patients using H₂ blockers should use a dose equivalent to famotidine 40mg twice daily or less.
- Patients using proton pump inhibitors should use a dose equivalent to omeprazole 20mg daily or less.

Patients using digoxin while taking Harvoni may experience an increase in digoxin levels. Therapeutic concentration monitoring of digoxin levels while on Harvoni is recommended.

No dosage adjustment is required for geriatric patients, or for those with mild to moderate renal impairment. The safety and efficacy of Harvoni has not been established in patients with severe renal impairment (eGFR less than 30mL/minute/1.73m²) or end stage renal disease requiring hemodialysis.

No dosage requirement is necessary for patients with mild, moderate or severe hepatic impairment (Child Pugh Class A, B or C).

Harvoni is Pregnancy category B. Harvoni has not been adequately studied in pregnant humans, but animal studies of Harvoni during pregnancy show no effects on fetal development.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

LEDIPASVIR/SOFOSBUVIR

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LENALIDOMIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
LENALIDOMIDE	REVLIMID	33412		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of multiple myeloma (MM)?
If yes, continue to #2.
If no, continue to #4.
2. Will Revlimid (lenalidomide) be used as induction treatment for multiple myeloma (MM)?
If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for #21 capsules every 28 days.**
If no, continue to #3.
3. Will Revlimid (lenalidomide) be used as maintenance treatment for multiple myeloma (MM)?
If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for #1 capsule per day.**
If no, do not approve.
DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.
4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to a myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS)?
If yes, continue to #5.
If no, continue to #6.
5. Is the patient's myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) associated with a deletion 5q abnormality?
If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for #1 capsule per day.**
If no, do not approve.
DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.
6. Does the patient have a diagnosis of mantle cell lymphoma (MCL) **AND** has tried two prior therapies, one of which included Velcade (bortezomib)?
If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for #21 capsules per 28 days.**
If no, do not approve.
DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LENALIDOMIDE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **LENALIDOMIDE (Revlimid)** requires one of the following diagnoses: multiple myeloma (MM), anemia due to a myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), or mantle cell lymphoma (MCL). Additional guideline requirements apply.

- **For the diagnosis of myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS)**, approval requires MDS associated with a deletion 5q abnormality.
- **For the diagnosis of mantle cell lymphoma (MCL)**, approval requires a trial of two prior therapies, one of which included Velcade (bortezomib). Velcade may be covered under the medical benefit and/or require prior authorization.

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use aligned with FDA approved indications.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Revlimid is a thalidomide analogue indicated for the treatment of patients with:

- Multiple myeloma (MM), in combination with dexamethasone.
- Multiple Myeloma (MM) as maintenance following autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (auto-HSCT).
- Transfusion-dependent anemia due to low- or intermediate-1-risk myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) associated with a deletion 5q abnormality with or without additional cytogenetic abnormalities.
- Mantle cell lymphoma (MCL) whose disease has relapsed or progressed after two prior therapies, one of which included bortezomib.

Limitations of Use:

REVLIMID is not indicated and is not recommended for the treatment of patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) outside of controlled clinical trials.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Multiple Myeloma (MM): 25 mg once daily orally on Days 1-21 of repeated 28-day cycles.
- Dosing for maintenance therapy: 10 mg once daily for first 3 months, increased to 15 mg once daily if tolerated.
- Multiple Myeloma (MM) maintenance therapy following auto-HSCT: 10mg once daily continuously on Days 1-28 of repeated 28 day cycles.
- Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS): 10 mg once daily.
- Mantle Cell Lymphoma (MCL): 25 mg once daily orally on Days 1-21 of repeated 28-day cycles.
Continue or modify dosing based on clinical and laboratory findings
Renal impairment: Adjust starting dose in patients with moderate or severe renal impairment and on dialysis (CLcr<60 mL/min).

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

LENALIDOMIDE

REFERENCES

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- National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. The NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology. Multiple Myeloma. (Version 3.2017).
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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LENVATINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
LENVATINIB MESYLATE	LENVIMA	41756		ROUTE = ORAL

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of differentiated thyroid cancer (DTC) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria; (**NOTE:** Differentiated thyroid cancer (DTC) can be classified as papillary (PTC), follicular (FTC), or Hurthle cell)?
 - The thyroid cancer is locally recurrent or metastatic
 - The thyroid cancer is progressive
 - Patient has tried or has a contraindication to radioactive iodine therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID based on the following daily dose requirements:**

- For a daily dose of 10mg, approve for 30 blisters per 30 days.
- For a daily dose of 14mg, approve for 60 blisters per 30 days.
- For a daily dose of 20mg, approve for 60 blisters per 30 days.
- For a daily dose of 24mg, approve for 90 blisters per 30 days.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of advanced renal cell cancer (RCC) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Lenvima will be used in combination with everolimus
 - Patient has previously tried one anti-angiogenic therapy (e.g., Sutent (sunitinib), Votrient (pazopanib), Inlyta (axitinib), Nexavar (sorafenib))

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID based on the following daily dose requirements:**

- For a daily dose of 8mg, approve for 60 blisters per 30 days.
- For a daily dose of 10mg, approve for 30 blisters per 30 days.
- For a daily dose of 14mg, approve for 60 blisters per 30 days.
- For a daily dose of 18mg, approve for 90 blisters per 30 days.

If no, continue to #3.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LENVATINIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID based on the following daily dose requirements:**

- For a dose of 4mg every other day, approve for 15 blisters per 30 days.
- For a daily dose of 4mg, approve for 30 blisters per 30 days.
- For a daily dose of 8mg, approve for 60 blisters per 30 days.
- For a daily dose of 12mg, approve for 90 blisters per 30 days.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **LENVATINIB (Lenvima)** requires a diagnosis of differentiated thyroid cancer, advanced renal cell cancer, or unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For the diagnosis of differentiated thyroid cancer, approval requires:

- Thyroid cancer is progressive and is locally recurrent or metastatic
- Patient has tried or has contraindication to radioactive iodine therapy

For the diagnosis of advanced renal cell cancer, approval requires:

- Lenvima will be used in combination with everolimus
- Patient has previously tried one anti-angiogenic therapy

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of Lenvima based on FDA approved indication and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Lenvima is a kinase inhibitor that is indicated:

- For the treatment of patients with locally recurrent or metastatic, progressive, radioactive iodine-refractory differentiated thyroid cancer (DTC).
- In combination with everolimus, for the treatment of patients with advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC) following one prior anti-angiogenic therapy.
- For the first-line treatment of patients with unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC).

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

RECOMMENDED DOSE FOR DTC

- The recommended dosage of Lenvima is 24mg orally taken once daily with or without food. Continue Lenvima until disease progression or until unacceptable toxicity occurs.
- In patients with severe renal impairment (CrCl less than 30ml/min) or severe hepatic impairment, the recommended dose is 14mg orally once daily.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LENVATINIB

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

RECOMMENDED DOSE FOR RCC

- The recommended dosage of Lenvima is 18mg in combination with 5 mg everolimus orally taken once daily with or without food. Continue Lenvima plus everolimus until disease progression or until unacceptable toxicity occurs.
- In patients with severe renal impairment (ClCr less than 30ml/min) or severe hepatic impairment, the recommended dose is 10mg orally once daily.

RECOMMENDED DOSE FOR HCC

The recommended dosage of Lenvima is based on actual body weight:

- 12 mg for patients greater than or equal to 60 kg or
- 8 mg for patients less than 60 kg.

Take Lenvima orally once daily with or without food until disease progression or until unacceptable toxicity.

Dose Modifications for DTC, RCC, and HCC

Adverse drug reactions may require dose modification of Lenvima.

REFERENCES

- Lenvima [Prescribing Information]. Woodcliff Lake, NJ: Eisai, Inc. August 2018.
- American Thyroid Association. Differentiated Thyroid Cancer: Initial Management Guidelines available at <http://www.thyroid.org/thyroid-guidelines/revise/differentiated/> [accessed 2/27/2015].

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LETERMOVIR PO

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
LETERMOVIR	PREVYMIS		44049 44061	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the patient undergoing an allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is at least 18 years of age or older
 - The patient is CMV-seropositive [R+]
 - Prevymis will be used for prophylaxis of cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection and disease
 - Prevymis will be initiated between Day 0 and Day 28 post-transplantation (before or after engraftment)
 - Patient is not receiving the medication beyond 100 days post-transplantation

If yes, **approve for 98 days (14 weeks) by GPID for all daily dosage strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- **240mg tablets (GPID 44049): #1 tablet per day. AND**
- **480mg tablets (GPID 44061): #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **LETERMOVIR PO (Prevymis)** requires the patient to be undergoing an allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT). In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- The patient is at least 18 years of age or older
- The patient is CMV-seropositive [R+]
- Prevymis will be used for prophylaxis of cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection and disease
- Prevymis will be initiated between Day 0 and Day 28 post-transplantation (before or after engraftment)
- Patient is not receiving the medication beyond 100 days post-transplantation

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **LETERMOVIR** based on FDA approved indication and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Prevymis is indicated for prophylaxis of cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection and disease in adult CMV seropositive recipients [R+] of an allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT).

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LETERMOVIR PO

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dosage of Prevymis is 480 mg administered orally or intravenously once daily. Prevymis is recommended to be initiated between Day 0 and Day 28 post-transplantation (before or after engraftment), and continue through Day 100 post-transplantation. Dosage of Prevymis should be decreased to 240mg once daily when co-administered with cyclosporine.

- If cyclosporine is initiated after starting Prevymis, the next dose of Prevymis should be decreased to 240mg once daily.
- If cyclosporine is discontinued after starting Prevymis, the next dose of Prevymis should be increased to 480mg once daily.
- If cyclosporine dosing is interrupted due to high cyclosporine levels, no dose adjustment of Prevymis is needed.

Prevymis injection, which contains hydroxypropyl betadex, should be used only in patients unable to take oral therapy. Patients should be switched to oral Prevymis as soon as they are able to take oral medications. Prevymis tablet and injection may be used interchangeably at the discretion of the physician, and no dosage adjustment is necessary when switching formulations.

AVAILABLE STRENGTHS

Tablet: 240mg, 480mg tablets; Injection: 240mg/12 mL (20mg/mL), 480mg/24mL (20mg/mL) single dose vials

REFERENCES

- Prevymis [Prescribing Information]. Merck & Co, Inc.; Whitehouse Station, NJ. November 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LEVODOPA

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
LEVODOPA	INBRIJA	01897		ROUTE = INHALATION

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Inbrija is being used for intermittent treatment of OFF episodes associated with Parkinson's disease
 - The patient is currently being treated with carbidopa/levodopa
 - Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist
 - The patient is **NOT** currently taking more than 1600mg of levodopa per day
 - The physician has optimized drug therapy as evidenced by **BOTH** of the following:
 - Change in levodopa/carbidopa dosing strategy or formulation
 - Trial of or contraindication to at least **TWO** Parkinson's disease agents from two different classes of the following: dopamine agonist (i.e., ropinirole, pramipexole, rotigotine), monoamine oxidase-inhibitors (MAO-I) (i.e., selegiline, rasagiline), catechol-O-methyl transferase (COMT) inhibitors (i.e., entacapone, tolcapone)

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #10 capsules per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires physician attestation of patient improvement with motor fluctuations during OFF episodes with the use of Inbrija (e.g., improvement in speech, facial expression, tremor at rest, action or postural tremor of hands, rigidity, finger taps, hand movements, rapid alternating movements of hands, posture, leg agility, arising from chair)

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **LEVODOPA (Inbrija)** requires a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- Inbrija is being used for intermittent treatment of OFF episodes associated with Parkinson's disease
- The patient is currently being treated with carbidopa/levodopa
- Treatment is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist
- The patient is **NOT** currently taking more than 1600mg of levodopa per day
- The physician has optimized drug therapy as evidenced by **BOTH** of the following:
 - Change in levodopa/carbidopa dosing strategy or formulation
 - Trial of or contraindication to at least **TWO** Parkinson's disease agents from two different classes of the following: dopamine agonist (i.e., ropinirole, pramipexole, rotigotine), monoamine oxidase-inhibitors (MAO-I) (i.e., selegiline, rasagiline), catechol-O-methyl transferase (COMT) inhibitors (i.e., entacapone, tolcapone)

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LEVODOPA

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - Physician attestation of patient improvement with motor fluctuations during OFF episodes with the use of Inbrija (e.g., improvement in speech, facial expression, tremor at rest, action or postural tremor of hands, rigidity, finger taps, hand movements, rapid alternating movements of hands, posture, leg agility, arising from chair)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #10 capsules per day.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **LEVODOPA (Inbrija)** requires a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease. In addition, the following must be met:

- Physician attestation of patient improvement with motor fluctuations during OFF episodes with the use of Inbrija (e.g., improvement in speech, facial expression, tremor at rest, action or postural tremor of hands, rigidity, finger taps, hand movements, rapid alternating movements of hands, posture, leg agility, arising from chair)

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Inbrija.

REFERENCES

- Inbrija [Prescribing Information]. Ardsley, NY: Acorda Therapeutics, Inc., December 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LOFEXIDINE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
LOFEXIDINE	LUCEMYRA	07803		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the requested medication being used to mitigate opioid withdrawal symptoms to facilitate abrupt opioid discontinuation and the patient meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient is in a setting with close patient monitoring for a duration of Lucemyra (lofexidine) treatment not to exceed 18 days
 - Treatment with Lucemyra is being administered as part of an opioid discontinuation plan that includes other withdrawal symptom management medications (e.g., stool softeners, sleep aids) and psychosocial support is in place to help prevent relapse

If yes, **approve for 1 fill with a quantity limit of #264 tablets per 18 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline name **LOFEXIDINE (Lucemyra)** requires that the requested medication is used to mitigate opioid withdrawal symptoms to facilitate abrupt opioid discontinuation. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient is in a setting with close patient monitoring for a duration of Lucemyra (lofexidine) treatment not to exceed 18 days
- Treatment with Lucemyra is being administered as part of an opioid discontinuation plan that includes other withdrawal symptom management medications (e.g., stool softeners, sleep aids) and psychosocial support is in place to help prevent relapse

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of Lucemyra (lofexidine) consistent with FDA approved indications.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Lucemyra is indicated for mitigation of opioid withdrawal symptoms to facilitate abrupt opioid discontinuation in adults.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The usual Lucemyra starting dosage is three 0.18 mg tablets taken orally 4 times daily during the period of peak withdrawal symptoms (generally the first 5 to 7 days following last use of opioid) with dosing guided by symptoms and side effects. There should be 5 to 6 hours between each dose. The total daily dosage of Lucemyra should not exceed 2.88 mg (16 tablets) and no single dose should exceed 0.72 mg (4 tablets).

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

LOFEXIDINE

FDA APPROVED INDICATION (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Lucemyra treatment may be continued for up to 14 days with dosing guided by symptoms. Discontinue Lucemyra with a gradual dose reduction over a 2- to 4-day period to mitigate Lucemyra withdrawal symptoms (e.g., reducing by 1 tablet per dose every 1 to 2 days). The Lucemyra dose should be reduced, held, or discontinued for individuals who demonstrate a greater sensitivity to Lucemyra side effects. Lower doses may be appropriate as opioid withdrawal symptoms wane.

REFERENCES

- Lucemyra [Prescribing Information]. Louisville, KY. US Worldmeds, LLC. May 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LOMITAPIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
LOMITAPIDE	JUXTAPID	39883		

*******Customer Service/PAC Alert*******
(For Internal Use Only)

THIS IS A HIGH-IMPACT MEDICATION. DO NOT OVERRIDE OR APPROVE WITHOUT SUBMITTING FOR PHARMACIST REVIEW.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the requested medication prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist, endocrinologist, or lipidologist?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- The patient has been taking a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily) for a duration of at least 8 weeks
- The patient has been taking a maximally tolerated dose of any statin for a duration of at least 8 weeks given that the patient cannot tolerate a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily)

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, continue to #4.

3. Will the patient continue statin treatment as described above in combination with Juxtapid?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LOMITAPIDE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- The patient has an absolute contraindication to statin therapy (e.g., active decompensated liver disease, nursing female, pregnancy or plans to become pregnant, hypersensitivity reaction)
- The patient has complete statin intolerance as defined by severe and intolerable adverse effects (e.g., creatine kinase elevation greater than or equal to 10 times the upper limit of normal, liver function test elevation greater than or equal to 3 times the upper limit of normal, rhabdomyolysis, severe muscle weakness leading to temporary disability, fall, or inability to use a major muscle group) that have occurred with trials of at least two separate statins and have improved with the discontinuation of each statin

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Does the patient have a LDL-cholesterol level greater than or equal to 70 mg/dL while on maximally tolerated statin treatment?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

6. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- The patient has had a previous trial of Repatha (evolocumab)
- The patient lacks functioning LDL receptors

If yes, continue to #7.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LOMITAPIDE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

7. Does the patient have a diagnosis of homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH) as determined by meeting **ONE** of the following criteria?

- Simon Broome diagnostic criteria (definite)
- Dutch Lipid Network criteria with a score of at least 8
- A clinical diagnosis based on a history of an untreated LDL-cholesterol level greater than 500 mg/dL, in combination with either (1) xanthoma before 10 years of age **OR** (2) evidence of heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH) in both parents

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- **Juxtapid 5mg (GPID 33909): #45 per 30 days.**
- **Juxtapid 10mg (GPID 33912): #30 per 30 days.**
- **Juxtapid 20mg (GPID 33913): #90 per 30 days.**
- **Juxtapid 30mg (GPID 38574): #30 per 30 days.**
- **Juxtapid 40mg (GPID 38571): #30 per 30 days.**
- **Juxtapid 60mg (GPID 38573): #30 per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **LOMITAPIDE (Juxtapid)** requires a diagnosis of homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH). The following criteria must also be met:

- The diagnosis of homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH) is determined by meeting **ONE** of the following criteria:
 - Simon Broome diagnostic criteria (definite)
 - Dutch Lipid Network criteria with a score of at least 8
 - A clinical diagnosis based on a history of an untreated LDL-cholesterol level greater than 500 mg/dL, in combination with either (1) xanthoma before 10 years of age **OR** (2) evidence of heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH) in both parents
- The agent is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist, endocrinologist, or lipidologist
- The patient has a LDL-cholesterol level greater than or equal to 70 mg/dL while on maximally tolerated statin treatment
- The patient has had a previous trial of Repatha (evolocumab) unless the patient lacks functional LDL receptors

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LOMITAPIDE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

For statin tolerant patients, approval also requires the following:

- The patient meets **ONE** of the following criteria:
 - The patient has been taking a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily) for a duration of at least 8 weeks, **OR**
 - The patient has been taking a maximally tolerated dose of any statin for a duration of at least 8 weeks given that the patient cannot tolerate a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily)
- The patient will continue statin treatment in combination with Juxtapid

For statin intolerant patients, approval also requires ONE of the following:

- The patient has an absolute contraindication to statin therapy (e.g., active decompensated liver disease, nursing female, pregnancy or plans to become pregnant, hypersensitivity reaction)
- The patient has complete statin intolerance as defined by severe and intolerable adverse effects (e.g., creatine kinase elevation greater than or equal to 10 times the upper limit of normal, liver function test elevation greater than or equal to 3 times the upper limit of normal, rhabdomyolysis, severe muscle weakness leading to temporary disability, fall, or inability to use a major muscle group) that have occurred with trials of at least two separate statins and have improved with the discontinuation of each statin

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of Juxtapid according to approved indications, dosing, clinical trial data, and national treatment guidelines.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Juxtapid is indicated as an adjunct to a low-fat diet and other lipid-lowering treatments, including LDL apheresis where available, to reduce low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), total cholesterol (TC), apolipoprotein B (apo B), and non-high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (non-HDL-C) in patients with homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH).

Limitations of use:

- The safety and effectiveness of JUXTAPID have not been established in patients with hypercholesterolemia who do not have HoFH, including those with heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH)
- The effect of JUXTAPID on cardiovascular morbidity and mortality has not been determined

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LOMITAPIDE

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Initiate treatment at 5 mg once daily. Titrate dose based on acceptable safety/tolerability: increase to 10 mg daily after at least 2 weeks; and then, at a minimum of 4-week intervals, to 20 mg, 40 mg, and up to the maximum recommended dose of 60 mg daily.

Take once daily, whole, with water and without food, at least 2 hours after evening meal.

REFERENCES

- Juxtapid [Prescribing Information]. Cambridge, MA: Aegerion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; August 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LOMUSTINE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
LOMUSTINE	GLEOSTINE	03900		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the request for treatment of Hodgkin's Lymphoma?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Is the request for treatment of primary and metastatic brain tumors and the patient has previously received appropriate surgical and/or radiotherapeutic procedures?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Will the patient be using this medication as a part of the PCV regimen (procarbazine, lomustine, and vincristine) **OR** has the patient had a previous trial of IV carmustine?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **LOMUSTINE (Gleostine)** requires a diagnosis of Hodgkin's Lymphoma or that the request is being used for the treatment of primary and metastatic brain tumors in patients who previously received appropriate surgical and/or radiotherapeutic procedures. Patients with primary and metastatic brain tumors must be using the medication as a part of the PCV regimen (procarbazine, lomustine, and vincristine) or had a previous trial of IV carmustine.

RATIONALE

To promote appropriate utilization of Gleostine based on its FDA approved indication and NCCN guidelines.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Gleostine is an alkylating drug indicated for the treatment of patients with:

- Brain tumors, primary and metastatic, following appropriate surgical and/or radiotherapeutic procedures
- Hodgkin's lymphoma in combination with other chemotherapies, following disease progression with initial chemotherapy.

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LOMUSTINE

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSING

The recommended dose of Gleostine in adult and pediatric patients is 130 mg/m² taken as a single oral dose every 6 weeks.

- Round doses to the nearest 5 mg.
- Give as a single oral dose and do not repeat for at least 6 weeks.
- Reduce dose to 100 mg/m² every 6 weeks in patients with compromised bone marrow function. Also reduce dose accordingly when using with other myelosuppressive drugs.

Perform weekly complete blood counts and withhold each subsequent dose for more than 6 weeks if needed until platelet counts recover to 100,000/mm³ or greater and leukocytes recover to 4000/mm³ or greater. Modify each dose of Gleostine according to the hematologic response of the preceding dose as described in the table below.

Nadir After Prior Dose		Dose Adjustment
Leukocytes (/mm ³)	Platelets	
≥ 4,000	≥ 100,000	None
3,000-3,999	75,000-99,999	None
2,000-2,999	25,000-74,999	Reduce dose by 30%
<2,000	< 25,000	Reduce dose by 50%

REFERENCES

- Gleostine [Prescribing Information]. NextSource Biotechnology, LLC: Miami, FL; January 2016.
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network. NCCN Guidelines: Central Nervous System Cancers Version 1. 2017. Updated September 25, 2017. Available at: https://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/all.pdf. Accessed February 16, 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

LORLATINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
LORLATINIB	LORBRENA	45448		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- Presence of anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK-) positive tumors

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Has the patient experienced disease progression on at least **ONE** of the following regimens?

- Crizotinib and at least one other ALK inhibitor for metastatic disease
- Alectinib as the first ALK inhibitor therapy for metastatic disease
- Ceritinib as the first ALK inhibitor therapy for metastatic disease

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- **Lorbrena 25 mg tablet (GPID 45687): #3 tablets per day.**
- **Lorbrena 100mg tablet (GPID 45688): #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **LORLATINIB (Lorbrena)** requires a diagnosis of anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). In addition, approval requires that the patient has experienced disease progression on at least **ONE** of the following regimens:

- Crizotinib and at least one other ALK inhibitor for metastatic disease
- Alectinib as the first ALK inhibitor therapy for metastatic disease
- Ceritinib as the first ALK inhibitor therapy for metastatic disease

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Lorbrena.

REFERENCES

- Lorbrena [Prescribing Information]. New York, NY : Pfizer, Inc.; November 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

LUMACAFITOR-IVACAFITOR

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
LUMACAFITOR/IVACAFITOR	ORKAMBI	42235		

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GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA, SEE BELOW)

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis (CF) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Patient is homozygous for the F508del-CFTR gene mutation (as documented by copy of lab report)
 - Age 2 years or older
 - Prescribed by or in consultation with a pulmonologist or CF expert
 - Stable disease as defined by previous or current treatment with another agent used in the treatment of CF (examples include oral inhaled corticosteroid, bronchodilator, inhaled antibiotics, dornase alfa, or acetylcysteine)
 - Baseline FEV1 of at least 40% or greater (as documented by lab report or chart notes)
 - Patient is not on concurrent therapy with ivacaftor-containing products (e.g., Kalydeco, Symdeko)
 - Patient is not currently pregnant

If yes, **approve by GPID for 24 weeks for the requested formulation and strength with the following quantity limits:**

For patients age 2 to 5 years old:

- Orkambi 100-125 mg granule packets (GPID 36937): #2 packets per day.
- Orkambi 150-188 mg granule packets (GPID 42848): #2 packets per day.

For patients age 6 years and older:

- Orkambi 100-125 mg tablets (GPID 42366): #4 tablets per day.
- Orkambi 200-125 mg tablets (GPID 39008): #4 tablets per day.

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires the patient to not currently be pregnant and improvement in cystic fibrosis (CF) as indicated by one of the following:

- Maintained or improved FEV1 or BMI, OR
- Reductions in pulmonary exacerbations (documentation must be provided)

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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LUMACAFITOR-IVACAFITOR

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **LUMACAFITOR-IVACAFITOR (Orkambi)** requires a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- Patient is homozygous for the F508del-CFTR gene mutation (as documented by copy of lab report)
- Age 2 years or older
- Prescribed by or in consultation with a pulmonologist or CF expert
- Stable disease as defined by previous or current treatment with another agent used in the treatment of CF (examples include oral inhaled corticosteroid, bronchodilator, inhaled antibiotics, dornase alfa, or acetylcysteine)
- Baseline FEV1 of at least 40% or greater (as documented by lab report or chart notes)
- Patient is not on concurrent therapy with ivacaftor-containing products (e.g., Kalydeco, Symdeko)
- Patient is not currently pregnant

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis (CF) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Improvement in CF as indicated by **ONE** of the following: maintained or improved FEV1 or BMI, OR reductions in pulmonary exacerbations (documentation must be provided)
 - Patient is not currently pregnant

If yes, **approve by GPID for 12 months for the requested formulation and strength with the following quantity limits:**

For patients age 2 to 5 years old:

- Orkambi 100-125 mg granule packets (GPID 36937): #2 packets per day.
- Orkambi 150-188 mg granule packets (GPID 42848): #2 packets per day.

For patients age 6 years and older:

- Orkambi 100-125 mg tablets (GPID 42366): #4 tablets per day.
- Orkambi 200-125 mg tablets (GPID 39008): #4 tablets per day.

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **LUMACAFITOR-IVACAFITOR (Orkambi)** requires a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis for renewal. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- Improvement in CF as indicated by **ONE** of the following: maintained or improved FEV1 or BMI, OR reductions in pulmonary exacerbations (documentation must be provided)
- Patient is not currently pregnant

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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LUMACAFTOR-IVACAFTOR

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Orkambi.

REFERENCES

- Orkambi [Prescribing Information]. Boston, MA: Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated, August 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

LUSUTROMBOPAG

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
LUSUTROMBOPAG	MULPLETA	45127		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of thrombocytopenia and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient has chronic liver disease
 - The patient is scheduled to undergo a procedure 8 to 14 days following initiation of Mulpleta (lusutrombopag) therapy
 - The patient has a platelet count of less than 50×10^9 cells/L measured within the last 30 days
 - The medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist, gastroenterologist, hepatologist, immunologist, or endocrinologist
 - The patient is not receiving other thrombopoietin receptor agonist therapy (e.g., avatrombopag, romiplostim, eltrombopag)

If yes, **approve for 1 fill by HICL with a quantity limit of #7 tablets.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **LUSUTROMBOPAG (Mulpleta)** requires a diagnosis of thrombocytopenia. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has chronic liver disease
- The patient is scheduled to undergo a procedure 8 to 14 days following initiation of Mulpleta (lusutrombopag) therapy
- The patient has a platelet count of less than 50×10^9 cells/L measured within the last 30 days
- The medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist, gastroenterologist, hepatologist, immunologist, or endocrinologist
- The patient is not receiving other thrombopoietin receptor agonist therapy (e.g., avatrombopag, romiplostim, eltrombopag)

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Mulpleta.

REFERENCES

- Mulpleta [Prescribing Information]. Florham Park, NJ: Shionogi & Co, Ltd. July 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MEBENDAZOLE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
MEBENDAZOLE	EMVERM		43181	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the patient being treated for *enterobius vermicularis* (pinworm) **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - The patient has had a trial of or has a contraindication to pyrantel pamoate (OTC)

If yes, **approve for 1 month by GPID with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per 30 days.**
If no, continue to #2.

2. Is the patient being treated for *trichuris trichiura* (whipworm) **OR** *ascaris lumbricoides* (common roundworm) and meet ALL of the following criteria?
 - Documentation confirming a diagnosis of *trichuris trichiura* (whipworm) or *ascaris lumbricoides* (common roundworm)
 - The patient has had a trial of or has a contraindication to albendazole (Albenza)

If yes, **approve for 1 month by GPID with a quantity limit of #6 tablets per 30 days.**
If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the patient being treated for *ancylostoma duodenale* (common hookworm) or *necator americanus* (American hookworm) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Documentation confirming a diagnosis of *ancylostoma duodenale* (common hookworm) or *necator americanus* (American hookworm)
 - The patient has had a trial of or has a contraindication to albendazole (Albenza) **OR** pyrantel pamoate (OTC)

If yes, **approve for 1 month by GPID with a quantity limit of #6 tablets per 30 days.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **MEBENDAZOLE (Emverm)** requires that the medication is used for the treatment of *Enterobius vermicularis* (pinworm), *trichuris trichiura* (whipworm), *ascaris lumbricoides* (common roundworm), *ancylostoma duodenale* (common hookworm), or *necator americanus* (American hookworm). The following criteria must also be met:

For treatment of *enterobius vermicularis* (pinworm), approval requires:

- The patient has had a trial of or has a contraindication to pyrantel pamoate (OTC)

For treatment of *trichuris trichiura* (whipworm) or *ascaris lumbricoides* (common roundworm), approval requires:

- Documentation confirming a diagnosis of *trichuris trichiura* (whipworm) or *ascaris lumbricoides* (common roundworm)
- The patient has had a trial of or has a contraindication to albendazole (Albenza)

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MEBENDAZOLE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

For treatment of *ancylostoma duodenale* (common hookworm) or *necator americanus* (American hookworm), approval requires:

- Documentation confirming a diagnosis of *ancylostoma duodenale* (common hookworm) or *necator americanus* (American hookworm)
- The patient has had a trial of or has a contraindication to albendazole (Albenza) **OR** pyrantel pamoate (OTC)

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of mebendazole consistent with FDA approved use and CDC treatment guidelines.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Emverm (mebendazole) is indicated for the treatment of *Enterobius vermicularis* (pinworm), *Trichuris trichiura* (whipworm), *Ascaris lumbricoides* (common roundworm), *Ancylostoma duodenale* (common hookworm), *Necator americanus* (American hookworm) in single or mixed infections.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Treatment of *Enterobius vermicularis* (pinworm)
 - 1 tablet (100mg), once.
 - If the patient is not cured three weeks after treatment, a second course of treatment is advised.
- Treatment of *Trichuris trichiura* (whipworm), *Ascaris lumbricoides* (common roundworm), *Ancylostoma duodenale* (common hookworm), *Necator americanus* (American hookworm)
 - 1 tablet (100mg) twice daily for three consecutive days.
 - If the patient is not cured three weeks after treatment, a second course of treatment is advised.

AVAILABLE STRENGTHS:

- Mebendazole 100mg chewable tablet

REFERENCES

- Emverm [Prescribing Information]. Horsham, PA: Amedra Pharmaceuticals LLC; September 2017. Available at <https://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/drugInfo.cfm?setid=13631e94-269d-45db-a433-2aa4f8d465c6>. Accessed November 14, 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MECAMYLAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
MECAMYLAMINE HCL	VECAMYL		1471	

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderately severe to severe essential (or primary) hypertension or uncomplicated malignant hypertension?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Has the patient tried or does the patient have a contraindication to three of the following: angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor or ACE-I combination, angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) or ARB combination, Beta Blocker, or Calcium Channel Blocker?

PAC NOTE: These drugs include: benazepril, benazepril-HCTZ, captopril, captopril-HCTZ, enalapril, enalapril-HCTZ, fosinopril, fosinopril-HCTZ, lisinopril, lisinopril-HCTZ, quinapril, ramipril, moexipril, moexipril-HCTZ, perindopril erbumine, quinapril, quinapril-HCTZ, trandolapril, trandolapril/verapamil, losartan, losartan-HCTZ, irbesartan, irbesartan-HCTZ, olmesartan, olmesartan-HCTZ, olmesartan-amlodipine-HCTZ, valsartan, valsartan-HCTZ, diltiazem HCL, diltiazem sustained release (generics only), verapamil, verapamil sustained release (generics only), atenolol, atenolol-chlorthalidone, bisoprolol, bisoprolol-HCTZ, carvedilol, metoprolol tartrate, nadolol, acebutolol, betaxolol, labetalol, metoprolol succinate, metoprolol-HCTZ, pindolol, propranolol, propranolol-HCTZ, sotalol, timolol maleate, or nebivolol.

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

MECAMYLAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE

GUIDELINES FOR USE

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires that Vecamyl be used for the management of moderately severe to severe essential (or primary) hypertension or in uncomplicated cases of malignant hypertension; and a trial or a contraindication to at least three of the following: angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor or ACE-I combination, angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) or ARB combination, Beta Blocker, or Calcium Channel Blocker, such as benazepril, benazepril-HCTZ, captopril, captopril-HCTZ, enalapril, enalapril-HCTZ, fosinopril, fosinopril-HCTZ, lisinopril, lisinopril-HCTZ, quinapril, ramipril, moexipril, moexipril-HCTZ, perindopril erbumine, quinapril, quinapril-HCTZ, trandolapril, trandolapril/verapamil, losartan, losartan-HCTZ, irbesartan, irbesartan-HCTZ, olmesartan, olmesartan-HCTZ, olmesartan-amlodipine-HCTZ, valsartan, valsartan-HCTZ, diltiazem HCL, diltiazem sustained release (generics only), verapamil, verapamil sustained release (generics only), atenolol, atenolol-chlorthalidone, bisoprolol, bisoprolol-HCTZ, carvedilol, metoprolol tartrate, nadolol, acebutolol, betaxolol, labetalol, metoprolol succinate, metoprolol-HCTZ, pindolol, propranolol, propranolol-HCTZ, sotalol, timolol maleate, or nebivolol.

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use aligned with FDA approved indication.

Therapy is usually started with one 2.5 mg tablet of Vecamyl twice a day. This initial dosage should be modified by increments of one 2.5 mg tablet at intervals of not less than 2 days until the desired blood pressure response occurs (the criterion being a dosage just under that which causes signs of mild postural hypotension).

The average total daily dosage of Vecamyl is 25 mg, usually in three divided doses. However, as little as 2.5 mg daily may be sufficient to control hypertension in some patients. Since the blood pressure response to antihypertensive drugs is increased in the early morning, the larger dose should be given at noontime and perhaps in the evening.

Vecamyl joins several different agents used in the treatment of hypertension. The most commonly prescribed drug classes for primary hypertension include thiazide-type diuretics, angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, angiotensin II receptor blockers (ARBs), calcium channel blockers, and beta blockers; all of which have generic formulations available. Each category of antihypertensive agent has similar levels of efficacy in lowering the blood pressure, producing a good antihypertensive response in 30 to 50 percent of patients. Malignant hypertension most often occurs in patients with long-standing uncontrolled hypertension, many of whom have discontinued antihypertensive therapy. The oral drug of choice in uncomplicated malignant hypertension is the ACE inhibitor, captopril, since it can substantially lower the BP within 10 to 30 minutes for most patients and has a relatively short duration that facilitates dose titration.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

MECAMYLAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

In more recent years, there has been considerable interest in evaluating Vecamyl for the treatment of other clinical indications, including smoking cessation and depression. The principal focus of research on other clinical indications largely involves Vecamyl's potent blockade of brain nicotinic receptors at doses that do not have a significant effect on parasympathetic function (2.5-10 mg/day). Recently Vecamyl was studied as an add-on treatment to existing anti-depressants. However, it failed two short-term Phase 3 clinical trials in 2011, showing no significant difference in patients when compared to a placebo.

The package insert for Vecamyl does not include any clinical trials as it was approved using an abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) of the innovator product, Inversine (mecamylamine). The distribution of Inversine was discontinued in 2009. Approved on March 1, 1956, Inversine was available prior to the 1962 amendments to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (commonly referred to as the Kefauver-Harris Amendments) which established a framework requiring drug manufacturers to prove scientifically that a medication was not only safe, but effective. Since drugs approved between 1938 and 1962 were approved only on the grounds of safety, the FDA's Drug Efficacy Study Implementation (DESI) program has been retrospectively evaluating the effectiveness of these medications.

The Journal of the American Medical Association published a study in 1957 examining the effects of mecamylamine alone on 17 patients with sustained blood pressure above 150/100 mm Hg. Each patient was initiated on mecamylamine 2.5mg twice daily before undergoing a set dose titration. Treatment response was defined as a decrease in mean blood pressure by at least 20 mm Hg or a reduction of blood pressure to the normotensive level (defined by the investigators as less than 150/100 mm Hg). A little more than half of this small group responded to mecamylamine alone. Among the responders, the average dose was 34mg daily. However, there were some patients, who despite doubling this average dose, did not respond satisfactorily to mecamylamine.

Vecamyl is contraindicated in those with coronary insufficiency or recent myocardial infarction, uremia, glaucoma, organic pyloric stenosis as well as patients with hypersensitivity to the product.

Vecamyl should be given with great discretion, if at all, in patients with renal insufficiency. Patients receiving antibiotics and sulfonamides should generally not be treated with ganglion blockers such as Vecamyl.

Vecamyl should not be used in mild, moderate, labile hypertension and may prove unsuitable in uncooperative patients. When ganglion blockers or other potent antihypertensive drugs are discontinued suddenly, hypertensive levels return. For some patients, particularly those with malignant hypertension, this may occur abruptly and may cause fatal cerebral vascular accidents or acute congestive heart failure. Vecamyl should be gradually discontinued and substituted with other antihypertensive therapy.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

MECAMYLAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

At therapeutic antihypertensive doses (30 to 90 mg per day), Vecamyl has parasympathetic-blocking activity which results in side effects such as constipation, urinary retention, dryness of the mouth and skin, dilation of the pupils, and loss of visual accommodation in some patients. Since urinary retention may occur, caution is required in patients with prostatic hypertrophy, bladder neck obstruction, and urethral stricture. Vecamyl should be discontinued immediately if a patient is showing signs of paralytic ileus (for example frequent loose bowel movements with abdominal distention and decreased bowel sounds).

Since Vecamyl readily penetrates into the brain, it can cause central nervous system effects such as tremor, choreiform movements, mental aberrations, and convulsions. Although rare in nature, these effects have occurred most often when large doses of Vecamyl were used, especially in patients with cerebral or renal insufficiency.

Vecamyl is pregnancy category C. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants from Vecamyl, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or to discontinue the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

For the management of moderately severe to severe essential (or primary) hypertension and in uncomplicated cases of malignant hypertension.

REFERENCES

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

MECAMYLAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 10/01/13

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Client Approval: 08/13

P&T Approval: 08/13



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MECASERMIN

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
MECASERMIN	INCRELEX	33207		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is this an initial prior authorization request?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #7.

2. Is the patient less than 18 years old?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires an age of less than 18 years old; supervision by a pediatric endocrinologist or nephrologist; a diagnosis of growth failure in children with primary IGF-1 deficiency or with growth hormone gene deletion who have developed neutralizing antibodies to GH; a height standard deviation score less than or equal to -3.0, basal IGF-1 standard deviation score less than or equal to -3.0, and normal or elevated growth hormone [serum growth hormone level of greater than or equal to 10ngm/mL to at least 2 stimuli (insulin, levodopa, arginine, clonidine or glucagon)]; and the patient's epiphyses (bone growth plates) are open (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand).

3. Is the prescriber a pediatric endocrinologist or a pediatric nephrologist?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires an age of less than 18 years old; supervision by a pediatric endocrinologist or nephrologist; a diagnosis of growth failure in children with primary IGF-1 deficiency or with growth hormone gene deletion who have developed neutralizing antibodies to GH; a height standard deviation score less than or equal to -3.0, basal IGF-1 standard deviation score less than or equal to -3.0, and normal or elevated growth hormone [serum growth hormone level of greater than or equal to 10ngm/mL to at least 2 stimuli (insulin, levodopa, arginine, clonidine or glucagon)]; and the patient's epiphyses (bone growth plates) are open (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand).

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MECASERMIN

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient have one of the following diagnoses?

- Severe primary IGF-1 deficiency, or
- Growth hormone (GH) gene deletion (not growth hormone-deficient short stature) AND have neutralizing antibodies to GH

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of growth failure in children with primary IGF-1 deficiency or with growth hormone gene deletion who have developed neutralizing antibodies to GH; a height standard deviation score less than or equal to -3.0, basal IGF-1 standard deviation score less than or equal to -3.0, and normal or elevated growth hormone [serum growth hormone level of greater than or equal to 10ngm/mL to at least 2 stimuli (insulin, levodopa, arginine, clonidine or glucagon)]; and the patient's epiphyses (bone growth plates) are open (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand).

5. Does the patient meet all of the following criteria?

- Height standard deviation score \leq -3.0, and
- Basal IGF-1 standard deviation score \leq -3.0, and
- Normal or elevated growth hormone (GH), [serum growth hormone level of \geq 10ngm/mL to at least two stimuli (insulin, levodopa, arginine, clonidine, or glucagon)].

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a height standard deviation score less than or equal to -3.0, basal IGF-1 standard deviation score less than or equal to -3.0, and normal or elevated growth hormone [serum growth hormone level of greater than or equal to 10ngm/mL to at least 2 stimuli (insulin, levodopa, arginine, clonidine or glucagon)]; and the patient's epiphyses (bone growth plates) are open (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand).

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MECASERMIN

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

6. Are the patient's epiphyses (bone growth plates) open (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)?

If yes, **approve for 6 months up to a maximum dose of 9 vials per month.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a height standard deviation score less than or equal to -3.0, basal IGF-1 standard deviation score less than or equal to -3.0, and normal or elevated growth hormone [serum growth hormone level of greater than or equal to 10ngm/mL to at least 2 stimuli (insulin, levodopa, arginine, clonidine or glucagon)]; and the patient's epiphyses (bone growth plates) are open (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand).

7. Has the patient shown a response in the first 6 months of IGF-1 therapy (i.e., increase in height, increase in height velocity)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months up to a maximum dose of 9 vials per month.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Renewal requires a positive response (i.e., increase in height, increase in height velocity) in the first 6 months of initial therapy.

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of mecaseermin. Mecasermin is contraindicated in patients with closed epiphyses (bone growth plates). The recommended starting dose of mecaseermin is 0.04 to 0.08 mg/kg twice daily. If well tolerated the dose may be increased to a maximum of 0.12 mg/kg twice daily. The approval quantity in the guideline allows for a patient weighing up to 50 kg to receive 0.12 mg/kg twice daily. Clinical review is required for patients weighing over 50 kg or those requesting a dose greater than 0.12 mg/kg twice daily.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Long-term treatment of growth failure in children with severe primary IGF-1 deficiency (Primary IGFD) or with growth hormone (GH) gene deletion who have developed neutralizing antibodies to GH.

REFERENCES

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

MECASERMIN

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 01/10/12

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P&T Approval: 11/11



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MECHLORETHAMINE GEL

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
MECHLORETHAMINE HCL	VALCHLOR		35387	

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of stage IA and IB mycosis fungoides-type cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCLs)?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Has the patient tried prior skin-directed therapy (such as corticosteroids, carmustine, topical retinoids (Targretin, Tazorac), imiquimod, or local radiation therapy)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of stage IA and IB mycosis fungoides-type cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCLs) and prior skin-directed therapy (such as corticosteroids, carmustine, topical retinoids (Targretin, Tazorac), imiquimod, or local radiation therapy).

RATIONALE

To promote appropriate utilization of Valchlor based on FDA approved indication and NCCN guidelines.

Valchlor is for topical dermatological use only. Apply a thin film of Valchlor gel once daily to affected areas of the skin. Stop treatment with Valchlor for any grade of skin ulceration, blistering, or moderately-severe or severe dermatitis (i.e., marked skin redness with edema). Upon improvement, treatment with Valchlor can be restarted at a reduced frequency of once every 3 days. If reintroduction of treatment is tolerated for at least one week, the frequency of application can be increased to every other day for at least one week and then to once daily application if tolerated.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

MECHLORETHAMINE GEL

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Warnings and precautions include: mucosal or eye injury; secondary exposure to Valchlor; dermatitis; non-melanoma skin cancer; embryo-fetal toxicity; and flammable gel. The most common adverse reactions ($\geq 5\%$) are dermatitis, pruritus, bacterial skin infection, skin ulceration or blistering, and hyperpigmentation. Valchlor is contraindicated in patients with severe hypersensitivity to mechlorethamine.

Valchlor is pregnancy category D. No drug interaction studies have been performed with Valchlor. Systemic exposure has not been observed with topical administration of Valchlor; therefore, systemic drug interactions are not likely.

Valchlor is a gel formulation of mechlorethamine (nitrogen mustard), an alkylating agent which inhibits rapidly proliferating cells. Mechlorethamine was previously approved as an intravenous formulation for the treatment of mycosis fungoides. Prior to the approval of Valchlor, there were no FDA-approved topical mechlorethamine products; only pharmacy-compounded petroleum ointment or aqueous-based topical preparations were available.

Developed primarily in the skin, CTCLs may progress to involve lymph nodes, blood and visceral organs. They account for about 5 percent of all non-Hodgkin lymphomas (NHL). There will be an estimated 69,740 new cases of NHL and 19,020 deaths from NHL in 2013. The overall 5-year relative survival rate for patients with NHL is 68 percent.

The National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) recommends skin-directed therapies for the initial treatment of patients with patch/plaque mycosis fungoides-type CTCL with the addition of milder systemic therapy. Localized skin-directed therapies include topical therapy with corticosteroids, mechlorethamine (previously compounded formulations and now Valchlor), carmustine, topical retinoids (Targretin, Tazorac), imiquimod, or local radiation therapy. Generalized skin directed therapies such as phototherapy (UVB or PUVA) and total skin electronic beam therapy are indicated for patients with widespread skin involvement. Systemic therapies with extracorporeal photopheresis, interferons, systemic retinoids, or histone deacetylase inhibitors are preferred over traditional chemotherapy for patients who do not respond to initial skin-directed therapies. They include oral Targretin and intravenous formulations Istodax and Ontak.

The efficacy of Valchlor was assessed in a randomized, active-controlled, non-inferiority clinical trial of 260 patients with Stage IA, IB, and IIA mycosis fungoides-type cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) who had received at least one prior skin-directed therapy. Qualifying prior therapies included topical corticosteroids, phototherapy, Targretin gel, and topical nitrogen mustard. Patients were not required to be refractory to or intolerant of prior therapies.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

MECHLORETHAMINE GEL

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Patients were stratified based on Stage (IA vs. IB and IIA) and then randomized to receive Valchlor 0.016% (equivalent to 0.02% mechlorethamine HCL) or Aquaphor-based Mechlorethamine HCL 0.02% ointment (comparator). Eighteen patients were excluded from the efficacy analysis due to protocol violations involving randomization at a single site. Study drug was to be applied topically on a daily basis for 12 months. Concomitant use of topical corticosteroids was not permitted during the study. Dosing could be suspended or continued with reduced frequency for dermatitis. The mean daily usage of Valchlor gel was 2.8 g (1 to 2 tubes per month). The maximum daily usage was 10.5 g (5 to 6 tubes per month). Patients were evaluated for a response on a monthly basis for the first 6 months and then every 2 months for the last 6 months using the Composite Assessment of Index Lesion Severity (CAILS) score. The CAILS score is obtained by adding the severity score of each of the following categories for up to 5 index lesions: erythema, scaling, plaque elevation, and surface area. Severity was graded from 0 (none) to 8 (severe) for erythema and scaling; 0 to 3 for plaque elevation; and 0 to 9 for surface area. A response was defined as greater than or equal to 50% reduction in baseline CAILS score which was confirmed at the next visit at least 4 weeks later. A complete response was defined as a confirmed CAILS score of 0. Non-inferiority was considered to have been demonstrated if the lower bound of the 95% confidence interval (CI) around the ratio of response rates (Valchlor/Comparator) was greater than or equal to 0.75. Patients were also evaluated using the Severity Weighted Assessment Tool (SWAT). The SWAT score is derived by measuring each involved area as a percentage of total body surface area (%BSA) and multiplying it by a severity weighting factor (1=patch, 2=plaque, 3=tumor or ulcer). A response was defined as greater than or equal to 50% reduction in baseline SWAT score which was confirmed at the next visit at least 4 weeks later. The baseline demographics and disease characteristics were balanced between treatment arms. The median age was 57 years in the Valchlor arm and 58 years in the comparator arm. The majority of the patients were male (60% in Valchlor arm, 59% in Comparator arm) and white (75% in both treatment arms). The median number of prior therapies was 2 in both treatment arms. The most common prior therapy was topical corticosteroids (used in 86% of patients in both treatment arms). The median body surface area (BSA) involvement at baseline was 8.5% (range 1%, 61%) in the Valchlor arm and 9% (range 1%, 76%) in the comparator arm.

Sixty percent (60%) of the patients on the Valchlor arm and 48% of patients on the comparator arm achieved a response based on the CAILS score. Valchlor was non-inferior to the comparator based on a CAILS overall response rate ratio of 1.24 (95% CI 0.98, 1.58). Complete responses constituted a minority of the CAILS or SWAT overall responses. The onset of CAILS overall response for both treatment arms showed a wide range from 1 to 11 months.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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MECHLORETHAMINE GEL

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Efficacy in Patients with Mycosis Fungoides-Type CTCL (From Valchlor Prescribing Information)

Response Rates	VALCHLOR N=119	Comparator N=123
CAILS Overall Response (CR+PR), %(N)	60%	48%
Complete Response (CR)	14%	11%
Partial Response (PR)	45%	37%
SWAT Overall Response (CR+PR), %(N)	50%	46%
Complete Response (CR)	7%	3%
Partial Response (PR)	43%	43%

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Valchlor (mechlorethamine) is an alkylating drug indicated for the topical treatment of Stage IA and IB mycosis fungoides-type cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCLs) in patients who have received prior skin-directed therapy.

REFERENCES

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- American Cancer Society. Lymphoma of the Skin Detail Guide. Available at: <http://www.cancer.org/cancer/lymphomaoftheskin/detailedguide/lymphoma-of-the-skin-detailed-guide-toc> [Accessed October 21, 2013]

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

METHYLNALTREXONE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
METHYLNALTREXONE BROMIDE	RELISTOR	35611		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the request for methylnaltrexone (Relistor) tablets or injection for a patient with constipation due to an opioid (such as morphine or methadone) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient has chronic non-cancer pain (including chronic pain related to prior cancer or its treatment who do not require frequent opioid dosage escalation)
 - The patient has been taking opioids for at least four weeks
 - The patient has a previous trial of or contraindication to naloxegol (Movantik)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all of the following listed agents and quantity limits:**

- **Relistor 12mg vial: #1 vial per day.**
- **Relistor 12mg syringe: #1 syringe per day.**
- **Relistor 150mg tablets: #3 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Is the request for methylnaltrexone (Relistor) injection for a patient with constipation due to an opioid (such as morphine or methadone) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient has advanced (terminal) illness or pain caused by active cancer who require opioid dosage escalation for palliative care

If yes, **approve Relistor injection for 6 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Relistor 12 mg vial: #1 vial per day.**
- **Relistor 12 mg syringe: #1 syringe per day.**
- **Relistor 8 mg syringe: #1 syringe per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline for **METHYLNALTREXONE (Relistor)** requires that the patient have a diagnosis of opioid-induced constipation with chronic non-cancer pain, OR with advanced (terminal) illness or pain caused by active cancer who require opioid dosage escalation for palliative care. The patient must also be 18 years of age or older. For patients with advanced (terminal) illness, or pain caused by active cancer who require opioid dosage escalation for palliative care, only Relistor injection may be approved. The following criteria must also be met:

For patients with chronic non-cancer pain, approval requires all of the following:

- The patient has been taking opioids for at least four weeks
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to naloxegol (Movantik)

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

METHYLNALTREXONE

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Relistor.

REFERENCES

- Relistor [Prescribing Information]. Bridgewater, NJ: Salix Pharmaceuticals. March 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 11/19/18

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P&T Approval: 08/16



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MIDOSTAURIN

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
MIDOSTAURIN	RYDAPT	44227		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have newly diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is FLT3 mutation-positive as detected by an FDA-approved diagnostic test
 - The requested medication will be used in combination with standard cytarabine and daunorubicin induction and cytarabine consolidation
 - The requested medication will not be used as a single-agent induction therapy for the treatment of patients with AML
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #56 capsules per 28 days.**
If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of aggressive systemic mastocytosis (ASM), systemic mastocytosis with associated hematological neoplasm (SM-AHN), or mast cell leukemia (MCL)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #224 capsules per 28 days.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **MIDOSTAURIN (Rydapt)** requires a diagnosis of newly diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia (AML), aggressive systemic mastocytosis (ASM), systemic mastocytosis with associated hematological neoplasm (SM-AHN), or mast cell leukemia (MCL). The following criteria must also be met:

For newly diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia (AML), approval requires all of the following:

- The patient is FLT3 mutation-positive as detected by an FDA-approved diagnostic test
- The requested medication will be used in combination with standard cytarabine and daunorubicin induction and cytarabine consolidation
- The requested medication will not be used as a single-agent induction therapy for the treatment of patients with AML
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **MIDOSTAURIN** based on FDA approved indication and dosage.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MIDOSTAURIN

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Rydapt is a kinase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of adults with:

- Newly diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia (AML) that is FLT3 mutation-positive as detected by an FDA-approved test, in combination with standard cytarabine and daunorubicin induction and cytarabine consolidation
- Aggressive systemic mastocytosis (ASM), systemic mastocytosis with associated hematological neoplasm (SM-AHN), or mast cell leukemia (MCL)

Limitations of Use:

Rydapt is not indicated as a single-agent induction therapy for the treatment of patients with AML.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Rydapt is available as 25 mg capsules. Rydapt should be taken twice daily with food. Rydapt capsules should not be opened or crushed.

Recommended Dosage in Acute Myeloid Leukemia

The recommended dose of Rydapt for patients with acute myeloid leukemia is 50 mg orally twice daily with food on Days 8 to 21 of each cycle of induction with cytarabine and daunorubicin and on Days 8 to 21 of each cycle of consolidation with high-dose cytarabine.

FLT3 mutation status must be reported using the FDA-approved, in-vitro companion diagnostic LeukoStrat® CDx FLT3 Mutation Assay to ensure correct selection of patients eligible to be treated with Rydapt.

Recommended Dosage in ASM, SM-AHN, and MCL

The recommended dose of Rydapt for patients with ASM, SM-AHN, and MCL is 100 mg orally twice daily with food. Continue treatment until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity occurs. Dose modifications for therapy-related toxicities can be found in the prescribing information.

REFERENCES

- Rydapt [Prescribing Information]. East Hanover, New Jersey: Novartis Pharmaceuticals; April 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 01/01/18

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Client Approval: 12/17

P&T Approval: 07/17



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MIFEPRISTONE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
MIFEPRISTONE	KORLYM		31485	

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of endogenous Cushing's syndrome and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient also has a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes mellitus **OR** glucose intolerance
 - Patient has failed surgical treatment for Cushing's syndrome **OR** is not a candidate for surgery

If yes, **approve for 1 year by GPID up to #4 tablets per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note this medication has an important FDA Safety Warning; pregnancy must be excluded before the initiation of treatment with Korlym or when therapy is interrupted for more than 14 days. For more information, discuss with your physician or pharmacist.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **MIFEPRISTONE (Korlym)** requires a diagnosis of endogenous Cushing's syndrome. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient also has a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes mellitus **OR** glucose intolerance
- Patient has failed surgical treatment for Cushing's syndrome **OR** is not a candidate for surgery

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of Korlym.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

- Korlym is a cortisol receptor antagonist indicated to control hyperglycemia secondary to hypercortisolism in adult patients with endogenous Cushing's syndrome who have type 2 diabetes mellitus or glucose intolerance and have failed surgery or are not candidates for surgery.
- Korlym should not be used for the treatment of diabetes type 2 unrelated to endogenous Cushing's syndrome.

REFERENCE

- Korlym [Prescribing Information]. Menlo Park, CA: Corcept Therapeutics; December 2017.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

MIFEPRISTONE

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 03/01/18

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Client Approval: 02/18

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MIGALASTAT

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
MIGALASTAT	GALAFOLD	44433		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Fabry disease and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years or older
 - The patient has an amenable galactosidase alpha gene (GLA) variant based on in vitro assay data as interpreted by clinical genetics professional as pathogenic/likely pathogenic (i.e., patient does not have a benign amenable GLA variant)
 - The requested medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a nephrologist, cardiologist, or specialist physician in genetics or inherited metabolic disorders
 - The patient is NOT concurrently using enzyme replacement therapy (i.e., Fabrazyme)
 - The patient is symptomatic **OR** has evidence of injury from GL-3 to the kidney, heart, or central nervous system recognized by laboratory, histological, or imaging findings (e.g., decreased GFR for age, persistent albuminuria, cerebral white matter lesions on brain MRI, cardiac fibrosis on contrast cardiac MRI)

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the request for a female patient who meets the following criteria?
 - Confirmation of Fabry disease via genetic test documenting galactosidase alpha gene (GLA) mutation

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #14 capsules per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the request for a male patient who meets **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - Confirmation of Fabry disease via enzyme assay indicating deficiency of alpha galactosidase A (a-Gal -A)
 - Confirmation of Fabry disease via genetic test documenting galactosidase alpha gene (GLA) mutation

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #14 capsules per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MIGALASTAT

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **MIGALASTAT (Galafold)** requires a diagnosis of Fabry disease. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is 18 years or older
- The patient has an amenable galactosidase alpha gene (GLA) variant based on in vitro assay data as interpreted by clinical genetics professional as pathogenic/likely pathogenic (i.e., patient does not have a benign amenable GLA variant)
- The requested medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a nephrologist, cardiologist, or specialist physician in genetics or inherited metabolic disorders
- The patient is NOT concurrently using enzyme replacement therapy (i.e., Fabrazyme)
- The patient is symptomatic OR has evidence of injury from GL-3 to the kidney, heart, or central nervous system recognized by laboratory, histological, or imaging findings (e.g., decreased GFR for age, persistent albuminuria, cerebral white matter lesions on brain MRI, cardiac fibrosis on contrast cardiac MRI)
- The patient meets one of the following:
 - Female patients: Confirmation of Fabry disease via genetic test documenting galactosidase alpha gene (GLA) mutation
 - Male patients: Confirmation of Fabry disease via enzyme assay indicating deficiency of alpha galactosidase A (a-Gal -A) or genetic test documenting galactosidase alpha gene (GLA) mutation

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Fabry disease and meet the following criteria?
 - The prescribing provider attests that the patient **has demonstrated improvement or maintenance/stabilization** while on therapy in regards to at least **ONE** of the following:
 - Symptoms (e.g., pain, hypohidrosis/anhidrosis, exercise intolerance, GI symptoms, angiokeratomas, abnormal cornea, tinnitus/hearing loss)
 - Imaging (e.g., brain/cardiac MRI, DEXA, renal ultrasound)
 - Laboratory or histological testing (e.g., GL-3 in plasma/urine, renal biopsy)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #14 capsules per 28 days.**
If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **MIGALASTAT (Galafold)** requires a diagnosis of Fabry disease for renewal. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The prescribing provider attests that the patient has demonstrated improvement or maintenance/stabilization while on therapy in regards to at least one of the following:
 - Symptoms (e.g., pain, hypohidrosis/anhidrosis, exercise intolerance, GI symptoms, angiokeratomas, abnormal cornea, tinnitus/hearing loss)
 - Imaging (e.g., brain/cardiac MRI, DEXA, renal ultrasound)
 - Laboratory or histological testing (e.g., GL-3 in plasma/urine, renal biopsy)

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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MIGALASTAT

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Galafold.

REFERENCES

- Galafold [Prescribing Information]. Cranbury, NJ: Amicus Therapeutics; August 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MIGLUSTAT

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
MIGLUSTAT	ZAVESCA	25098		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the patient being treated for type 1 (non-neuronopathic) Gaucher disease?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the patient 18 years of age or older?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Is enzyme replacement therapy not a therapeutic option for this patient due to constraints such as allergy, hypersensitivity, or poor venous access?

If yes, **approve for up to 12 months with a quantity limit of #90 capsules per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of type 1 Gaucher disease in patients 18 years of age or older for whom enzyme replacement therapy is not an option.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

MIGLUSTAT

RATIONALE

Ensure that Zavesca is being used to treat patients with type 1 Gaucher disease.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

ZAVESCA[®] is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with mild to moderate type 1 Gaucher disease for whom enzyme replacement therapy is not a therapeutic option (e.g., due to constraints such as allergy, hypersensitivity, or poor venous access).

REFERENCES

- Actelion Pharmaceuticals. Zavesca package insert. South San Francisco. November 2010.
- Elstein D, Dweck A, Attias D et al. Oral maintenance clinical trial with miglustat for type I Gaucher disease: switch from or combination with intravenous enzyme replacement. Blood. 2007;110:2296-2301.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MILTEFOSINE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
MILTEFOSINE	IMPAVIDO	16200		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Leishmaniasis and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Patient is 12 years of age or older
- Infection type is **ONE** of the following:
 - Visceral leishmaniasis caused by *Leishmania donovani*
 - Cutaneous leishmaniasis caused by **ALL** of the following: *Leishmania braziliensis*, *Leishmania guyanensis*, and *Leishmania panamensis*
 - Mucosal leishmaniasis caused by *Leishmania braziliensis*
- Leishmaniasis species is identified via **ONE** of the following CDC recommended tests:
 - Stained slides (using tissue from biopsy specimens, impression smears or dermal scrapings)
 - Culture medium
 - Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)
 - Serologic testing (e.g. rK39 Rapid Test)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #84 capsules per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline for **MILTEFOSINE (Impavido)** requires that the patient is 12 years of age or older and has a diagnosis of Leishmaniasis with one of the following types of infection:

- Visceral leishmaniasis due to *Leishmania donovani*
- Cutaneous leishmaniasis due to **ALL** of the following: *Leishmania braziliensis*, *Leishmania guyanensis*, and *Leishmania panamensis*
- Mucosal leishmaniasis due to *Leishmania braziliensis*

In addition, species identification must be confirmed via one of the following CDC recommended tests:

- Stained slides (using tissue from biopsy specimens, impression smears or dermal scrapings)
- Culture medium
- Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)
- Serologic testing (e.g. rK39 Rapid Test)

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MILTEFOSINE

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **MILTEFOSINE** based on FDA approved indication

Impavido (miltefosine) is the first FDA-approved drug to treat cutaneous and mucosal leishmaniasis, and the first oral treatment approved for visceral leishmaniasis. Pentostam (sodium stibogluconate) has been the standard of care for treating leishmaniasis since the 1940s; however, it is not commercially available in the US, but in some cases, may be obtained via an investigational new drug (IND) protocol through the CDC and FDA. Amphotericin B (liposome and conventional) is the only FDA-approved treatment for visceral leishmaniasis and has been used off label as rescue therapy for cutaneous and mucosal leishmaniasis. Ambisome (amphotericin B liposomal) is preferred due to a better safety profile and shorter treatment duration. Topical paromomycin, is not available commercially in the US, but may be obtained via an IND protocol. Prior to Impavido's approval, off label use of oral azoles have been used in specific circumstances, although efficacy is limited and treatment failure is common.

Leishmaniasis is a disease caused by *Leishmania*, a parasite which is transmitted to humans through sand fly bites and occurs primarily in the tropic, subtropics and southern Europe. Overall, infection in humans is caused by more than 20 species of *Leishmania* parasites, which are spread by about 30 species of sand fly vectors. New cases diagnosed in the US are most often as a result of acquired disease during overseas travel. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the estimated number of new cases of cutaneous leishmaniasis ranges approximately from 700,000 to 1.2 million and for visceral leishmaniasis, estimates range from approximately 200,000 to 400,000.

Leishmaniasis encompasses multiple clinical syndromes including cutaneous, mucosal, and visceral forms, which result from infection of macrophages in the dermis, in the naso-oro-pharyngeal mucosa, and throughout multiple organ systems, respectively. For all three forms, the infection can range from asymptomatic to severe. Cutaneous and mucosal leishmaniasis can cause lesions associated with substantial morbidity, whereas visceral leishmaniasis can be life threatening. Clinical manifestation of disease after initial exposure is typically delayed in all forms of leishmaniasis. In general, skin lesions caused from cutaneous leishmaniasis develop within several weeks or months after exposure and can persist for months or years. Mucosal leishmaniasis develops as a result of untreated or suboptimal treatment of cutaneous leishmaniasis. Thus, mucosal lesions may not appear for several years after the original cutaneous lesions. If left untreated, cutaneous leishmaniasis and mucosal leishmaniasis can progress to ulcerative destruction, disfigurement, and/or secondary bacterial infections. Visceral leishmaniasis is characterized by irregular bouts of fever, weight loss, enlargement of the spleen and liver, and anemia. The onset of visceral leishmaniasis can present as chronic, subacute or acute and may not be clinically evident for years to decades after exposure. In the absence of treatment, the case fatality rate of visceral leishmaniasis is more than 90 percent.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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MILTEFOSINE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Diagnosis of leishmaniasis is made by combining clinical signs with parasitological or serological tests. Detection of parasites can be made from tissue specimens, such as from skin lesions for cutaneous and mucosal leishmaniasis, or from bone marrow, for visceral leishmaniasis. Blood tests that detect antibodies to the parasite may assist diagnosis of visceral leishmaniasis. Due to limited availability of laboratory methods used for diagnosis, the CDC can assist with testing. The CDC provides the following diagnostic services as gratis: examination of slides (e.g., of biopsy specimens, impression smears, and dermal scrapings), provision of leishmanial culture medium, *In vitro* culture and PCR for diagnosis of leishmaniasis and species identification, serologic testing using the rK39 Rapid Test, for detection of antibodies against organisms in the *Leishmania donovani* species complex (useful primarily for visceral leishmaniasis).

Treatment decisions should be individualized, taking into account the form of leishmaniasis, species, geographic region of acquired infection, and the patient's underlying health. Expert consultation is highly recommended, preferably with guidance from the CDC staff to determine the appropriate course. In general, all clinically manifest cases of visceral leishmaniasis and mucosal leishmaniasis should be treated, whereas not all cases of cutaneous leishmaniasis require treatment.

DOSAGE

The treatment duration is 28 consecutive days. Administration with food is recommended to ameliorate gastrointestinal adverse reactions. Dosage is based on weight:

- 30kg to 40kg – administer one 50mg capsule twice daily with food (breakfast and dinner)
- ≥ 45 kg – administer one 50mg capsule three times daily with food (breakfast, lunch, and dinner)

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Impavido (miltefosine) is an antileishmanial drug indicated in adults and adolescents ≥ 12 years of age weight ≥ 30 kg (66lbs) for the treatment of:

- Visceral leishmaniasis due to *Leishmania donovani*
- Cutaneous leishmaniasis due to *Leishmania braziliensis*, *Leishmania guyanensis*, and *Leishmania panamensis*
- Mucosal leishmaniasis due to *Leishmania braziliensis*
- Limitations of use: *Leishmania* species evaluated in clinical trials were based on epidemiologic data. There may be geographic variation in the response of the same *Leishmania* species to Impavido. The efficacy of Impavido in the treatment of other *Leishmania* species has not been evaluated.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MILTEFOSINE

REFERENCES

- Impavido [Prescribing Information]. Profounda, Inc. Orlando, FL. October 2015.
- FDA Press Release [Online Press Release]. FDA approves Impavido to treat tropical disease leishmaniasis. March 19, 2014. Accessed April 19, 2016. Available at: <http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm389671.htm>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Parasites – Leishmaniasis. Accessed on April 19, 2016. Available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/leishmaniasis/epi.html>
- UpToDate, Inc [database online]. Treatment of visceral leishmaniasis. Last updated March 2016. Accessed on April 19, 2016. Available at: <http://www.uptodate.com/contents/treatment-of-visceral-leishmaniasis?source=machineLearning&search=impavido&selectedTitle=4%7E7§ionRank=1&anchor=H17#H17>
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Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MINOCYCLINE HCL MICROSPHERES (NSA)

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
MINOCYCLINE HCL MICROSPHERES	ARESTIN	25203		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: SEE RENEWAL CRITERIA BELOW)

1. Is this medication excluded from coverage?

If yes, guideline does not apply.
If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have documentation of a confirmed diagnosis of periodontitis and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The requested drug will be used as an adjunct to scaling and root planing procedures **OR** used as part of a periodontal maintenance program which includes good oral hygiene and scaling and root planing
- No history of minocycline or tetracycline sensitivity or allergy
- No history of candidiasis or active oral candidiasis
- Not being used for acutely abscessed periodontal pocket
- Not being used in an immunocompromised individual, such as those immunocompromised by any of the following conditions:
 - Uncontrolled diabetes mellitus
 - Chemotherapy
 - Radiation therapy
 - HIV infection
- Not being used in the regeneration of alveolar bone, either in preparation for or in conjunction with the placement of endosseous (dental) implants or in the treatment of failing implants
- Age 18 years or older
- Prescribed and administered by an oral health care professional

If yes, **approve for 3 months by HICL for the quantity requested up to a maximum of 48 unit-dose cartridges.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

MINOCYCLINE HCL MICROSPHERES (NSA)

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **MINOCYCLINE HCL MICROSPHERES (Arestin)** requires documentation of a confirmed diagnosis of periodontitis. The following criteria must also be met.

- The requested drug will be used as an adjunct to scaling and root planing procedures **OR** used as part of a periodontal maintenance program which includes good oral hygiene and scaling and root planing
- No history of minocycline or tetracycline sensitivity or allergy
- No history of candidiasis or active oral candidiasis
- Not being used for acutely abscessed periodontal pocket
- Not being used in an immunocompromised individual, such as those immunocompromised by any of the following conditions:
 - Uncontrolled diabetes mellitus
 - Chemotherapy
 - Radiation therapy
 - HIV infection
- Not being used in the regeneration of alveolar bone, either in preparation for or in conjunction with the placement of endosseous (dental) implants or in the treatment of failing implants
- Age 18 years or older
- Prescribed and administered by an oral health care professional

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Is this medication excluded from coverage?

If yes, guideline does not apply.
If no, continue to #2.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MINOCYCLINE HCL MICROSPHERES (NSA)

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have documentation of a confirmed diagnosis of periodontitis and meets the following criteria?

- The requested drug will be used as an adjunct to scaling and root planing procedures **OR** used as part of a periodontal maintenance program which includes good oral hygiene and scaling and root planing

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL for the quantity requested up to a maximum of 48 unit-dose cartridges per 3 months.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **MINOCYCLINE HCL MICROSPHERES (Arestin)** renewal requires documentation of a confirmed diagnosis of periodontitis. The following criteria must also be met.

- The requested drug will be used as an adjunct to scaling and root planing procedures **OR** used as part of a periodontal maintenance program which includes good oral hygiene and scaling and root planing

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate use of ARESTIN consistent with its FDA approved indication, dosing, contraindications, and precautions. In clinical trials, an average of 29.5 (5-114), 31.7 (4-137), and 31 (5-108) sites were treated at baseline in the scaling and root planning (SRP) alone, SRP + vehicle, and SRP + ARESTIN groups, respectively.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

ARESTIN is indicated as an adjunct to scaling and root planing procedures for reduction of pocket depth in patients with adult periodontitis. ARESTIN may be used as part of a periodontal maintenance program which includes good oral hygiene and scaling and root planing.

DOSAGE

ARESTIN is provided as a dry powder, packaged in a unit dose cartridge with a deformable tip, which is inserted into a spring-loaded cartridge handle mechanism to administer the product.

The oral health care professional removes the disposable cartridge from its pouch and connects the cartridge to the handle mechanism. ARESTIN is a variable dose product, dependent on the size, shape, and number of pockets being treated. In US clinical trials, up to 122 unit dose cartridges were used in a single visit and up to 3 treatments, at 3-month intervals, were administered in pockets with pocket depth of 5 mm or greater.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

MINOCYCLINE HCL MICROSPHERES (NSA)

REFERENCES

- Arestin [Prescribing Information]. Bridgewater, NJ: OraPharma. August 2015.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	Yes

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MIPOMERSEN SODIUM

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
MIPOMERSEN SODIUM	KYNAMRO	40041		

*******Customer Service/PAC Alert*******
(For Internal Use Only)

THIS IS A HIGH-IMPACT MEDICATION. DO NOT OVERRIDE OR APPROVE WITHOUT SUBMITTING FOR PHARMACIST REVIEW.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the requested medication prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist, endocrinologist, or lipidologist?

If yes, continue to #2.
If no, do not approve.
DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.
2. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has been taking a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily) for a duration of at least 8 weeks
 - The patient has been taking a maximally tolerated dose of any statin for a duration of at least 8 weeks given that the patient cannot tolerate a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily)
If yes, continue to #3.
If no, continue to #4.
3. Will the patient continue statin treatment as described above in combination with Kynamro?

If yes, continue to #5.
If no, do not approve.
DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MIPOMERSEN SODIUM

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?
- The patient has an absolute contraindication to statin therapy (e.g., active decompensated liver disease, nursing female, pregnancy or plans to become pregnant, hypersensitivity reaction)
 - The patient has complete statin intolerance as defined by severe and intolerable adverse effects (e.g., creatine kinase elevation greater than or equal to 10 times the upper limit of normal, liver function test elevation greater than or equal to 3 times the upper limit of normal, rhabdomyolysis, severe muscle weakness leading to temporary disability, fall, or inability to use a major muscle group) that have occurred with trials of at least two separate statins and have improved with the discontinuation of each statin

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Does the patient have a LDL-cholesterol level greater than or equal to 70 mg/dL while on maximally tolerated statin treatment?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

6. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?
- The patient has had a previous trial of Repatha (evolocumab)
 - The patient lacks functioning LDL receptors

If yes, continue to #7.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MIPOMERSEN SODIUM

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

7. Does the patient have a diagnosis of homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH) as determined by meeting **ONE** of the following criteria?
- Simon Broome diagnostic criteria (definite)
 - Dutch Lipid Network criteria with a score of at least 8
 - A clinical diagnosis based on a history of an untreated LDL-cholesterol level greater than 500 mg/dL, in combination with either (1) xanthoma before 10 years of age **OR** (2) evidence of heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH) in both parents

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4mL (4 syringes) per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **MIPOMERSEN SODIUM (Kynamro)** requires a diagnosis of homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH). The following criteria must also be met:

- The diagnosis of homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH) is determined by meeting **ONE** of the following criteria:
 - Simon Broome diagnostic criteria (definite)
 - Dutch Lipid Network criteria with a score of at least 8
 - A clinical diagnosis based on a history of an untreated LDL-cholesterol level greater than 500 mg/dL, in combination with either (1) xanthoma before 10 years of age **OR** (2) evidence of heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH) in both parents
- The agent is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist, endocrinologist, or lipidologist
- The patient has a LDL-cholesterol level greater than or equal to 70 mg/dL while on maximally tolerated statin treatment
- The patient has had a previous trial of Repatha (evolocumab) unless the patient lacks functional LDL receptors

For statin tolerant patients, approval also requires the following:

- The patient meets **ONE** of the following criteria:
 - The patient has been taking a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily) for a duration of at least 8 weeks, **OR**
 - The patient has been taking a maximally tolerated dose of any statin for a duration of at least 8 weeks given that the patient cannot tolerate a high-intensity statin (i.e., atorvastatin 40-80 mg daily, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg daily)
- The patient will continue statin treatment in combination with Kynamro
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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

MIPOMERSEN SODIUM

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

For statin intolerant patients, approval also requires ONE of the following:

- The patient has an absolute contraindication to statin therapy (e.g., active decompensated liver disease, nursing female, pregnancy or plans to become pregnant, hypersensitivity reaction)
- The patient has complete statin intolerance as defined by severe and intolerable adverse effects (e.g., creatine kinase elevation greater than or equal to 10 times the upper limit of normal, liver function test elevation greater than or equal to 3 times the upper limit of normal, rhabdomyolysis, severe muscle weakness leading to temporary disability, fall, or inability to use a major muscle group) that have occurred with trials of at least two separate statins and have improved with the discontinuation of each statin

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of Kynamro according to approved indications, dosing, clinical trial data, and national treatment guidelines.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Kynamro is indicated as an adjunct to lipid-lowering medications and diet to reduce low density lipoprotein-cholesterol (LDL-C), apolipoprotein B (apo B), total cholesterol (TC), and non-high density lipoprotein-cholesterol (non HDL-C) in patients with homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH).

Limitations of use:

- The safety and effectiveness of Kynamro have not been established in patients with hypercholesterolemia who do not have HoFH.
- The effect of Kynamro on cardiovascular morbidity and mortality has not been determined.
- The safety and effectiveness of KYNAMRO as an adjunct to LDL apheresis have not been established; therefore, the use of KYNAMRO as an adjunct to LDL apheresis is not recommended

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dose of Kynamro is 200 mg once weekly as a subcutaneous injection.

Kynamro is intended for subcutaneous use only. Do not administer intramuscularly or intravenously. The injection should be given on the same day every week, but if a dose is missed, the injection should be given at least 3 days from the next weekly dose.

REFERENCES

- Kynamro [Prescribing Information]. Chicago, IL: Kastle Therapeutics; May 2016.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

MIPOMERSEN SODIUM

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 07/01/18

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P&T Approval: 04/18



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MOMETASONE SINUS IMPLANT (NSA)

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
MOMETASONE FUROATE	SINUVA		44214	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have non-self-administered (NSA) drug benefit coverage?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, guideline does not apply.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of nasal polyps and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has had previous ethmoid sinus surgery (ESS)
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an otolaryngologist
- The patient is a candidate for repeat ethmoid sinus surgery due to refractory moderate to severe symptoms of nasal obstruction, nasal congestion or nasal polyps in both ethmoid sinuses
- The patient had a previous trial of at least **TWO** intranasal corticosteroids (e.g., fluticasone, beclomethasone, flunisolide, ciclesonide, mometasone)

If yes, **approve #2 implants (1 per sinus) by GPID per lifetime.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **MOMETASONE IMPLANT (Sinuva)** requires a diagnosis of nasal polyps. In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has had previous ethmoid sinus surgery (ESS)
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an otolaryngologist
- The patient is a candidate for repeat ethmoid sinus surgery due to refractory moderate to severe symptoms of nasal obstruction, nasal congestion or nasal polyps in both ethmoid sinuses
- The patient had a previous trial of at least **TWO** intranasal corticosteroids (e.g., fluticasone, beclomethasone, flunisolide, ciclesonide, mometasone)

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

MOMETASONE SINUS IMPLANT (NSA)

RATIONALE

To promote appropriate utilization of SINUVA based on FDA approved indication and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Sinuva Sinus Implant is a corticosteroid-eluting (mometasone furoate) implant indicated for the treatment of nasal polyps in patients \geq 18 years of age who have had ethmoid sinus surgery

DOSAGE & ADMINISTRATION

One Sinuva Sinus Implant containing 1350 mcg of mometasone furoate. There are no studies evaluating repeat implantation of the Sinuva Sinus Implant.

The Sinuva Sinus Implant is loaded into a delivery system and placed in the ethmoid sinus under endoscopic visualization. The Implant may be left in the sinus to gradually release the corticosteroid over 90 days. The Implant can be removed at Day 90 or earlier at the physician's discretion using standard surgical instruments. Sinuva must be inserted by physicians trained in otolaryngology.

REFERENCES

- Sinuva [Prescribing Information]. Menlo Park, CA: Intersect ENT. December 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	Yes

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MULTIVIT34/FOLIC ACID/NADH/COQ10

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
MULTIVIT34/FOLIC ACID/NADH/COQ10	MEBOLIC, ZYVIT, XYZBAC	43222		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have both the diagnoses of folate deficiency and vitamin B12 deficiency and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The advanced nature of the patient's vitamin B12 and folate deficiencies is supported by physician attestation that at least **ONE** of the following clinical features consistent with severe vitamin deficiency is present:
 - symptomatic anemia
 - gastrointestinal symptoms (e.g., glossitis, mouth ulcers)
 - psychiatric or neurological symptoms (e.g., cognitive impairment, dementia, depression, symmetric paresthesia, numbness, or gait problems)
 - The patient has a serum folate < 2.0 ng/mL (below 4.5 nmol/L or below laboratory specific lower limit of normal is acceptable)
 - The patient has a serum vitamin B12 < 200 pg/mL (below 148 pmol/L or below laboratory specific lower limit of normal is acceptable)
 - The patient has had a trial for at least four months of or has a contraindication to treatment doses of folic acid (e.g., 1 to 5 mg orally daily)
 - The patient has had a trial for at least 4 months of or has a contraindication to treatment doses of vitamin B12 (e.g., cyanocobalamin 1000-2000 mcg orally daily, 100 mcg intramuscularly daily to monthly)
 - The patient has had a trial of or has a contraindication to a multivitamin (OTC)

If yes, **approve for 4 months by GPID (40914) with a quantity limit of #30 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MULTIVIT34/FOLIC ACID/NADH/COQ10

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **MULTIVIT34/FOLIC ACID/NADH/COQ10 (Mebolic, Zyvit, Xyzbac)** requires the diagnosis of folate deficiency and vitamin B12 deficiency. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The advanced nature of the patient's vitamin B12 and folate deficiencies is supported by physician attestation that at least **ONE** of the following clinical features consistent with severe vitamin deficiency is present:
 - symptomatic anemia
 - gastrointestinal symptoms (e.g., glossitis, mouth ulcers)
 - psychiatric or neurological symptoms (e.g., cognitive impairment, dementia, depression, symmetric paresthesia, numbness, or gait problems)
- The patient has a serum folate < 2.0 ng/mL (below 4.5 nmol/L or below laboratory specific lower limit of normal is acceptable)
- The patient has a serum vitamin B12 < 200 pg/mL (below 148 pmol/L or below laboratory specific lower limit of normal is acceptable)
- The patient has had a trial for at least four months of or has a contraindication to treatment doses of folic acid (e.g., 1 to 5 mg orally daily)
- The patient has had a trial for at least 4 months of or has a contraindication to treatment doses of vitamin B12 (e.g., cyanocobalamin 1000-2000 mcg orally daily, 100 mcg intramuscularly daily to monthly)
- The patient has tried or has a contraindication to a multivitamin (OTC)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have both the diagnoses of folate deficiency and vitamin B12 deficiency and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has a serum folate < 2.0 ng/mL (below 4.5 nmol/L or below laboratory specific lower limit of normal is acceptable)
 - The patient has a serum vitamin B12 < 200 pg/mL (below 148 pmol/L or below laboratory specific lower limit of normal is acceptable)
 - The physician attests to the continued need for therapy due to a medical condition resulting in irreversible folate and vitamin B12 deficiency (e.g., pernicious anemia, gastric bypass surgery)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (40914) with a quantity limit of #30 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

MULTIVIT34/FOLIC ACID/NADH/COQ10

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **MULTIVIT34/FOLIC ACID/NADH/COQ10 (Mebolic, Zyvit, Xyzbac)** requires the diagnosis of folate deficiency and vitamin B12 deficiency for renewal. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient has a serum folate < 2.0 ng/mL (below 4.5 nmol/L or below laboratory specific lower limit of normal is acceptable)
- The patient has a serum vitamin B12 < 200 pg/mL (below 148 pmol/L or below laboratory specific lower limit of normal is acceptable)
- The physician attests to the continued need for therapy due to a medical condition resulting in irreversible folate and vitamin B12 deficiency (e.g., pernicious anemia, gastric bypass surgery)

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **MULTIVIT34/FOLIC ACID/NADH/COQ10** (Xyzbac, Mebolic, Zyvit) based on labeled uses and available treatment options.

DESCRIPTION

Mebolic, Zyvit and Xyzbac Tablets are orally administered prescription vitamin formulations for the clinical dietary management of suboptimal nutritional status in patients where advanced folate supplementation is required and nutritional supplementation in physiologically stressful conditions for maintenance of good health is needed.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Usual adult dose is one tablet once or twice daily or as prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner.

DOSAGE FORMS

Oral Tablets. Available by Prescription.

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MULTIVIT34/FOLIC ACID/NADH/COQ10

DOSAGE FORMS

	Amount per tablet	Daily Value (DV)
Vitamin C (as ascorbic acid)	125 mg	208%
Vitamin D3 (as cholecalciferol)	500 IU	125%
Thiamin (Vitamin B1 as thiamin HCL)	25 mg	1,667%
Vitamin B6 (as pyridoxal 5' phosphate)	12.5 mg	625%
Folic Acid	1 mg	250%
Vitamin B12 (methylcobalamin)	1000 mcg	16,667%
NADH (reduced nicotinamide-adenine dinucleotide)	5 mg	not established
CoEnzyme Q-10 (ubiquinone)	50 mg	not established

REFERENCES

- Mebolic [Prescribing Information]. Madisonville, LA, USA Solubiomix, Inc.; September 2017
- Xyzbac [Prescribing Information]. Madisonville, LA, USA Solubiomix, Inc.; September 2017.
- Zyvite [Prescribing Information]. Murrieta, GA USA, TMIG Rx, Inc.; October 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

NERATINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
NERATINIB	NERLYNX	44421		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of breast cancer and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The tumor is early-stage (stage I-III)
 - The tumor is HER2-overexpressed/amplified (i.e., HER2-positive)
 - The tumor is hormone-receptor positive
 - The requested medication will be used as extended adjuvant therapy following Herceptin-(trastuzumab-) based therapy
 - The medication is being requested within 2 years after completing last trastuzumab dose

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #180 tablets per 30 days.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **NERATINIB (Nerlynx)** requires a diagnosis of breast cancer. The following criteria must also be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The tumor is early-stage (stage I-III)
- The tumor is HER2-overexpressed/amplified (i.e., HER2-positive)
- The tumor is hormone-receptor positive
- The requested medication will be used as extended adjuvant therapy following Herceptin-(trastuzumab-) based therapy
- The medication is being requested within 2 years after completing last trastuzumab dose

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **NERATINIB** based on FDA approved indication and dosage.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Nerlynx is a kinase inhibitor indicated for the extended adjuvant treatment of adult patients with early-stage HER2-overexpressed/amplified breast cancer, to follow adjuvant trastuzumab-based therapy.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Nerlynx is available as 40 mg tablets. Nerlynx should be taken once daily with food. Nerlynx tablets should not be crushed, chewed, or split prior to swallowing.

The recommended dose of Nerlynx is 240 mg (6 tablets) orally once daily with food, continuously for one year.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

NERATINIB

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Antidiarrheal prophylaxis is recommended during the first 8 weeks (56 days) of treatment and should be initiated with the first dose of Nerlynx. Patients should be instructed to take Imodium (loperamide) as outlined in Table 1 and adjust dose to maintain 1-2 bowel movements per day. Additional antidiarrheal agents, Nerlynx dose interruptions, and dose reductions may be required to manage diarrhea in patients with loperamide refractory diarrhea. Dose modifications for diarrhea, other toxicities, hepatic impairment, and drug interactions may be found in the Nerlynx prescribing information.

Table 1: Imodium (loperamide) prophylaxis (from Nerlynx prescribing information)

Time on Nerlynx	Dose	Frequency
Weeks 1-2 (days 1 - 14)	4 mg	Three times daily
Weeks 3-8 (days 15 - 56)	4 mg	Twice daily
Weeks 9-52 (days 57 - 365)	4 mg	As needed (not to exceed 16 mg per day)

REFERENCES

- Nerlynx [Prescribing Information]. Los Angeles, CA: Puma Biotechnology; July 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

NILOTINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
NILOTINIB HCL	TASIGNA	35149		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a newly diagnosed Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) in chronic phase **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient is 1 year of age or older

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 per day.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) in accelerated phase and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient is resistant or intolerant to prior therapy including imatinib (Gleevec)
- The patient has a Breakpoint Cluster Region Abelson Murine Leukemia (BCR-ABL) mutational analysis confirming that the following mutations are NOT present: T315I, Y253H, E255K/V, or F359V/C/I

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 per day.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) in chronic phase **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has a Breakpoint Cluster Region Abelson Murine Leukemia (BCR-ABL) mutational analysis confirming that the following mutations are NOT present: T315I, Y253H, E255K/V, or F359V/C/I

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Is the patient between 1 and 17 years of age **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient is resistant or intolerant to prior tyrosine-kinase inhibitor (TKI) therapy (e.g., imatinib, dasatinib)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 per day.**

If no, continue to #5.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

NILOTINIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

5. Is the patient 18 years of age or older **AND** meet the following criterion?
- The patient is resistant or intolerant to prior therapy including imatinib (Gleevec)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **NILOTINIB (Tasigna)** requires a diagnosis of newly diagnosed Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) in chronic phase, OR Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) in chronic or accelerated phase. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For patients with newly diagnosed Ph+ CML in chronic phase, approval requires:

- The patient is 1 year of age or older

For patients with Ph+ CML in accelerated phase, approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient is resistant or intolerant to prior therapy including imatinib (Gleevec)
- The patient has a Breakpoint Cluster Region Abelson Murine Leukemia (BCR-ABL) mutational analysis confirming that the following mutations are NOT present: T315I, Y253H, E255K/V, or F359V/C/I

For patients with Ph+ CML in chronic phase, approval requires:

- The patient has a Breakpoint Cluster Region Abelson Murine Leukemia (BCR-ABL) mutational analysis confirming that the following mutations are NOT present: T315I, Y253H, E255K/V, or F359V/C/I
- The patient must also meet **ONE** of the following criteria:
 - The patient is between 1 and 17 years of age AND has resistance or intolerance to prior tyrosine-kinase inhibitor (TKI) therapy (e.g., imatinib, dasatinib)
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older AND has resistance or intolerance to prior therapy including imatinib (Gleevec)

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of nilotinib based on its FDA approved indications.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Tasigna is a kinase inhibitor indicated for the following:

- Newly diagnosed adults and pediatric patients greater than or equal to 1 year of age with Philadelphia chromosome-positive chronic myeloid leukemia in chronic phase.
- Adult patients with chronic phase (CP) or accelerated phase (AP) Philadelphia chromosome-positive chronic myeloid leukemia with resistance or intolerance to prior therapy that included imatinib.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

NILOTINIB

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

- Pediatric patients greater than or equal to 1 year of age with Philadelphia chromosome-positive chronic myeloid leukemia in chronic phase with resistance or intolerance to prior tyrosine-kinase inhibitor (TKI) therapy.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Tasigna should be taken twice daily at approximately 12-hour intervals and must be taken on an empty stomach. No food should be consumed for at least 2 hours before the dose is taken and for at least 1 hour after the dose is taken. Advise patients to swallow the capsules whole with water. For patients who are unable to swallow capsules, the contents of each capsule may be dispersed in 1 teaspoon of applesauce (puréed apple). The mixture should be taken immediately (within 15 minutes) and should not be stored for future use.

Adult patients with Newly diagnosed Ph+ CML in chronic phase

- The recommended dose of Tasigna is 300 mg orally twice daily.

Adult Patients with Resistant or Intolerant Ph+ CML-CP and CML-AP

- The recommended dose of Tasigna is 400 mg orally twice daily.

Pediatric Patients with Newly Diagnosed Ph+ CML-CP or Resistant or Intolerant Ph+ CML-CP

- The recommended dose of Tasigna for pediatric patients is 230 mg/m² orally twice daily, rounded to the nearest 50 mg dose (to a maximum single dose of 400 mg)
- If needed, attain the desired dose by combining different strengths of Tasigna capsules. Continue treatment as long as clinical benefit is observed or until unacceptable toxicity occurs.

REFERENCES

- Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. Tasigna package insert. East Hanover, NJ. March 2018.

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

NIMODIPINE SOLUTION

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
NIMODIPINE	NYMALIZE		34794 43848	

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a history of subarachnoid hemorrhage (SAH) from a ruptured intracranial berry aneurysm within the past 21 days?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the patient unable to swallow nimodipine capsules?

If yes, **approve once by GPID up to a maximum 21 day supply with a quantity limit of #120mL per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **NIMODIPINE SOLUTION (Nymalize)** requires a history of subarachnoid hemorrhage (SAH) from a ruptured intracranial berry aneurysm within the past 21 days. Nymalize has comparable bioavailability to nimodipine oral capsules and should only be used in patients who are unable to swallow nimodipine oral capsules.

RATIONALE

Ensure cost-effective use of Nymalize with FDA approved indication and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Nymalize is a dihydropyridine calcium channel blocker indicated for the improvement of neurological outcome by reducing the incidence and severity of ischemic deficits in adult patients with subarachnoid hemorrhage (SAH) from ruptured intracranial berry aneurysms regardless of their post-ictus neurological condition (i.e., Hunt and Hess Grades I-V).

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Treatment courses of Nymalize are started within 96 hours of the onset of SAH. The approved dosage is 20 mL (60 mg) given enterally (orally or via feeding tube) every 4 hours for 21 consecutive days. The dosage can be reduced to 10 mL (30mg) every 4 hours in patients with cirrhosis.

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NIMODIPINE SOLUTION

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Patients who require administration through a feeding tube should use the supplied oral syringe labeled "ORAL USE ONLY." After each dose is administered, the syringe should be refilled with 20 mL of 0.9% saline solution in order to flush any remaining contents from nasogastric or gastric tube into the stomach. Nymalize should not be administered intravenously or using other parenteral routes.

AVAILABLE STRENGTHS

Nymalize is supplied as a 3mg/mL oral solution in a 16 oz (473 mL) bottle, carton of 12 individually wrapped 20mL packages (60 mg/20mL unit-dose cup and one oral syringe) or carton of 12 individually wrapped 10mL packages (30 mg/10mL unit-dose cup and one oral syringe).

REFERENCES

- Nymalize [Prescribing Information]. Atlanta, GA: Arbor Pharmaceuticals, Inc. September, 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

NINTEDANIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
NINTEDANIB	OFEV	41489		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Was nintedanib prescribed by or in consultation with a pulmonologist?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF)?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Does the patient have other known causes of interstitial lung disease (e.g., connective tissue disease, drug toxicity, asbestos or beryllium exposure, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, systemic sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, radiation, sarcoidosis, bronchiolitis obliterans organizing pneumonia, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, viral hepatitis, or cancer)?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a usual interstitial pneumonia (UIP) pattern as evidenced by high-resolution computed tomography (HRCT) alone or via a combination of surgical lung biopsy and HRCT?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Does the patient have a predicted forced vital capacity (FVC) of at least 50%?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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NINTEDANIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

6. Has the patient obtained liver function tests?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 capsules per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **NINTEDANIB** requires a diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF). IPF is defined by the American Thoracic Society with the following criteria: a) Exclusion of other known causes of interstitial lung disease (ILD) (e.g., connective tissue disease, drug toxicity, asbestos or beryllium exposure, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, systemic sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, radiation, sarcoidosis, bronchiolitis obliterans organizing pneumonia, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, viral hepatitis, or cancer) **AND** b) The presence of usual interstitial pneumonia (UIP) pattern as evidenced by high-resolution computed tomography (HRCT) alone or via a combination of surgical lung biopsy and HRCT. In addition, our guideline requires:

- treatment is prescribed by or in consultation with a pulmonologist
- patient must obtain liver function tests prior to the start of nintedanib
- patient has a predicted forced vital capacity (FVC) of at least 50%

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of Ofev based on FDA approved indication and dosage.

Ofev (NINTEDANIB) is one of the first drugs to be approved by the FDA to treat idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF). Esbriet (pirfenidone), the other agent for the treatment of IPF, was also approved on the same day. These two drugs were granted Breakthrough Therapy Designation as well as Orphan Drug status since there are no other drugs to date for the treatment of IPF, a disease that affects an estimated 100,000 people (mostly adults over the age of 40) in the United States. IPF is a chronic, progressive disorder of the lower respiratory tract in which lung tissue becomes scarred or fibrotic over time. As a result, patients with IPF experience shortness of breath, cough, and difficulty participating in everyday physical activities.

The American Thoracic Society guidelines state the diagnosis of IPF requires:

- a) Exclusion of other known causes of interstitial lung disease (ILD) (e.g., domestic and occupational environmental exposures, connective tissue disease, and drug toxicity)
- b) The presence of a usual interstitial pneumonia (UIP) pattern on high-resolution computed tomography (HRCT) in patients not subjected to surgical lung biopsy
- c) Specific combinations of HRCT and surgical lung biopsy pattern in patients subjected to surgical lung biopsy.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

NINTEDANIB

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

There is no cure for IPF; many people live only about 3 to 5 years, with the most common cause of death related to IPF being respiratory failure. The exact cause of IPF is not known, but the associated risk factors include cigarette smoking, viral infection, environmental pollutants, chronic aspiration, genetic predisposition, and drugs.

Treatment options for IPF have been extremely limited, mainly consisting of supportive care (e.g., oxygen therapy, pulmonary rehabilitation) and lung transplantation. Systemic glucocorticoid monotherapy, combination therapy with azathioprine, prednisone, and N-acetylcysteine, and monotherapy with N-acetylcysteine have been tried, but were unsuccessful in demonstrating efficacy and may in fact cause potential harm. Many other pharmacological treatments (e.g.; sildenafil, endothelin receptor antagonist, TNFs and chemotherapeutic agents) have been studied in IPF but were found to be ineffective or have inconclusive evidence to routinely support their use in IPF. The approval of Ofev provides a new treatment option that may slow disease progression for patients with IPF. Ofev is a kinase inhibitor that inhibits multiple receptor tyrosine kinases (RTKs) and non-receptor tyrosine kinases (nRTKs). Ofev has been shown to inhibit platelet-derived growth factor receptor (PDGFR), fibroblast growth factor receptor (FGFR) and vascular endothelial growth factor receptor (VEGFR) which are associated with IPF pathogenesis.

Liver function tests (ALT, AST, and bilirubin) should be conducted prior to initiation of treatment and monthly for 3 months, and every 3 months thereafter and as clinically indicated. In clinical trials, Ofev was associated with elevations of liver enzymes that were reversible with dose modification or interruption and not associated with clinical signs or symptoms of liver injury. Ofev also associated with increases in bilirubin.

Ofev is classified as a pregnancy category D and can cause fetal harm when administered to pregnant women. Women of childbearing age should avoid becoming pregnant during treatment with Ofev and should be advised to use adequate contraception during and at least 3 months after the last dose of Ofev.

Other warnings and precautions include gastrointestinal distress, gastrointestinal perforation, arterial thromboembolic events and increased risk of bleeding.

Most common adverse reactions ($\geq 5\%$) of Ofev treated patients and more commonly than placebo are: diarrhea (62% vs. 18%), nausea (24% vs. 7%), abdominal pain (15% vs. 6%), vomiting (12% vs. 3%), liver enzyme elevation (14% vs. 3%), decreased appetite (11% vs. 5%), headache (8% vs. 5%), weight decreased (10% vs. 3%), and hypertension (5% vs. 4%).

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NINTEDANIB

DOSAGE

The recommended dosage of Ofev is 150 mg twice daily administered approximately 12 hours apart. Do not exceed the recommended maximum daily dosage of 300 mg. If a dose of Ofev is missed, the next dose should be taken at the next scheduled time. Advise the patient to not make up for a missed dose.

Ofev capsules should be taken with food and swallowed whole with liquid. The effect of chewing or crushing of the capsule on the pharmacokinetics of nintedanib is not known.

Dose reduction (100mg twice daily) or temporary interruption maybe necessary for management of adverse events until the specific adverse reaction resolves to levels that allow continuation of therapy. If a patient cannot tolerate 100 mg twice daily treatment with Ofev should be discontinued. In patients with aminotransferase (AST) or alanine aminotransferase (ALT) >3 times to <5 times the upper limit of normal (ULN) without signs of severe liver damage, interrupt treatment or reduce Ofev to 100 mg twice daily. Discontinue Ofev for AST or ALT elevations >5 times ULN or >3 times ULN with signs or symptoms of severe liver damage.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Ofev is a kinase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF).

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Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

NIRAPARIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
NIRAPARIB TOSYLATE	ZEJULA	44177		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The requested medication will be used as monotherapy
 - The requested medication will be started no later than 8 weeks after the patient's most recent platinum-containing regimen
 - The patient is in complete or partial response to their most recent platinum based-chemotherapy
 - Patient has completed at least 2 or more lines of platinum-based chemotherapy
 - The requested medication will be used for maintenance treatment
 - The patient is greater than 18 years of age

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #90 capsules per 30 days.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **NIRAPARIB (Zejula)** requires a diagnosis of recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The requested medication will be used as monotherapy
- The requested medication is started no later than 8 weeks after the patient's most recent platinum-containing regimen
- The patient is in complete or partial response to their most recent platinum based-chemotherapy
- Patient has completed at least 2 or more lines of platinum-based chemotherapy
- The requested medication will be used for maintenance treatment
- The patient is greater than 18 years of age

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **NIRAPARIB** based on FDA approved indication and dosage.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Zejula is indicated for the maintenance treatment of adult patients with recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer who are in a complete or partial response to platinum-based chemotherapy.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

NIRAPARIB

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dose of Zejula as monotherapy is 300 mg (three 100 mg capsules) taken orally once daily with or without food. Bedtime administration may be a potential method for managing nausea. Patients should start treatment with Zejula no later than 8 weeks after their most recent platinum-containing regimen.

Instruct patients to take their dose of Zejula at approximately the same time each day. Each capsule should be swallowed whole.

Zejula treatment should be continued until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. In the case of a missed dose of Zejula, instruct patients to take their next dose at its regularly scheduled time. If a patient vomits or misses a dose of Zejula, an additional dose should not be taken.

To manage adverse reactions, consider interruption of treatment or dose reduction. Recommended dose reductions are indicated in Table 1.

Table 1. Recommended Dose Adjustments

Dose Level	Dose
Starting dose	300 mg/day (three 100 mg capsules)
First dose reduction	200 mg/day (two 100 mg capsules)
Second dose reduction	100/day* (one 100 mg capsule)

REFERENCES

- Zejula [Prescribing Information]. Waltham, MA: Tesaro; 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

NITISINONE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
NITISINONE	ORFADIN, NITYR	23253		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a documented diagnosis of hereditary tyrosinemia type 1 (HT-1) **AND** meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has elevated urinary or plasma succinylacetone (SA) levels **OR** a mutation in the fumarylacetoacetate hydrolase (FAH) gene
 - The medication is being prescribed by or given in consultation with a prescriber specializing in inherited metabolic diseases
 - The patient has been counseled on maintaining dietary restriction of tyrosine and phenylalanine

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the request for Nityr (nitisinone) tablets?

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID for all strengths with no quantity limit.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patients urinary or plasma succinylacetone (SA) levels have decreased from baseline while on treatment with nitisinone.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the request for Orfadin capsules and has the patient had a trial of or contraindication to Nityr tablets?

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID for all strengths with no quantity limit.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patients urinary or plasma succinylacetone (SA) levels have decreased from baseline while on treatment with nitisinone.

If no, continue to #4.

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NITISINONE

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

4. Is the request for Orfadin suspension and has the patient had a trial of or contraindication to Orfadin (nitisinone) capsules or Nityr tablets?

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID with no quantity limit.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patients urinary or plasma succinylacetone (SA) levels have decreased from baseline while on treatment with nitisinone.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **NITISINONE (Orfadin, Nityr)** requires a documented diagnosis of hereditary tyrosinemia type 1 (HT-1) as confirmed by elevated urinary or plasma succinylacetone (SA) levels or a mutation in the fumarylacetoacetate hydrolase (FAH) gene. In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- The medication must be prescribed by or given in consultation with a prescriber specializing in inherited metabolic diseases
- The patient must be counseled on maintaining dietary restriction of tyrosine and phenylalanine
- For requests of Orfadin capsules, the patient must have tried Nityr tablets
- For requests of Orfadin oral suspension, the patient must have tried or have a contraindication to Orfadin capsules or Nityr tablets. For patients who have difficulties swallowing capsules, Orfadin capsules may be opened and the contents suspended in a small amount of water, formula, or applesauce immediately before use.

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hereditary tyrosinemia type 1 **AND** meet the following criterion?
- The patients urinary or plasma succinylacetone (SA) levels have decreased from baseline while on treatment with nitisinone.

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all strengths of the requested formulation with no quantity limit.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **NITISINONE (Orfadin, Nityr)** requires a diagnosis of hereditary tyrosinemia type 1 (HT-1). In addition, the following renewal criterion must be met:

- The patients urinary or plasma succinylacetone (SA) levels have decreased from baseline while on treatment with nitisinone.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

NITISINONE

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **NITISINONE** based on FDA approved indication.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Orfadin (nitisinone) is a 4-hydroxyphenylpyruvate dioxygenase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of hereditary tyrosinemia type 1 (HT-1) in combination with dietary restriction of tyrosine and phenylalanine.

Nityr is a hydroxyphenyl-pyruvate dioxygenase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of hereditary tyrosinemia type 1 (HT-1) in combination with dietary restriction of tyrosine and phenylalanine.

DOSAGE

Recommended Dosage:

- The recommended initial dosage is 0.5 mg/kg orally twice daily.
- Titrate the dose based on biochemical and/or chemical response, as described in the full prescribing information.
- The maximum dosage is 1 mg/kg orally twice daily.

Preparation and Administration Instructions for Orfadin:

- For instructions on preparing, measuring and administering the oral suspension, see the full prescribing information.
- Maintain dietary restriction of tyrosine and phenylalanine.
- Take Orfadin capsules at least one hour before, or two hours after a meal.
- For patients who have difficulties swallowing capsules and who are intolerant to the oral suspension, the capsules may be opened and the contents suspended in a small amount of water, formula or applesauce immediately before use.
- Take Orfadin oral suspension without regard to meals.

Preparation and Administration Instructions for Nityr:

- Take with or without food.

For patients who have difficulties swallowing intact tablets, including pediatric patients, the tablets can be disintegrated in water and administered using an oral syringe. If patients can swallow semi-solid foods, the tablets can also be crushed and mixed with applesauce. For preparation and administration instructions, see the full prescribing information.

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Orfadin:

- Capsules: 2 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg
- Oral suspension: 4 mg/mL

Nityr:

- Tablets: 2 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

NITISINONE

REFERENCES

- Orfadin [Prescribing Information]. Waltham, MA: Sobi, Inc. June 2016.
- Nityr [Prescribing Information]. Cambridge, UK: Cycle Pharmaceuticals Ltd. July 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

OBETICHOLIC ACID

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
OBETICHOLIC ACID	OCALIVA	43438		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of primary biliary cholangitis as confirmed by at least **TWO** of the following criteria?
 - An alkaline phosphatase level of at least 1.5 times the upper limit of normal
 - The presence of antimitochondrial antibodies at a titer of 1:40 or higher
 - Histologic evidence of non-suppurative destructive cholangitis and destruction of interlobular bile ducts

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of guideline.

2. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is at least 18 years of age and older
 - The requested agent will be used in combination with ursodeoxycholic acid (e.g., Ursodiol, Urso 250, Urso Forte) in adults with an inadequate response to ursodeoxycholic acid at a dosage of 13-15mg/kg/day for at least 1 year, **OR** as monotherapy in adults unable to tolerate ursodeoxycholic acid
 - The patient does not have complete biliary obstruction
 - The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist or hepatologist

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient's alkaline phosphatase levels have decreased by at least 15% from baseline while on treatment with obeticholic acid. The following criteria must also be met:

- The patient has not developed complete biliary obstruction

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

OBETICHOLIC ACID

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **OBETICHOLIC ACID (Ocaliva)** requires a diagnosis of primary biliary cholangitis, as confirmed by two of the following criteria:

- An alkaline phosphatase level of at least 1.5 times the upper limit of normal
- The presence of antimitochondrial antibodies at a titer of 1:40 or higher
- Histologic evidence of non-suppurative destructive cholangitis and destruction of interlobular bile ducts

In addition, the following criteria must also be met.

- The patient is at least 18 years of age and older
- The requested agent will be used in combination with ursodeoxycholic acid (e.g., Ursodiol, Urso 250, Urso Forte) in adults with an inadequate response to ursodeoxycholic acid at a dosage of 13-15 mg/kg/day for at least 1 year, OR as monotherapy in adults unable to tolerate ursodeoxycholic acid
- The patient does not have complete biliary obstruction
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist or hepatologist

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of primary biliary cholangitis and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient's alkaline phosphatase levels are less than 1.67-times the upper limit of normal **OR** have decreased by at least 15% from baseline while on treatment with obeticholic acid
- The patient has not developed complete biliary obstruction

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **OBETICHOLIC ACID (Ocaliva)** renewal requires that the patient's alkaline phosphatase levels are less than 1.67-times the upper limit of normal **OR** have decreased by at least 15% from baseline while on treatment with obeticholic acid. In addition, the following criteria must also be met.

- The patient has not developed complete biliary obstruction

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **OBETICHOLIC ACID** based on FDA approved indication.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

OBETICHOLIC ACID

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE

- Starting Dosage: The recommended starting dosage of Ocaliva is 5 mg orally once daily in adults who have not achieved an adequate response to an appropriate dosage of UDCA for at least 1 year or are intolerant to UDCA.
- Dosage Titration: If adequate reduction in ALP and/or total bilirubin has not been achieved after 3 months of Ocaliva 5 mg once daily and the patient is tolerating Ocaliva, increase dosage to 10 mg once daily.
- Maximum Dosage: 10 mg once daily
- Administration Instructions: Take with or without food. For patients taking bile acid binding resins (e.g., cholestyramine, colestipol, colesevelam), take Ocaliva at least 4 hours before or 4 hours after taking a bile acid binding resin, or at as great an interval as possible.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Ocaliva (obeticholic acid), a farnesoid X receptor (FXR) agonist, is indicated for the treatment of primary biliary cholangitis (PBC) in combination with ursodeoxycholic acid (UDCA) in adults with an inadequate response to UDCA, or as monotherapy in adults unable to tolerate UDCA.

This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on a reduction in alkaline phosphatase (ALP). An improvement in survival or disease-related symptoms has not been established. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in confirmatory trials.

REFERENCES

- Ocaliva [Prescribing Information]. New York, NY: Intercept Pharmaceuticals, Inc. May 2016.
- Lindor KD, Gershwin ME, Poupon R, et al. Primary biliary cirrhosis. Hepatology. 2009;50:291-308.

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

OLAPARIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
OLAPARIB	LYNPARZA	41642		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of advanced ovarian cancer and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The requested medication will be used as monotherapy
- The patient has a deleterious or suspected deleterious germline BRCA mutation (gBRCAm) as confirmed by an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for Lynparza
- The patient has been treated with at least three prior lines of chemotherapy (e.g., paclitaxel, docetaxel, cisplatin, carboplatin)

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #3.

2. Is the request for Lynparza (olaparib) capsules?

If yes, **approve 50mg capsules for 12 months by GPID (37611) with a quantity limit of #480 capsules per 30 days.**

If no, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Lynparza 100mg tablets (GPID 43766): #120 tablets per 30 days.**
- **Lynparza 150mg tablets (GPID 43765): #120 tablets per 30 days.**

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer, and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The requested medication will be started no later than 8 weeks after the patient's most recent platinum-containing regimen
- The patient is in complete or partial response to their most recent platinum based-chemotherapy
- Patient has completed at least 2 or more lines of platinum-based chemotherapy
- The requested medication will be used for maintenance treatment

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Lynparza 100mg tablets (GPID 43766): #120 tablets per 30 days.**
- **Lynparza 150mg tablets (GPID 43765): #120 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, continue to #4.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

OLAPARIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of advanced epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer, and meet **ALL** the following criteria?
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The requested medication will be used for maintenance treatment
 - The patient has a deleterious or suspected deleterious germline or somatic BRCA mutation (gBRCAm or sBRCAm) as confirmed by an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for Lynparza (for gBRCAm only)
 - The patient is in complete or partial response to first-line platinum-based chemotherapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Lynparza 100mg tablets (GPID 43766): #120 tablets per 30 days.**
- **Lynparza 150mg tablets (GPID 43765): #120 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, continue to #5.

5. Does the patient have a diagnosis of HER2-negative metastatic breast cancer and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- The patient has a deleterious or suspected deleterious germline BRCA (gBRCAm) mutation as confirmed by an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for Lynparza
 - The patient has been treated with chemotherapy in the neoadjuvant, adjuvant, or metastatic setting
 - The patient does not have hormone receptor (HR)-positive breast cancer

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Lynparza 100mg tablets (GPID 43766): #120 tablets per 30 days.**
- **Lynparza 150mg tablets (GPID 43765): #120 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, continue to #6.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

OLAPARIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

6. Does the patient have a diagnosis of HER2-negative metastatic breast cancer and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has a deleterious or suspected deleterious germline BRCA mutation (gBRCAm) as confirmed by an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for Lynparza
- The patient has been treated with chemotherapy in the neoadjuvant, adjuvant, or metastatic setting
- The patient has a hormone receptor (HR)-positive breast cancer
- The patient has received prior treatment with endocrine therapy or be considered inappropriate for endocrine therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Lynparza 100mg tablets (GPID 43766): #120 tablets per 30 days.**
- **Lynparza 150mg tablets (GPID 43765): #120 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **OLAPARIB (Lynparza)** requires a diagnosis of advanced ovarian cancer, recurrent or advanced epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer, or HER2-negative metastatic breast cancer. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For patients with advanced ovarian cancer, approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The requested medication will be used as monotherapy
- The patient has a deleterious or suspected deleterious germline BRCA mutation (gBRCAm) as confirmed by an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for Lynparza
- The patient has been treated with at least three prior lines of chemotherapy (e.g., paclitaxel, docetaxel, cisplatin, carboplatin)

For patients with advance epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer, approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The requested medication will be used for maintenance treatment
- The patient has a deleterious or suspected deleterious germline or somatic BRCA mutation (gBRCAm or sBRCAm) as confirmed by an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for Lynparza (for gBRCAm only)
- The patient is in complete or partial response to first-line platinum-based chemotherapy
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OLAPARIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

For patients with recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer, approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The requested medication is started no later than 8 weeks after the patient's most recent platinum-containing regimen
- The patient is in complete or partial response to their most recent platinum based-chemotherapy
- Patient has completed at least 2 or more lines of platinum-based chemotherapy
- The requested medication will be used for maintenance treatment

For patients with HER2-negative metastatic breast cancer, approval requires:

- The patient has a deleterious or suspected deleterious germline BRCA mutation (gBRCAm) as confirmed by an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for Lynparza
- The patient has been treated with chemotherapy in the neoadjuvant, adjuvant, or metastatic setting
- Patients with hormone receptor (HR)-positive breast cancer must have additional prior treatment with endocrine therapy or be considered inappropriate for endocrine therapy

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Lynparza.

REFERENCES

- Lynparza Tablets [Prescribing Information]. Wilmington, DE: AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals. December 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

OMACETAXINE MEPESUCCINATE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
OMACETAXINE MEPESUCCINATE	SYNRIBO	24243		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic myeloid leukemia (CML)?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is this for induction therapy?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, continue to #5.

3. Has the patient previously tried at least two of the following or does the patient have a contraindication to Gleevec, Sprycel, Tasigna, Bosulif, or Iclusig?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Has the patient received less than 6 fills for Synribo?

If yes, **approve for 3 fills by HICL with a quantity limit of #28 vials per 28 days supply.**

PAC Note: Patient should receive a maximum of 6 fills of Synribo when used as induction therapy.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Has the patient achieved a hematologic response (defined as an absolute neutrophil count (ANC) greater than or equal to $1.5 \times 10^9/L$, AND platelets greater than or equal to $100 \times 10^9/L$, AND no blood blasts; OR bone marrow blasts less than 5 percent)?

If yes, **approve for 12 fills by HICL with a quantity limit of #14 vials per 28 days supply.**

If no, **approve for 3 fills by HICL with a quantity limit of #28 vials per 28 days supply.**

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

OMACETAXINE MEPESUCCINATE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **OMACETAXINE** requires a diagnosis of chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) and a trial of at least two of the following therapies: Gleevec, Sprycel, Tasigna, Bosulif, or Iclusig. Approval of Synribo beyond 6 treatment cycles requires evidence of a hematologic response.

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of Synribo based on FDA approved indication and dosage.

Synribo should be prepared in a healthcare facility and must be reconstituted by a healthcare professional. Before a decision is made to allow Synribo to be administered by someone other than a healthcare professional, ensure that the patient is an appropriate candidate for self-administration or for administration by a caregiver. Provide training on proper handling, storage conditions, administration, disposal, and clean-up of accidental spillage of the product. Ensure that patients receive the necessary supplies for home administration. At minimum these should include:

- Reconstituted Synribo in syringe with a capped needle for subcutaneous injection. Syringe(s) should be filled to the patient-specific dose.
- Protective eyewear.
- Gloves.
- An appropriate biohazard container.
- Absorbent pad(s) for placement of administration materials and for accidental spillage.
- Alcohol swabs.
- Gauze pads.
- Ice packs or cooler for transportation of reconstituted Synribo syringes

If a patient or caregiver cannot be trained for any reason, then in such patients, Synribo should be administered by a healthcare professional.

DOSAGE

The recommended induction dosing schedule is 1.25 mg/m² administered subcutaneously twice daily for 14 consecutive days every 28 days, over a 28-day cycle, and should be repeated every 28 days until patients achieve a hematologic response.

The recommended maintenance schedule is 1.25 mg/m² administered subcutaneously twice daily for 7 consecutive days every 28 days, over a 28-day cycle, and should continue as long as patients are clinically benefiting from therapy.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

OMACETAXINE MEPESUCCINATE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Complete blood counts (CBCs) should be performed weekly during induction and initial maintenance cycles followed by every two weeks thereafter, or as clinically indicated. If a patient experiences Grade 4 neutropenia (absolute neutrophil count (ANC) $<0.5 \times 10^9/L$) or Grade 3 thrombocytopenia (platelet counts $<50 \times 10^9/L$) during a cycle, the next cycle should be delayed until the ANC is $>1.0 \times 10^9/L$ and platelet count is $>50 \times 10^9/L$, and the number of dosing days should be reduced by two days (for example to 12 or 5 days).

Synribo is a first-in-class cephalotaxine that functions as a protein synthesis inhibitor in CML. CML is a malignant clonal disorder that results in rapid growth of myeloid stem cells in the bone marrow. It is usually associated with a chromosomal abnormality that results from the fusion of the BCR and ABL1 genes, called the Philadelphia (Ph) chromosome. Normally, the ABL1 gene produces a protein with tyrosine kinase catalytic activity that is tightly regulated. The fused BCR-ABL1 gene in the Ph chromosome however, produces a protein with deregulated and constitutively active kinase activity that is fundamental to the pathogenesis of CML. The mainstay of treatment in CML over the last decade has been inhibition of the enzymatic activity of those proteins, and thus the TKIs Gleevec, Sprycel, and Tasisna are designated as first line treatment of CML in the National Comprehensive Cancer Network clinical practice guidelines. Another TKI, Bosulif, was approved earlier this year for treatment-resistant patients. It is currently being studied in a phase III open-label trial versus Gleevec for patients with newly diagnosed CML. However, because there are patients that fail, cannot tolerate, or are resistant to TKI therapy, new therapies, such as Synribo, are being explored. Synribo is unique in that it inhibits protein synthesis independently of direct BCR-ABL1 binding, and therefore, provides a different mechanism to help control the cancer and delay its progression to an acute leukemia for those who have already tried TKI based therapy.

Synribo was approved under the FDA's accelerated approval program. The accelerated approval allows the FDA to approve a drug to treat a serious disease based on clinical data showing that the drug has an effect on a surrogate endpoint that is reasonably likely to predict a clinical benefit to patients. All accelerated approvals come with the caveat that the manufacturer must conduct additional clinical studies to confirm the drug's clinical benefit and safe use.

Effectiveness was based on data from two Phase II, open-label, multicenter, single-arm trials enrolling a combined cohort of 111 patients with chronic phase CML or accelerated phase CML who had received 2 or more approved TKIs and had, at a minimum, documented evidence of resistance or intolerance to dasatinib and/or nilotinib.

The efficacy endpoint for the 76 patients in chronic phase CML was major cytogenetic response (MCyR) as demonstrated by a reduction in the percentage of cells expressing the Philadelphia chromosome genetic mutation. MCyR was achieved in 14 out of 76 patients (18.4 percent) with a mean onset time of 3.5 months and Kaplan-Meier estimated median reduction duration of 12.5 months.

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OMACETAXINE MEPESUCCINATE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

For the 35 patients in accelerated phase CML, the efficacy endpoints of MCyR or major hematologic response (MaHR) as demonstrated by either normalization of white blood cell counts (complete hematologic response [CHR]) or no evidence of leukemia (NEL) were evaluated. Five out of the 35 patients (14.3 percent) achieved MaHR with a mean response onset time of 2.3 months and Kaplan-Meier estimated median duration of 4.7 months. MCyR was not achieved in any of the 35 patients.

Warnings and precautions for Synribo include: myelosuppression, including severe and fatal thrombocytopenia, neutropenia and anemia; bleeding, including fatal cerebral hemorrhage and severe, non-fatal gastrointestinal hemorrhage; hyperglycemia, including glucose intolerance and hyperosmolar non-ketotic hyperglycemia; and embryo-fetal toxicity.

The most common adverse reactions observed in clinical trials include thrombocytopenia, anemia, neutropenia, including febrile neutropenia, diarrhea, nausea, weakness and fatigue, injection site reaction, and lymphopenia. Synribo is pregnancy category D and may cause fetal harm. Females of reproductive potential should avoid pregnancy while undergoing Synribo treatment. Clinical drug interaction trials were not performed on Synribo based on the lack of interactions seen during in vitro studies.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Treatment of adult patients with chronic or accelerated phase chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) with resistance and/or intolerance to two or more tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKI) based upon response rate. There are no trials verifying an improvement in disease-related symptoms or increased survival with Synribo.

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OMACETAXINE MEPESUCCINATE

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

OMBITASVIR/PARITAPREVIR/RITONAVIR

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
OMBITASVIR/PARITAPREVIR/ RITONAVIR	TECHNIVIE	41734		

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(For Internal Use Only)

**THIS IS A HIGH-IMPACT MEDICATION. DO NOT OVERRIDE OR APPROVE WITHOUT
SUBMITTING FOR PHARMACIST REVIEW.**

GUIDELINES FOR USE

- Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Age at least 18 years old
 - Diagnosis of hepatitis C, genotype 4
 - Patient is treatment naïve or treatment experienced (previous treatment with peginterferon/ribavirin)
 - Currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

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2. Does the patient have one or more of the following conditions?

- Patient is on hemodialysis
- Moderate or severe liver impairment (Child-Pugh B or Child-Pugh C), or decompensated liver disease
- A limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions (e.g., physician attestation)
- Concurrent use with any of these medications (contraindicated or not recommended by the manufacturer): alfuzosin, carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, rifampin, ergotamine, dihydroergotamine, ergonovine, methylegonovine, ethinyl estradiol containing medications (such as combined oral contraceptives, NuvaRing, Ortho Evra or Xulane transdermal patch system), lovastatin, simvastatin, pimozide, efavirenz (Atripla, Sustiva), Revatio (sildenafil dose of 20mg and/or dosed TID for PAH), triazolam, oral midazolam, lopinavir/ritonavir, rilpivirine, salmeterol
- Prior use (failure of a full course of therapy) or concurrent use of any HCV protease inhibitors including Olysio (simeprevir), Victrelis (boceprevir), or Incivek (telaprevir)
- Prior use (failure of a full course of therapy) or concurrent use of any NS5B polymerase inhibitor including Sovaldi (sofosbuvir)
- Prior use (failure of a full course of therapy) of concurrent use of any NS5B polymerase inhibitor/NS5A inhibitor including Harvoni (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir)
- Prior use (short trial or failure of a full course of therapy) of Viekira Pak or Viekira XR

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have evidence of current HCV infection and chronic HCV infection as documented by one detectable HCV RNA level within the past 6 months?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

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4. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- Patient has a contraindication to therapy with Epclusa, Harvoni, **AND** Mavyret
- Patient has previously failed a short trial with Epclusa, Harvoni or Mavyret (e.g., adverse effect early in therapy); [**NOTE:** An individual who has completed a full course of therapy with Epclusa, Harvoni or Mavyret that did not achieve SVR will not be approved.]

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Is the requested medication being used with ribavirin?

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #56 tablets (1 monthly carton) per 28 days.**

(**NOTE:** Approval allows patients to complete a total maximum of 12 weeks of therapy.)

If no, continue to #6.

6. Is the patient treatment naïve and without cirrhosis?

If yes, continue to #7.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

7. Does the patient have an intolerance or contraindication to ribavirin?

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #56 tablets (1 monthly carton) per 28 days.**

(**NOTE:** Approval allows patients to complete a total maximum of 12 weeks of therapy.)

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **OMBITASVIR/PARITAPREVIR/RITONAVIR (Technivie)** requires a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, genotype 4 without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A). The following criteria must also be met:

- Patient is treatment naïve or treatment experienced (previous treatment with peginterferon/ribavirin)
- Concurrent use with ribavirin unless patient is treatment naïve without cirrhosis and has an intolerance or contraindication to ribavirin
- Patient is at least 18 years old
- Patient has failed a previous trial of Harvoni or Epclusa or Mavyret (intolerance, adverse effect or contraindication to all three therapies) (**NOTE:** An individual who has completed a full course of therapy with Harvoni, Epclusa or Mavyret that did not achieve SVR will not be approved)
- Currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model
- Evidence of current HCV infection and chronic HCV infection as documented by at least one detectable HCV RNA levels within past 6 months

A total of 12 weeks of therapy will be approved.

Technivie will not be approved for the following patients:

- Patient using any of the following medications concurrently while on Technivie: alfuzosin, carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, rifampin, ergotamine, dihydroergotamine, ergonovine, methylergonovine, ethinyl estradiol containing medications (such as combined oral contraceptives, NuvaRing, Ortho Evra or Xulane transdermal patch system), lovastatin, simvastatin, pimozide, efavirenz, Revatio, triazolam, oral midazolam, lopinavir/ritonavir, rilpivirine, or salmeterol
- Patients with moderate or severe liver impairment (Child Pugh B or Child Pugh C)
- Patient is on hemodialysis
- Individual with a limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions
- Any patient with prior use of or concurrent use of Viekira Pak or Viekira XR, or a previous failure of any of the following regimens: a nucleotide NS5B polymerase inhibitor including Sovaldi (sofosbuvir), a combination NS5B polymerase inhibitor/NS5A inhibitor including Harvoni (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir), and/or a HCV protease inhibitor including Olysio (simeprevir), Victrelis (boceprevir), and Incivek (telaprevir)

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RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of Technivie (ombitasvir/paritaprevir/ritonavir) based on FDA approved indication, current treatment guideline recommendations and other P&T approved criteria to promote cost-effective use.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

For the treatment of chronic hepatitis C genotype 4 infection in adults without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis, for use in combination with ribavirin.

TECHNIVIE administered without ribavirin for 12 weeks may be considered for treatment-naïve patients without cirrhosis who cannot take or tolerate ribavirin.

TECHNIVIE includes ombitasvir, a hepatitis C virus NS5A inhibitor, and paritaprevir, a hepatitis C virus NS3/4A protease inhibitor with ritonavir, a CYP3A inhibitor.

The efficacy of TECHNIVIE has not been studied in subjects who have failed prior treatment with another NS5A inhibitor, NS3/4A protease inhibitor, or NS5B inhibitor.

FDA APPROVED DOSAGE

Recommended dosage: Two ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir 12.5/75/50 mg tablets once daily (in the morning) with a meal without regard to fat or calorie content. Take with ribavirin.

OTHER INFORMATION

AASLD/IDSA Guidance - Initial Treatment of Patients Initiating Therapy for HCV infection – For Genotype 4 Infection [From July 2016 Guideline update; see hcvguidelines.org for most recent recommendations]

Genotype	Recommended Regimen
4	4. Epclusa for 12 weeks for treatment naïve patients with genotype 4 (for patients with or without cirrhosis) - Rating 1A 5. Technivie and ribavirin for 12 weeks, for treatment naïve patients (for patients with or without cirrhosis) - Rating 1A 6. Zepatier daily for 12 weeks (for patients with or without cirrhosis) - - Rating IIa-B 7. Harvoni daily for 12 weeks, for treatment naïve patients with genotype 4 (for patients with or without cirrhosis) - Rating IIa-B

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OTHER INFORMATION

AASLD/IDSA Guidance - Retreatment of HCV infection (recommendations for patients in whom previous treatment has failed) [From July 2016 Guideline update; see hcvguidelines.org for most recent recommendations]

GT	Previous agent/regimen failed	Recommended Regimen
4	Peginterferon/ribavirin regimen	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Eplclusa for 12 weeks - Rating 1A6. Technivie with ribavirin for 12 weeks - Rating 1A7. Zepatier daily for 12 weeks (use 16 weeks if previous on-treatment virologic failure after peg/RBV, add ribavirin for if previous failure to suppress or patient had breakthrough) - Rating IIa-B8. Harvoni daily for 12 weeks (add ribavirin if cirrhosis and patient is eligible for ribavirin), <i>Alternative</i>, if cirrhosis, is Harvoni for 24 weeks - Rating IIa-B

EFFICACY

The approval of Technivie is based on data from the PEARL-I study, which was a randomized, global, multicenter, open-label trial that consisted of 135 adults with HCV genotype 4 infection without cirrhosis. The participants were either treatment-naïve (64%) or did not achieve a virologic response with prior treatment with pegylated interferon/ribavirin (pegIFN/RBV) (36%). Those with previous exposure to HCV direct-acting antivirals were excluded. Participants were randomized (1:1 ratio) to receive ombitasvir 25mg, paritaprevir 150mg, and ritonavir 100mg once daily with or without ribavirin for 12 weeks. The ribavirin dosage was 1000mg per day for subjects weighing less than 75kg or 1200mg per day for subjects weighing greater than or equal to 75kg. The primary endpoint was sustained virologic response defined as HCV RNA below the lower limit of quantification (<LLOQ) 12 weeks after the end of treatment (SVR12) using the COBAS TaqMan HCV test (version 2.0), for use with the High Pure System, which has an LLOQ of 25 IU per mL.

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EFFICACY

Table 1. SVR12 for HCV Genotype 4-infected Subjects without Cirrhosis (from *Technivie Prescribing Information*)

Treatment outcome	Ombitasvir + Paritaprevir + Ritonavir with RBV for 12 weeks		Ombitasvir + Paritaprevir + Ritonavir for 12 weeks
	Treatment-naïve	Treatment- experienced	Treatment-naïve
	% (n/N)	% (n/N)	% (n/N)
Overall SVR12	100 % (42/42)	100% (49/49)	91% (40/44)
Outcome for subjects without SVR12			
On-treatment VF ^a	0% (0/42)	0% (0/49)	2% (1/44)
Relapse ^b	0% (0/42)	0% (0/49)	5% (2/42)
Other ^c	0% (0/42)	0% (0/49)	2% (1/44)

VF = virologic failure

a. On-treatment VF was defined as confirmed HCV ≥ 25 IU/mL after HCV RNA < 25 IU/mL during treatment, confirmed increase from nadir in HCV RNA $> 1 \log_{10}$ IU/mL during treatment, or HCV RNA ≥ 25 IU/mL persistently during treatment with at least 6 weeks of treatment.

b. Relapse was defined as confirmed HCV RNA ≥ 25 IU/mL post-treatment before or during SVR12 window among subjects with HCV RNA less than 25 IU/mL at last observation during at least 11 weeks of treatment.

c. Other includes subjects not achieving SVR12 but not experiencing on-treatment VF or relapse (e.g. lost to follow-up).

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SAFETY

Technivie is contraindicated in patients with severe hepatic impairment and those with known hypersensitivity to ritonavir (e.g. toxic epidermal necrolysis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome). Co-administration of Technivie is also contraindicated with drugs that are highly dependent on CYP3A for clearance as well as moderate and strong inducers of CYP3A. Since Technivie is to be used in combination with ribavirin, the contraindications to ribavirin also apply e.g., pregnancy, autoimmune hepatitis, hemoglobinopathies, creatinine clearance less than 50 mL/min, coadministration with didanosine, known hypersensitivity reactions such as Stevens-Johnson syndrome, toxic, epidermal necrolysis, and erythema multiforme to ribavirin).

Technivie has warnings and precautions in place regarding ALT elevations, drug interactions, and the risks associated with ribavirin combination treatment.

Technivie may affect the plasma concentrations of other drugs since paritaprevir is an inhibitor of OATP1B1 and OATP1B3, paritaprevir and ritonavir are inhibitors of BCRP and P-glycoprotein (P-gp), and ritonavir is an inhibitor of CYP3A4. Co-administration of Technivie with drugs that are substrates of CYP3A, P-gp, BCRP, OATP1B1 or OATP1B3 may result in increased plasma concentrations of such drugs.

Other drugs may also affect the plasma concentrations of Technivie. Since paritaprevir and ritonavir are primarily metabolized by CYP3A enzymes, co-administration of Technivie with strong inhibitors of CYP3A may increase paritaprevir and ritonavir concentrations. Ombitasvir, paritaprevir and ritonavir are substrates of P-gp whereas paritaprevir is a substrate of BCRP, OATP1B1 and OATP1B3. Drugs which inhibit P-gp, BCRP, OATP1B1 or OATP1B3 may increase the plasma concentrations of the various components of Technivie.

Established drug interactions include certain antiarrhythmics, anti-fungals, antipsychotics, calcium channel blockers, corticosteroids, diuretics, HIV anti-viral agents, statins, immunosuppressants, long-acting beta-adrenoceptor agonist, narcotic analgesics, proton pump inhibitors, sedatives/hypnotics.

The most common adverse drug reactions (ADRs) were asthenia, fatigue, nausea and insomnia. The incidence of these ADRs is shown in Table 2.

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SAFETY

Table 2. Selected Adverse Reactions (all Grades) with ≥5% Frequency Reported in PEARL-I Subjects Treated with Ombitasvir, Paritaprevir and Ritonavir with or without Ribavirin for 12 weeks (from *Technivie Prescribing Information*)

Adverse Reaction	PEARL-I	
	Ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir + RBV 12 Weeks N = 91 %	Ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir 12 Weeks N = 44 %
Asthenia	29	25
Fatigue	15	7
Nausea	14	9
Insomnia	13	5
Pruritus*	7	5
Skin reactions ^{§,¶}	7	5

*Grouped term 'pruritus' includes the preferred terms pruritus and pruritus generalized.
[§]Grouped term 'skin reactions' includes the preferred terms rash, erythema, eczema, rash maculo-papular, rash macular, dermatitis, rash papular, skin exfoliation, rash pruritic, rash erythematous, rash generalized, dermatitis allergic, dermatitis contact, exfoliative rash, photosensitivity reaction, psoriasis, skin reaction, ulcer and urticaria.
[¶]The majority of events were graded as mild in severity. There were no serious events or severe cutaneous reactions, such as Stevens Johnson Syndrome (SJS), toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), erythema multiforme (EM) or drug rash with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS).

Technivie is Pregnancy Category B when administered without ribavirin. Although Technivie has not been studied in pregnant women, animal studies show no evidence of teratogenicity with the administration of ombitasvir (mice and rabbits), paritaprevir or ritonavir (mice and rats) at exposures higher than the recommended clinical dose. When Technivie is administered with ribavirin, the combination regimen is contraindicated in pregnant women and in men whose female partners are pregnant. Unchanged ombitasvir, paritaprevir and its hydrolysis product M13 were the predominant components observed in the milk of lactating rats, without effect on nursing pups. It is not known whether any of the components of Technivie or their metabolites are present in human milk.

Safety and effectiveness of Technivie in pediatric patients less than 18 years of age have not been established. In geriatric patients, no dosage adjustment of Technivie is warranted. No dosage adjustment of Technivie is required in patients with mild, moderate or severe renal impairment; however, Technivie has not been studied in patients on dialysis. No dosage adjustment of Technivie is required in patients with mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh A). Technivie is contraindicated in patients with moderate or severe (Child-Pugh B or C) hepatic impairment.

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REFERENCES

- Guidance from the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) and the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) Recommendations for Testing, Managing, and Treating hepatitis C. Available online at <http://www.hcvguidelines.org/full-report-view> Accessed July 28, 2016.
- Technivie [Prescribing Information]. North Chicago, IL: Abbvie Inc.; February 2017.

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Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
OMBITASVIR/PARITAPREVIR/ RITONAVIR/DASABUVIR	VIEKIRA PAK		37614	
OMBITASVIR/PARITAPREVIR/ RITONAVIR/DASABUVIR	VIEKIRA XR		41932	

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GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - Patient has a contraindication to therapy with Epclusa, Harvoni **AND** Mavyret
 - Patient has previously failed a short trial with Epclusa, Harvoni or Mavyret (e.g., adverse effect early in therapy); [**NOTE:** An individual who has completed a full course of therapy with Epclusa, Harvoni or Mavyret that did not achieve SVR will not be approved]

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

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2. Does the patient have one or more of the following conditions?

- Decompensated liver disease
- Moderate liver impairment (Child-Pugh B) or severe liver impairment (Child-Pugh C)
- A limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions (e.g., physician attestation)
- Patient is on hemodialysis
- Concurrent use with any of these (contraindicated or not recommended by the manufacturer) medications: alfuzosin, carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, gemfibrozil, rifampin, ergotamine dihydroergotamine, ergonovine, methylergonovine, ethinyl estradiol containing medications (such as combined oral contraceptives, Nuvaring, Ortho Evra or Xulane transdermal patch system), St. John's Wort, lovastatin, simvastatin, pimozide, efavirenz, Revatio (sildenafil dose of 20mg and/or dosed TID for PAH), triazolam, oral midazolam, darunavir/ritonavir, lopinavir/ritonavir, rilpivirine, salmeterol
- Prior use (failure of a full course of therapy) or concurrent use of any HCV protease inhibitors including Olysio (simeprevir), Victrelis (boceprevir), or Incivek (telaprevir)
- Prior use (failure of a full course of therapy) or concurrent use of any NS5B polymerase inhibitor including Sovaldi (sofosbuvir)
- Prior use (failure of a full course of therapy) of concurrent use of any NS5B polymerase inhibitor/NS5A inhibitor including Harvoni (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir)

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a recent HCV infection documented by one detectable HCV RNA level within the last 6 months?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

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GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Patient at least 18 years of age
- Hepatitis C, genotype 1
- Patient is treatment naïve or treatment experienced (previous treatment with peginterferon/ribavirin)
- Patient currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Is the requested medication being used with ribavirin; (**NOTE:** Ribavirin combination therapy with Viekira is approved for genotype 1a without cirrhosis, genotype 1a with cirrhosis, and for use in liver transplant patients.)?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, continue to #12.

6. Is the patient a liver transplant recipient?

If yes, **approve the requested strength for 24 weeks by GPID with the following quantity limits (NOTE: Approval allows patients who are liver transplant recipients to complete a total of 24 weeks of therapy):**

- **Viekira XR: #84 tablets (1 pack) per 28 days OR**
- **Viekira Pak: #112 tablets (1 pack) per 28 days**

If no, continue to #7.

7. Does the patient have genotype 1a without cirrhosis?

If yes, **approve the requested strength for 12 weeks by GPID with the following quantity limits (NOTE: Approval allows patients with genotype 1a without cirrhosis to complete a total maximum of 12 weeks of therapy):**

- **Viekira XR: #84 tablets (1 pack) per 28 days OR**
- **Viekira Pak: #112 tablets (1 pack) per 28 days**

If no, continue to #8.

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8. Does the patient have genotype 1a with cirrhosis **AND** is treatment naïve?

If yes, **approve the requested strength for 12 weeks by GPID with the following quantity limits (NOTE: Approval allows treatment naïve patients with genotype 1a with cirrhosis to complete a total maximum of 12 weeks of therapy):**

- **Viekira XR: #84 tablets (1 pack) per 28 days OR**
- **Viekira Pak: #112 tablets (1 pack) per 28 days**

If no, continue to #9.

9. Does the patient have genotype 1a with cirrhosis and has received prior treatment (e.g., treatment-experienced patient) for hepatitis C with peginterferon and ribavirin; (**NOTE:** Approval not granted for patients with history of prior use of **OR** concurrent use of HCV protease inhibitors or HCV polymerase inhibitors: Olysio (simeprevir), Victrelis (boceprevir), Incivek (telaprevir), Sovaldi (sofosbuvir), or Harvoni (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir)?

If yes, continue to #10.

If no, continue to #12.

10. Is the patient a previous prior relapser or a prior partial responder?

If yes, **approve the requested strength for 12 weeks by GPID with the following quantity limits (NOTE: Approval allows patients with genotype 1a that are previous prior relapsers or prior partial responders to complete a total of 12 weeks of therapy):**

- **Viekira XR: #84 tablets (1 pack) per 28 days OR**
- **Viekira Pak: #112 tablets (1 pack) per 28 days**

If no, continue to #11.

11. Is the patient a treatment-experienced patient and is a previous null responder?

If yes, **approve the requested strength for 24 weeks by GPID with the following quantity limits (NOTE: Approval allows patients with genotype 1a that are previous null responders to complete a total of 24 weeks of therapy):**

- **Viekira XR: #84 tablets (1 pack) per 28 days OR**
- **Viekira Pak: #112 tablets (1 pack) per 28 days**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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12. Does the patient have genotype 1b?

If yes, **approve the requested strength for 12 weeks by GPID with the following quantity limits (NOTE: Approval allows patients with genotype 1b to complete a total of 12 weeks of therapy):**

- **Viekira XR: #84 tablets (1 pack) per 28 days OR**
- **Viekira Pak: #112 tablets (1 pack) per 28 days**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **OMBITASVIR/PARITAPREVIR/RITONAVIR/ DASABUVIR (Viekira Pak or Viekira XR)** requires that patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

- Diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, genotype 1
- Patient is treatment naïve or treatment experienced (previous treatment with peginterferon/ribavirin)
- Concurrent use with ribavirin unless patient has genotype 1b
- Patient is at least 18 years old
- Patient is currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model
- Patient has previously failed a short trial with Epclusa, Harvoni or Mavyret (e.g., adverse effect early in therapy or contraindication to all three therapies); an individual who has completed a full course of therapy with Epclusa, Harvoni or Mavyret that did not achieve SVR will not be approved
- Documentation of HCV infection (e.g., at least one detectable HCV RNA level) within the last 6 months

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GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

The medication will not be approved for the following patients:

- Patient using any of the following medications concurrently while on Viekira: alfuzosin, carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, gemfibrozil, rifampin, ergotamine dihydroergotamine, ergonovine, methylergonovine, ethinyl estradiol containing medications (such as combined oral contraceptives, Nuvaring, Ortho Evra or Xulane transdermal patch system), St. John's Wort, lovastatin, simvastatin, pimozide, efavirenz, Revatio, triazolam, oral midazolam, darunavir/ritonavir, lopinavir/ritonavir, rilpivirine, or salmeterol
- Patient with decompensated cirrhosis
- Patient with moderate liver impairment (Child Pugh B) or severe liver impairment (Child Pugh C)
- Patient on hemodialysis
- Patient with limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions
- Patient with prior use of or concurrent use of a nucleotide NS5B polymerase inhibitor including Sovaldi (sofosbuvir), a combination NS5B polymerase inhibitor/NS5A inhibitor including Harvoni (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir), and a HCV protease inhibitor including Olysio (simeprevir), Victrelis (boceprevir), and Incivek (telaprevir)

A total of 12 weeks of therapy will be approved except 24 weeks of therapy for 1) genotype 1a with cirrhosis if patient is treatment experienced, previous null responder or 2) a liver transplant recipient.

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of Viekira Pak and Viekira XR (ombitasvir/paritaprevir/ritonavir/dasabuvir).

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

For the treatment of chronic hepatitis C genotype 1 infection in adults including those with compensated cirrhosis with or without ribavirin. The components of VIEKIRA PAK and VIEKIRA XR includes ombitasvir, a hepatitis C virus NS5A inhibitor, paritaprevir, a hepatitis C virus NS3/4A protease inhibitor, ritonavir, a CYP3A inhibitor and dasabuvir, a hepatitis C virus non-nucleoside NS5B polymerase inhibitor.

The efficacy of VIEKIRA has not been studied in subjects who have failed prior treatment with another NS5A inhibitor, NS3/4A protease inhibitor, or NS5B inhibitor.

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FDA APPROVED DOSAGE

Recommended dosage: Two ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir 12.5/75/50 mg tablets once daily (in the morning) and one dasabuvir 250 mg tablet twice daily (morning and evening) with a meal without regard to fat or calorie content. Ribavirin is also required as part of the regimen, except patients with genotype 1b.

- HCV/HIV-1 co-infection: For patients with HCV/HIV-1 co-infection, follow the dosage recommendations in the table above
- Liver Transplant Recipients: In liver transplant recipients with normal hepatic function and mild fibrosis (Metavir fibrosis score ≤ 2), the recommended duration of VIEKIRA with ribavirin is 24 weeks

Treatment Regimen and Duration by Patient Population

Patient Population	Treatment*	Duration
Genotype 1a, without cirrhosis	VIEKIRA PAK + ribavirin	12 weeks
Genotype 1a, with compensated cirrhosis	VIEKIRA PAK + ribavirin	24 weeks**
Genotype 1b, with or without compensated cirrhosis	VIEKIRA PAK	12 weeks

*Note: Follow the genotype 1a dosing recommendations in patients with an unknown genotype 1 subtype or with mixed genotype 1 infection.

**VIEKIRA PAK administered with ribavirin for 12 weeks may be considered for some patients based on prior treatment history [See *Clinical Studies (14.3)*].

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Treatment Regimen and Duration by Patient Population

Patient Population	Treatment*	Duration
Genotype 1a, without cirrhosis	VIEKIRA XR + ribavirin	12 weeks
Genotype 1a, with compensated cirrhosis	VIEKIRA XR + ribavirin	24 weeks**
Genotype 1b, with or without compensated cirrhosis	VIEKIRA XR	12 weeks

*Note: Follow the genotype 1a dosing recommendations in patients with an unknown genotype 1 subtype or with mixed genotype 1 infection.
**VIEKIRA XR administered with ribavirin for 12 weeks may be considered for some patients based on prior treatment history [See *Clinical Studies (14.3)*].

**TREATMENT DURATION & RESPONSE BASED ON TURQUOISE-II:
SVR12 for Chronic HCV Genotype 1-Infected Subjects with Cirrhosis Who Were Treatment-Naïve
or Previously Treated with pegIFN/RBV (from Viekira prescribing information)**

	GT1a		GT1b
	VIEKIRA PAK with RBV for 24 Weeks % (n/N)	VIEKIRA PAK with RBV for 12 Weeks % (n/N)	VIEKIRA PAK with RBV for 12 Weeks % (n/N)
SVR12	95% (115/121)	89% (124/140)	99% (67/68)
Outcome for subjects without SVR12			
On-treatment VF	2% (3/121)	<1% (1/140)	0% (0/68)
Relapse	1% (1/116)	8% (11/135)	1% (1/68)
Other	2% (2/121)	3% (4/140)	0% (0/68)
SVR12 for Naïve	95% (53/56)	92% (59/64)	100% (22/22)
SVR12 by Prior pegIFN Experience			
Null Responder	93% (39/42)	80% (40/50)	100% (25/25)
Partial Responder	100% (10/10)	100% (11/11)	86% (6/7)
Relapser	100% (13/13)	93% (14/15)	100% (14/14)

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OTHER INFORMATION

Genotype 1 is the most common hepatitis C genotype in the U.S. and also the most difficult to treat. Genotype 1 comprises approximately 72% of all hepatitis C cases in the U.S., and is present as genotype subtypes 1a or 1b. Genotype 1a is more common than genotype 1b in the U.S.; genotype 1a accounts for approximately two thirds of all cases of genotype 1 infection and approximately half of all hepatitis C infection in the United States. In Europe, Japan, and China, genotype 1b is more common.

The treatment guidelines recommend that patients with previous failure of any HCV protease inhibitor regimen (triple therapy that included peginterferon/ribavirin or an interferon-free regimen that contained HCV protease inhibitor) should not use regimens containing Olysio (simeprevir) or regimens containing paritaprevir, such as Viekira.

AASLD/IDSA Guidance for treatment of HCV infection (adapted from AASLD/IDSA HCV Guidance from July 2016, see hcvguidelines.org for most recent recommendations):

AASLD/IDSA Guidance - Initial Treatment of Patients Initiating Therapy for HCV infection (Treatment naïve or previous relapsers)	
Genotype	Recommended Regimen
1a	6. Zepatier daily for 12 weeks (no baseline high fold NS5A resistance associated variants (RAVs) for elbasvir detected) - Rating 1A ; <i>Alternative regimen</i> : Zepatier with ribavirin for 16 weeks if genotype 1a AND baseline high fold NS5A RAVs) - Rating IIa-B 7. Harvoni daily for 12 wk, for treatment naïve patients with genotype 1a (with or without cirrhosis) Rating 1A ; [Harvoni for 8 weeks is an option if pretreatment HCV RNA level < 6million, but should be done with caution and at the discretion of the prescriber] 8. Epclusa for 12 weeks (for patients with or without cirrhosis) - Rating 1A 9. Viekira with ribavirin for 12 wk (no cirrhosis) or <i>Alternative regimen</i> : Viekira Pak for 24 wk with ribavirin(with cirrhosis), for treatment naïve patients with genotype 1a - Rating 1A 10. Sovaldi + Olysio daily for 12 wk (no cirrhosis) - Rating 1A or <i>Alternative regimen</i> : Sovaldi + Olysio for 24 wk (cirrhosis) without the Q80K polymorphism), for treatment naïve patients with genotype 1a - Rating II-B Daklinza + Sovaldi for 12 weeks (no cirrhosis) - Rating 1B or <i>Alternative regimen</i> if cirrhosis: Daklinza + Sovaldi for **24 weeks with or without weight based ribavirin if cirrhosis present (Adjust Daklinza dose for drug interactions if needed), for treatment naïve patients with genotype 1a.** - Rating IIa-B
1b	7. Zepatier daily for 12 weeks (with or without cirrhosis) (no baseline high fold NS5A resistance associated variants (RAVs) for elbasvir detected) - Rating 1A 8. Harvoni daily for 12 weeks, for treatment naïve patients with genotype 1b (with or without cirrhosis) - Rating 1A 9. Epclusa for 12 weeks (for patients with or without cirrhosis) - Rating 1A 10. Viekira for 12 weeks for treatment naïve patients with genotype 1b (with or without

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	<p>cirrhosis) - Rating 1A</p> <p>11. Sovaldi + Olysio daily for 12 weeks (no cirrhosis) - Rating 1A, <i>Alternative regimen</i>, if cirrhosis: Sovaldi plus Olysio for 24 weeks, with or without weight based ribavirin, for treatment naïve patients with genotype 1b - Rating Ila-B</p> <p>12. Daklinza + Sovaldi for 12 weeks (no cirrhosis) - Rating 1B or <i>Alternative regimen</i>, if cirrhosis: Daklinza + Sovaldi for **24 weeks with or without weight based ribavirin (Adjust Daklinza dose for drug interactions if needed), for treatment naïve patients with genotype 1b. - Rating Ila-B</p>
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Table 4: AASLD/IDSA Guidance - Retreatment of HCV infection (recommendations for patients in whom previous treatment has failed)

GT	Previous agent/regimen failed	Recommended Regimen
1	Peginterferon/ribavirin regimen	<p>7. Zepatier daily for 12 weeks (if genotype 1a, use 12-week regimen only if no baseline high fold-change NS5A resistance-associated variants (RAVs) for elbasvir), for patients with or without cirrhosis - Rating 1A Alternative regimen is Zepatier for 16 weeks with RBV for those with genotype 1a AND NS5A RAVs - Rating IB/ Ila-B</p> <p>8. Epclusa for 12 weeks - Rating 1A</p> <p>9. Harvoni daily for 12 weeks (no cirrhosis) – Rating 1A If cirrhosis: Harvoni and ribavirin for 12 weeks OR Alternative regimen is Harvoni for 24 weeks (cirrhosis) - Rating 1A</p> <p>10. Viekira for 12 weeks with ribavirin (genotype 1a, no cirrhosis) Viekira for 12 weeks for genotype 1b [no ribavirin if genotype 1b] - Rating 1A Alternative regimen, if genotype 1a with cirrhosis: Viekira and ribavirin for 24 weeks, for those who have failed peginterferon/ribavirin - Rating 1A</p> <p>11. Olysio + Sovaldi daily for 12 weeks if no cirrhosis - Rating 1A <i>Alternative regimen</i> for cirrhosis: Olysio plus Sovaldi with or without ribavirin, daily for 24 weeks - Rating Ila-B</p> <p>12. Daklinza + Sovaldi for 12 weeks (if no cirrhosis), for treatment experienced, genotype 1 patients in whom peginterferon/ribavirin has failed (Adjust Daklinza dose for drug interactions if needed) - Rating 1B Alternative regimen, if cirrhosis: **Daklinza + Sovaldi for **24 weeks with or without ribavirin - Rating Ila-B</p>
1	Sovaldi regimen (with ribavirin, and with or without peginterferon)	2. Harvoni with ribavirin for 12 weeks (no cirrhosis) - Rating Ila-B , or Harvoni with ribavirin for 24 weeks (cirrhosis) - Rating Ila-B
1	HCV protease	5. Harvoni daily for 12 weeks for patients without

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	inhibitor/peginterferon/ribavirin	<p>cirrhosis. If cirrhosis: Harvoni plus ribavirin for 12 weeks OR Harvoni for 24 weeks - Rating 1A</p> <p>6. Epclusa for 12 weeks - Rating 1A</p> <p>7. Daklinza + Sovaldi daily for 12 weeks (no cirrhosis); or ** Daklinza and Sovaldi for 24 weeks (cirrhosis), with or without weight based ribavirin for those with cirrhosis - Rating Ila-B</p> <p>8. Zepatier daily with ribavirin for 12 weeks (16 weeks if baseline NS5A RAVs for elbasvir) Rating Ila-B</p>
1	Olysio + Sovaldi	<p>If no cirrhosis, defer treatment if possible, if there are no reasons for urgent retreatment</p> <p>-Testing for RAVs that lead to decreased susceptibility for NS3 protease inhibitors and to NS5A inhibitors is recommended for patients with compensated cirrhosis or have reasons for retreatment.</p> <p>-If retreating with sofosbuvir-based therapy with 2 drugs, a treatment of 24 weeks is recommended, and ribavirin should be added when possible, unless contraindicated. Consider triple or quadruple nucleotide-based (e.g., sofosbuvir) therapies if available, with treatment duration from 12 to 24 weeks and weight-based ribavirin, unless contraindicated.</p>
1	NS5A inhibitors	<p>If no cirrhosis, defer treatment if possible, if there are no reasons for urgent retreatment.</p> <p>Test for resistance associated variants for NS3 protease inhibitors or NS5A inhibitors.</p> <p>-If retreating with sofosbuvir-based therapy, use 24 week duration regimens when possible, and add ribavirin if tolerated. Consider triple or quadruple nucleotide-based (e.g., sofosbuvir) therapies if available, with treatment duration from 12 to 24 weeks and weight-based ribavirin, unless contraindicated.</p>

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EFFICACY

Six randomized, multicenter, clinical studies with a total of 2,308 subjects with genotype 1 chronic hepatitis C infection evaluated the efficacy and safety of treatment with Viekira. Patients received a tablet containing ombitasvir, paritaprevir and ritonavir once daily and a dasabuvir tablet twice daily or matching placebo. Treatment experienced patients were defined as prior relapsers, prior partial responders, or prior null responders to peginterferon/ribavirin treatment. For those receiving ribavirin, the dose was 1000mg per day (participants less than 75kg) or 1200mg per day (participants 75kg or greater), divided into twice daily dosing; lower doses of 600mg to 800mg per day were used in the CORAL-1 trial. Ribavirin was dose-adjusted per manufacturer labeling. The primary efficacy endpoint for all studies was SVR, defined as HCV RNA below the lower limit of quantification, at 12 weeks after the end of treatment (SVR12).

Major clinical trials for Viekira (from Viekira prescribing information)

Study	Clinical trial design	Patient population	Treatment
SAPPHIRE-I	randomized, multicenter, double-blind	Treatment naïve patients, genotype 1a and 1b, without cirrhosis	1. Viekira Pak + ribavirin OR 2. Placebo
SAPPHIRE-II	randomized, multicenter, double-blind	Treatment experienced patients, genotype 1a and 1b, without cirrhosis	1. Viekira Pak + ribavirin OR 2. Placebo
PEARL-II	randomized, multicenter, open-label study	Treatment experienced patients, genotype 1b, without cirrhosis	1. Viekira Pak + ribavirin OR 2. Viekira Pak
PEARL-III	randomized, multicenter, double-blind	Treatment naïve patients, genotype 1b, without cirrhosis	1. Viekira Pak + ribavirin OR 2. Viekira Pak
PEARL-IV	randomized, multicenter, double-blind	Treatment naïve patients, genotype 1a, without cirrhosis	1. Viekira Pak + ribavirin OR 2. Viekira Pak
TURQUOISE-II	randomized, multicenter, open-label study	Treatment naïve and treatment experienced patients, genotype 1a and 1b, with cirrhosis	1. Viekira Pak + ribavirin for 12 weeks OR 2. Viekira Pak + ribavirin for 24 weeks
CORAL-1	Open-label study	Liver transplant recipients with normal hepatic function and mild fibrosis (Metavir score 2 or below)	3. All participants received Viekira Pak + ribavirin for 24 weeks
TURQUOISE-I	Randomized, open-label study	Patients with HIV-1 co-infection, 19% had cirrhosis	1. Viekira Pak for 12 weeks OR 4. Viekira Pak for 24 weeks
TURQUOISE-III	multicenter,	Treatment naïve and treatment	5. Viekira Pak for 12 weeks

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Study	Clinical trial design	Patient population	Treatment
	open-label study	experienced patients, genotype 1b, with cirrhosis	

- In SAPPHERE-I and -II, subjects without cirrhosis were randomized to VIEKIRA in combination with ribavirin for 12 weeks or to placebo. Subjects in the placebo arm received placebo for 12 weeks, after which they received open-label VIEKIRA in combination with RBV for 12 weeks
- In PEARL-II, -III and -IV, subjects without cirrhosis were randomized to receive VIEKIRA with or without RBV for 12 weeks of treatment
- In the open-label TURQUOISE-II trial, subjects with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A) who were either treatment-naïve or pegylated interferon/RBV (pegIFN/RBV) treatment experienced were randomized to receive VIEKIRA in combination with RBV for either 12 or 24 weeks of treatment. Subjects who previously failed therapy with a treatment regimen that included VIEKIRA or other direct-acting antiviral agents were excluded

SAFETY

The most commonly reported adverse reactions (greater than 10% of subjects) were fatigue, nausea, pruritus, other skin reactions, insomnia and asthenia. In subjects receiving VIEKIRA without ribavirin, the most commonly reported adverse reactions (greater than or equal to 5% of subjects) were nausea, pruritus and insomnia.

Viekira is contraindicated in patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment. Other contraindications include hypersensitivity to ritonavir (e.g., toxic epidermal necrolysis, Stevens Johnson syndrome) or for patients concurrently using medications that are strong CYP3A inducers, CYP2C8 inducers or inhibitors, or drugs that are highly dependent on CYP3A4 for clearance. When Viekira is prescribed with ribavirin, prescribers must also consider that contraindications, warnings and precautions for ribavirin will apply.

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Drug interactions for Viekira include agents that are strong CYP3A inducers, CYP2C8 inducers or inhibitors, or drugs that are highly dependent on CYP3A4 for clearance. The following medications may decrease serum concentrations of components of Viekira: anticonvulsants (e.g., carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital), rifampin, and St. John's Wort; concurrent administration of these agents with Viekira is contraindicated. The following medications interact with components of Viekira, and an increase in their concentration may occur with coadministration with Viekira that may lead to toxicity: alfuzosin, gemfibrozil, ergot derivatives, ethinyl estradiol-containing agents, lovastatin, simvastatin, pimozide, efavirenz, sildenafil (when used at doses to treat PAH), triazolam and orally administered midazolam; concurrent administration of these agents with Viekira is contraindicated. The manufacturer also does not recommend concurrent administration of any of the following with Viekira due to significant interactions and potential for toxicity: darunavir/ritonavir, lopinavir/ritonavir, rilvripine, and salmeterol. The components of Viekira also have significant drug interactions with cyclosporine and tacrolimus; these immunosuppressants require a dose decrease when starting Viekira, and patients will require serum level monitoring and dose modifications (see Viekira prescribing information for details).

Approximately 1% of patients in clinical trials experienced ALT elevations above five times the upper limit of normal; ALT elevations were typically asymptomatic and occurred during the first four weeks of treatment. Patients using Viekira should receive hepatic laboratory monitoring during the first 4 weeks of therapy and as required after the first 4 weeks. In clinical trials patients using ethinyl estradiol with Viekira had increased incidence of ALT elevations while on therapy. Patients should discontinue any medication containing ethinyl estradiol (e.g., combined oral contraceptives, contraceptive patches, contraceptive transdermal patches, and certain medications used to treat menopause symptoms) prior to beginning therapy with Viekira. Patients should consider discontinuation of Viekira if ALT levels remain above ten times the upper limit of normal. Patients should discontinue treatment with Viekira if ALT elevations occur with signs or symptoms of liver inflammation, or an increase in conjugated bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, or INR.

In clinical trials the average change in hemoglobin from baseline was -2.4g/dL for patients on Viekira and ribavirin regimen and -0.5g/dL for those on Viekira alone. Hemoglobin decreased during weeks 1-2 of treatment and returned to baseline levels by post-treatment week 4. Overall incidence of anemia in the clinical trials was low; patients using Viekira alone had no incidence of hemoglobin falling to less than 10g/dL, and those using Viekira plus ribavirin had less than 1% with hemoglobin less than 8g/dL. Seven percent of patients using Viekira plus ribavirin required ribavirin dose reduction due to anemia. Three patients required transfusions due to anemia and 5 patients required erythropoietin. One patient discontinued therapy due to severe anemia.

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Patients with mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh class A) require no dosage adjustment of Viekira. Viekira should not be used for patients with moderate to severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh B and C). No dose adjustment is required for mild, moderate or severe renal function; no safety or efficacy data is available for patients on hemodialysis.

Viekira is classified as pregnancy category B, however, the regimen is classified as pregnancy category X when used in combination with ribavirin. Ribavirin is contraindicated in pregnant women and in men whose partners are pregnant. Animal studies that evaluated the components of Viekira (ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir and dasabuvir) revealed no evidence of teratogenicity, however, adequate and well-controlled studies have not been conducted in pregnant women.

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OPIOID-BENZODIAZEPINE CONCURRENT USE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the claim rejecting with the following error code?

- **REJ- 433-1201: CLAIM CONFLICTS IN THERAPY WITH MEMBER HISTORY (H: DUR_CONCURRENT_USE)**

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, guideline does not apply.

2. Does the patient meet at least **ONE** of the following criteria?

- Patient has a diagnosis of active cancer
- Patient is in hospice care
- Patient is receiving palliative care or end-of-life care
- Patient is a resident of a long-term care facility
- Patient has a diagnosis of sickle cell disease

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL and set DUR_CONCURRENT_OVR to 'OP_BZD'**.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Has the prescriber provided attestation to proceed with the concurrent use of an opioid and a benzodiazepine for a clinically appropriate indication?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL and set DUR_CONCURRENT_OVR to 'OP_BZD'**.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

OPTIONAL OPERATIONAL DENIAL TEXT FOR APPROVAL OF CLINICAL UM, BUT DENIAL OF THE OPIOID SAFETY EDIT:

While your request for **[enter requested drug]** has been granted, the drug cannot be covered by your plan due to the use of an opioid drug and a benzodiazepine drug together.

[Proceed to enter Denial Text below]

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **OPIOID-BENZODIAZEPINE CONCURRENT USE** allows for an approval for patients who are receiving an opioid with a benzodiazepine. An approval for concurrent use will be provided when one of the following criteria is met:

- Diagnosis of active cancer
- Receiving palliative care or end-of-life care
- Enrolled in hospice
- Resident of a long-term care facility
- Diagnosis of sickle cell disease
- Prescriber attestation to proceed with the concurrent use of an opioid and a benzodiazepine for a clinically appropriate indication.

Please consult your physician if you have any questions about this prescription pain medication and the requirements needed for you to obtain an approval for this agent.

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of opioids and addressing prescription opioid overuse from a medication safety perspective while preserving patient access to medically necessary drug regimens. In addition, align with the opioid restrictions from the CMS 2019 Call Letter:

“We expect that Part D sponsors implement a concurrent opioid and benzodiazepine soft POS safety edit (which can be overridden by the pharmacist) to prompt additional safety review at the time of dispensing beginning in 2019.” *CMS 2019 Call Letter, page 251*

The claim will deny when there is concurrent use of benzodiazepines and opioids with any overlap in day supply. This can be overridden at POS or by a Prior Authorization. If the pharmacy does not submit the specified PPS codes, the claim should reject unless a prior approval is in place.

This guideline allows an approval for patients with one of the following conditions:

- Diagnosis of active cancer
- Receiving palliative care or end-of-life care
- Enrolled in hospice
- Resident of a long-term care facility
- Diagnosis of sickle cell disease
- Physician attestation that the prescriber is aware that the patient is concurrently receiving a benzodiazepine with an opioid(s) and would like to proceed with an opioid and benzodiazepine

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2. Does the patient meet at least **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - Patient has a diagnosis of active cancer
 - Patient is in hospice care
 - Patient is receiving palliative care or end-of-life care
 - Patient is a resident of a long-term care facility

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL and set DUR_CONCURRENT_OVR to 'OP_BZD'.**
Please include the quantity limit based on any applicable restriction.
If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the prescriber aware that the patient is concurrently receiving a benzodiazepine with an opioid(s) and has provided attestation to proceed with an opioid and benzodiazepine treatment for a clinically appropriate indication?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL and set DUR_CONCURRENT_OVR to 'OP_BZD'.**
Please include the quantity limit based on any applicable restriction.
If no, do not approve.
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RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of opioids and addressing prescription opioid overuse from a medication safety perspective while preserving patient access to medically necessary drug regimens. In addition, align with the opioid restrictions from the CMS 2019 Call Letter:

"We expect that Part D sponsors implement a concurrent opioid and benzodiazepine soft POS safety edit (which can be overridden by the pharmacist) to prompt additional safety review at the time of dispensing beginning in 2019." *CMS 2019 Call Letter, page 251*

The claim will deny when there is concurrent use of benzodiazepines and opioids with any overlap in day supply. This can be overridden at POS or by a Prior Authorization. If the pharmacy does not submit the specified PPS codes, the claim should reject unless a prior approval is in place.

This guideline allows an approval for patients with one of the following conditions:

- Diagnosis of active cancer
- Receiving palliative care or end-of-life care
- Enrolled in hospice
- Resident of a long-term care facility
- Physician attestation that the prescriber is aware that the patient is concurrently receiving a benzodiazepine with an opioid(s) and would like to proceed with an opioid and benzodiazepine

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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OPIOID-BENZODIAZEPINE CONCURRENT USE

REFERENCES

- Announcement of Calendar Year (CY) 2019 Medicare Advantage Capitation Rates and Medicare Advantage and Part D Payment Policies and Final Call Letter. Available at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Downloads/Announcement2019.pdf> [Accessed 4/2/18].

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

OPIOID-BUPRENORPHINE CONCURRENT USE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the claim rejecting with the following error code?
 - **REJ-433-1200: CLAIM CONFLICTS IN THERAPY WITH MEMBER HISTORY. (H: DUR_CONCURRENT_USE)**

If yes, continue to #2.
If no, guideline does not apply.

2. Does the patient meet at least **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - Patient has a diagnosis of active cancer
 - Patient is in hospice care
 - Patient is receiving palliative care or end-of-life care
 - Patient is a resident of a long-term care facility

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL and set DUR_CONCURRENT_OVR to 'OP_BUP'. If the claim analysis continues to reject, follow the clinical coverage determination process.**
If no, continue to #3.

3. Has the prescriber provided attestation that the patient has discontinued or will be discontinuing opioid dependency treatment with buprenorphine or buprenorphine-containing agents and needs to resume chronic opioid treatment? (**NOTE:** Consultation with an addiction medicine specialist is recommended)

If yes, **approve for 4 months by HICL and set DUR_CONCURRENT_OVR to 'OP_BUP'. If the claim analysis continues to reject, follow the clinical coverage determination process.**
If no, continue to #4.

4. Is the prescriber aware that the patient is currently receiving buprenorphine or buprenorphine-containing agents for treatment of opioid dependency and has provided attestation to proceed with opioid treatment for an acute, clinically appropriate indication? (**NOTE:** Consultation with an addiction medicine specialist is recommended)

If yes, **approve for 30 days by HICL and set DUR_CONCURRENT_OVR to 'OP_BUP'. If the claim analysis continues to reject, follow the clinical coverage determination process.**
If no, do not approve.
DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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OPIOID-BUPRENORPHINE CONCURRENT USE

GUIDELINES FOR USE

OPTIONAL OPERATIONAL DENIAL TEXT FOR APPROVAL OF CLINICAL UM, BUT DENIAL OF THE OPIOID SAFETY EDIT: While your request for [enter requested drug] has been granted, the drug cannot be covered by your plan due to the use of an opioid drug and a buprenorphine-containing drug together. **[Proceed to enter Denial Text below]**

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **OPIOID-BUPRENORPHINE CONCURRENT USE** is for patients who are receiving an opioid with buprenorphine or a buprenorphine-containing agent. This guideline allows an approval for concurrent use of these medications when one of the following criteria is met:

- Diagnosis of active cancer
- Receiving palliative care or end-of-life care
- Enrolled in hospice
- Resident of a long-term care facility
- The prescriber is aware that the patient is currently receiving buprenorphine or a buprenorphine-containing agent for treatment of opioid dependency and has provided attestation to proceed with opioid treatment for an acute, clinically appropriate indication. Consultation with an addiction medicine specialist is recommended
- The prescriber has provided attestation that the patient has discontinued or will be discontinuing opioid dependency treatment with buprenorphine or buprenorphine-containing agents and to proceed with opioid treatment. Consultation with an addiction medicine specialist is recommended

Please consult your physician if you have any questions about this prescription pain medication and the requirements needed for you to obtain an approval for this agent.

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OPIOID-BUPRENORPHINE CONCURRENT USE

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of opioids and addressing prescription opioid overuse from a medication safety perspective while preserving patient access to medically necessary drug regimens. In addition, align with the opioid restrictions from the CMS 2019 Call Letter.

Prior authorization will be required for opioid prescriptions when in concurrent use with buprenorphine. This edit will be utilized to stop opioid claims, which overlap with buprenorphine use. The edit will stop the claim for pharmacy submission of PPS codes. If the pharmacy does not submit the specified PPS codes, the claim should reject unless a prior approval is in place.

The guideline requires that the prescriber is aware that the patient is currently receiving buprenorphine or buprenorphine-containing agents for treatment of opioid dependency and has provided attestation to proceed with opioid treatment for an acute, clinically appropriate indication, or the prescriber has provided attestation that the patient has discontinued or will be discontinuing opioid dependency treatment with buprenorphine or buprenorphine-containing agents and to proceed with opioid treatment. Consultation with an addiction medicine specialist is recommended.

In addition, the guideline allows an override for patients with one of the following conditions:

- Diagnosis of active cancer
- Receiving palliative care or end-of-life care
- Enrolled in hospice
- Resident of a long-term care facility

REFERENCES

- Announcement of Calendar Year (CY) 2019 Medicare Advantage Capitation Rates and Medicare Advantage and Part D Payment Policies and Final Call Letter. Available at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Downloads/Announcement2019.pdf> [Accessed 4/2/18].

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OPIOID CUMULATIVE DOSING OVERRIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/other
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

GUIDELINES FOR USE

- Is the request for an opioid product equal to or exceeding the soft-stop threshold (90mg morphine milligram equivalent [MME]) or hard-stop threshold (200mg MME)?

NOTE: Claims should stop for DUR_MAX_CUMUL_DOSE 2 edit with Soft_DENY_LIMIT= 90 or HARD_DENY_LIMIT=200 (i.e., Cumulative morphine milligram equivalent of [patient’s current MME] = / exceeds threshold of [90mg MME or 200mg MME per day]).

If yes, continue to #2.
If no, guideline does not apply.

- Does the patient meet at least **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - Patient has a diagnosis of active cancer
 - Patient is in hospice care
 - Patient is receiving palliative care or end-of-life care
 - Patient is a resident of a long-term care facility
 - Patient has a diagnosis of sickle cell disease

If yes, **approve as follows:**

- **Approval duration should be for 12 months by HICL.**
- **NOTE: Please enter a class override to override the MME cumulative dosing for the duration of 12 months.**
- **If the claim rejects after analyzing, then follow the clinical coverage determination process.**

If no, continue to #3.

- Is the prescriber aware of multiple prescribers for opioid prescriptions?

If yes, continue to #4.
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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OPIOID CUMULATIVE DOSING OVERRIDE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

6. Have **TWO** of the following criteria been met?

- There is documentation that the patient's current level of opioid utilization is necessary and required for the level of pain management needed
- Patient has been evaluated by a pain specialist, and/or the request is based on the recommendation of a pain specialist
- Patient has a pain contract in place
- Patient does not have a history of substance abuse or addiction
- Provider has committed to monitoring the state's Prescription Monitoring Program to ensure controlled substance history is consistent with prescribing record

If yes, **approve as follows:**

- **Approval duration should be for 12 months by HICL.**
- **NOTE: Please enter a class override to override the MME cumulative dosing for the duration of 12 months.**
- **If the claim rejects after analyzing, then follow the clinical coverage determination process.**

If no, do not approve.

OPTIONAL OPERATIONAL DENIAL TEXT FOR APPROVAL OF CLINICAL UM, BUT DENIAL OF THE OPIOID SAFETY EDIT:

While your request for **[enter requested drug]** has been granted, the drug cannot be covered by your plan due to the amount of opiates prescribed and because your opiate amount exceeds or is equal to [90mg morphine milligram equivalent] or [200mg morphine milligram equivalent].
[Proceed to enter Denial Text below]

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OPIOID CUMULATIVE DOSING OVERRIDE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **OPIOID CUMULATIVE DOSING OVERRIDE** will cause a claim for a pain medication to deny when there are two or more providers prescribing opioid agents for a patient who is receiving a high quantity of these agents. This guideline will allow for you to receive a higher quantity of an opioid medication if certain criteria are met. The safety edit allows for an override for an opioid product equal to or exceeding the soft-stop threshold (90mg morphine milligram equivalent [MME]) or hard-stop threshold (200mg morphine milligram equivalent [MME]). This guideline will allow you to receive a higher quantity of an opioid medication if certain criteria are met.

An approval will be provided for patients with **ONE** of the following conditions:

- Diagnosis of active cancer
- Receiving palliative care or end-of-life care
- Enrolled in hospice
- Resident of a long-term care facility
- Diagnosis of sickle cell disease

For all other patients, the prescriber must be aware that there is more than one provider prescribing opiates for the patient, and that **TWO** of the following criteria must be met:

- There is documentation that the patient's current level of opioid utilization is necessary and required for the level of pain management needed
- Patient has been evaluated by a pain specialist, and/or the request is based on the recommendation of a pain specialist
- Patient has a pain contract in place
- Patient does not have a history of substance abuse or addiction
- Provider has committed to monitoring the state's Prescription Monitoring Program to ensure controlled substance history is consistent with prescribing record.

Please consult your physician if you have any questions about this safety edit on prescription opioid medications and the requirements needed for you to obtain an approval for higher quantities of these agents.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

OPIOID CUMULATIVE DOSING OVERRIDE

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of opioids and addressing prescription opioid overuse from a medication safety perspective while preserving patient access to medically necessary drug regimens. In addition, align with the opioid restrictions from the CMS 2019 Call Letter.

Prior authorization will be required for opioid prescriptions in excess of hard opioid edit. Soft opioid edit thresholds may be overridden by a dispensing pharmacist or provider/patient may request a coverage determination. MedImpact's standard soft opioid edit is set at ≥ 90 mg morphine milligram equivalent (MME). MedImpact's standard hard opioid edit threshold is set at ≥ 200 mg MME. This requirement should not apply to patients with active cancer, hospice patients, those receiving palliative or end of life care, residents of a long term facility or patients approved by case management or retrospective DUR Programming. Following CMS guidance, patients with a diagnosis of sickle cell disease are also exempt from this restriction based on acute attacks and painful complications associated with the disease. Additional payment determination is required for patients identified as hospice. Soft-thresholds may also be overridden by the pharmacy via DUR PPS codes or as part of coverage determination process and by certain PPS codes. Hard-thresholds are overridable as part of the coverage determination process. The cumulative opioid edit minimizes false positives by accounting for known exceptions: 1) patients on hospice, have certain cancer diagnosis 2) overlapping dispensing dates for Rx refills and new Rx orders for continuing fills 3) high-dose opioid usage previously determined to be medically necessary (approved PAs, previous coverage determinations, case management) 4) no consecutive high-MME days' criterion as it would not prevent beneficiaries from reaching high opioid doses.

REFERENCES

- Announcement of Calendar Year (CY) 2019 Medicare Advantage Capitation Rates and Medicare Advantage and Part D Payment Policies and Final Call Letter. Available at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Downloads/Announcement2019.pdf> [Accessed 4/2/18]
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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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OPIOID CUMULATIVE DOSING OVERRIDE

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OPIOID DEPENDENCY AGENTS

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
BUPRENORPHINE	SUBUTEX	01762		ROUTE = SUBLINGUAL

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of opioid addiction/dependence and meet the following criteria?
 - Therapy is prescribed by a physician certified to prescribe buprenorphine for opioid addiction/dependency as confirmed by checking the SAMHSA buprenorphine physician locator website or by phone at 1-866-BUP-CSAT
 - Not currently dependent on/abusing alcohol
 - Not currently dependent on/abusing CNS depressants (i.e., benzodiazepines, barbiturates, sedative hypnotics) **OR** is being rapidly tapered off these medications

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the request for buprenorphine HCL (generic for Subutex) monotherapy in a patient who is pregnant?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, continue to #4.

3. Is the request for a new start of buprenorphine HCL (generic for Subutex) and induction dosing is needed?

If yes, **approve and enter authorizations as follows:**

- **1ST AUTHORIZATION:** Approve buprenorphine HCL 2mg SL tablet for 2 days by GPID (GPID 64672): #12 SL tablets per 2 days (override quantity limits for induction dosing).
- **2ND AUTHORIZATION:** Approve buprenorphine HCL SL tablet for 12 months by GPID with no fill count (starting after initial 2 day authorization) for all the following strengths with the following quantity limits:
 - 2mg (GPID 64672): #3 SL tablets per day
 - 8mg (GPID 64673): #3 SL tablets per day

If no, **approve buprenorphine HCL SL tablet for 12 months by GPID with no fill count for all the following strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- 2mg (GPID 64672): #3 SL tablets per day
- 8mg (GPID 64673): #3 SL tablets per day

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OPIOID DEPENDENCY AGENTS

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

4. Is the request for buprenorphine HCL (generic for Subutex) monotherapy in a patient who has documentation of naloxone-induced anaphylaxis, bronchospasm, or angioneurotic edema?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, continue to #6.

5. Is the request for a new start of buprenorphine HCL (generic for Subutex) and induction dosing is needed?

If yes, **approve and enter authorizations as follows:**

- **1ST AUTHORIZATION:** Approve buprenorphine HCL 2mg SL tablet for 2 days by GPID (GPID 64672): #12 SL tablets per 2 days (override quantity limits for induction dosing).
- **2ND AUTHORIZATION:** Approve buprenorphine HCL SL tablet for 12 months by GPID with no fill count (starting after initial 2 day authorization) for all the following strengths with the following quantity limits:
 - 2mg (GPID 64672): #3 SL tablets per day
 - 8mg (GPID 64673): #3 SL tablets per day

If no, **approve buprenorphine HCL SL tablet for 12 months by GPID with no fill count for all the following strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- 2mg (GPID 64672): #3 SL tablets per day
- 8mg (GPID 64673): #3 SL tablets per day

6. Is the request for buprenorphine HCL (generic for Subutex) monotherapy and is the patient being transitioned **directly** from a long-acting opioid (i.e., methadone, fentanyl patch, or other ER opioids)?

If yes, **approve buprenorphine HCL 2mg SL tablet for 2 days by GPID (GPID 64672): #12 SL tablets per 2 days (override quantity limits for induction dosing).**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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OPIOID DEPENDENCY AGENTS

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **OPIOID DEPENDENCY AGENTS** requires that all of the following criteria are met:

- A diagnosis of opioid addiction/dependence
- The prescriber is a buprenorphine-certified prescriber in accordance with the Drug Addiction Treatment Act
- The patient is not currently dependent on/abusing CNS depressants (i.e., benzodiazepines, barbiturates, sedative hypnotics) **OR** is being rapidly tapered off these medications
- The patient is not currently dependent on/abusing alcohol

In addition, requests for buprenorphine monotherapy (generic for Subutex) may be approved if one of the following conditions is met:

- Patient is pregnant
- Patient has documentation of naloxone-induced anaphylaxis, bronchospasm, or angioneurotic edema
- Patient is being transitioned directly from a long-acting opioid (i.e., methadone) during induction only

RATIONALE

Avoid use for unapproved indications (i.e. acute or chronic pain). Ensure that therapy is prescribed by a physician certified to prescribe buprenorphine for opioid dependency as confirmed by checking the SAMHSA buprenorphine physician locator website or by phone at 1-866-BUP-CSAT. Provide appropriate quantity limits for induction and maintenance therapy. Encourage dose consolidation since buprenorphine has a high-risk potential for abuse. Due to the risk for fatal respiratory depression, ensure that the patient is not currently dependent on/abusing alcohol or CNS depressants (i.e. benzodiazepines, barbiturates, sedative hypnotics) or is being rapidly tapered of CNS depressants. Comorbid dependence on benzodiazepines or other central nervous system depressants (including alcohol) may preclude a patient as a candidate for office-based buprenorphine treatment. Examples of benzodiazepines include estazolam, flurazepam, quazepam, temazepam, triazolam. Examples of barbiturates include phenobarbital and secobarbital. Examples of sedative hypnotics include eszopiclone, ramelteon, suvorexant, zaleplon, zolpidem.

Ensure that buprenorphine monotherapy is limited to certain qualifying patient populations. Treatment guidelines recommend that the buprenorphine/naloxone combination be used for induction treatment (and for stabilization and maintenance) for most patients. Besides a history of hypersensitivity (i.e. bronchospasm, angioneurotic edema, anaphylactic shock), the only two patient populations named as exceptions to the combination product are pregnant patients and patients who are converting directly from long-acting opioids (i.e. methadone). Although pregnant patients can be induced and maintained on buprenorphine monotherapy, those converting from long-acting opioids should be switched the buprenorphine/naloxone combination as early in treatment as possible.

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OPIOID DEPENDENCY AGENTS

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Buprenorphine SL tablets (generic for Subutex) are indicated for the treatment of opioid dependence and are preferred for induction. Subutex sublingual tablet should be used as part of a complete treatment plan to include counseling and psychosocial support.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Some products are only approved for use during the *maintenance* phase of treatment (i.e. Bunavail, generic Suboxone SL tablets), whereas other products are approved for the *treatment* of opioid dependence (use during both induction and maintenance phases) such as Suboxone SL films, Zubsolv, generic Subutex SL tablets.
- Branded Subutex and Suboxone SL tablets were discontinued in January 2012 and March 2013, respectively.
- The physician must obtain a unique ID# from the DEA prior to prescribing Suboxone, Subutex, Zubsolv, Bunavail and the generics for Suboxone and Subutex.
- Each of the branded products (Bunavail, Suboxone, and Zubsolv) as well as the Suboxone and Subutex generics have a warning in the package insert that these products are NOT appropriate as an analgesic.

HOW SUPPLIED

Buprenorphine (buprenorphine) SL tablets (generic for Subutex)

- 2mg
- 8mg

FDA APPROVED DOSING

Buprenorphine SL tablets (generic for Subutex)

Induction

It is recommended that an adequate treatment dose, titrated to clinical effectiveness, should be achieved as rapidly as possible. In some studies, gradual induction over several days led to a high rate of dropout of buprenorphine patients during the induction period.

Day 1: 8mg

Day 2: 16mg

From Day 3 onward, patients received either buprenorphine and naloxone sublingual tablets or buprenorphine sublingual tablets at the same buprenorphine dose as Day 2 based on their assigned treatment. Induction in the studies of buprenorphine solution was accomplished over 3-4 days, depending on the target dose.

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FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

FDA APPROVED DOSING

Maintenance

Buprenorphine and naloxone is preferred for maintenance treatment. Where buprenorphine sublingual tablets are used in maintenance in patients who cannot tolerate the presence of naloxone, the dosage of buprenorphine sublingual tablets should be progressively adjusted in increments/decrements of 2 mg or 4 mg buprenorphine to a level that holds the patient in treatment and suppresses opioid withdrawal signs and symptoms. The maintenance dose is generally in the range of 4 mg to 24 mg buprenorphine per day depending on the individual patient. Doses higher than this have not been demonstrated to provide any clinical advantage.

REFERENCES

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

OPIOID LONG-ACTING DUPLICATIVE THERAPY

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/other
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the claim rejecting with the following error code?
 - **REJ-1045: THERAPEUTIC DUPLICATION DENIAL (DRUG_TD)**
(The incoming claim for a long-acting (LA) opioid will reject when the patient is concurrently taking a different long-acting opioid [different HICL] from a different prescriber.)

If yes, continue to #2.
If no, guideline does not apply.

2. Does the patient meet at least **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - Patient has a diagnosis of active cancer
 - Patient is in hospice care
 - Patient is receiving palliative care or end-of-life care
 - Patient is a resident of a long-term care facility
 - Patient has a diagnosis of sickle cell disease

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL and set DRUG_TD_OVR to 'Y' for Yes.**
If no, continue to #3.

3. Has the prescriber provided attestation that they are aware the patient is concurrently receiving more than one long-acting opioid therapy?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL and set DRUG_TD_OVR to 'Y' for Yes.**
If no, do not approve.
DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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OPIOID LONG-ACTING DUPLICATIVE THERAPY

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

OPTIONAL OPERATIONAL DENIAL TEXT FOR APPROVAL OF CLINICAL UM, BUT DENIAL OF THE OPIOID SAFETY EDIT:

While your request for **[enter requested drug]** has been granted, the drug cannot be covered by your plan due to the use of two long-acting opioid drugs together that are from different prescribers. **[Proceed to enter Denial Text below]**

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **OPIOID LONG ACTING DUPLICATIVE THERAPY** allows approval of the requested drug when taken together with other long-acting opioid drug(s) from different prescribers. An approval will be provided if you meet one of the following conditions:

- Diagnosis of active cancer
- Receiving palliative care or end-of-life care
- Enrolled in hospice
- Resident of a long-term care facility
- Diagnosis of sickle cell disease
- Prescriber attestation that they are aware that the patient is concurrently receiving more than one long-acting opioid medication

Please consult your physician if you have any questions about this prescription medication and the requirements needed for you to obtain an approval for this agent.

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of opioids and addressing prescription opioid overuse from a medication safety perspective while preserving patient access to medically necessary drug regimens. In addition, align with the opioid restrictions from the CMS 2019 Call Letter:

“...we expect all Part D plan sponsors to implement a soft POS safety edit (which can be overridden by the pharmacist) for duplicative LA opioid therapy beginning in 2019, with or without a multiple prescriber criterion.” *CMS 2019 Call Letter, page 252*

Prior authorization will be required for Long Acting (LA) opioid prescriptions when an incoming claim for a long-acting opioid overlaps with another a long acting opioid (different HICL) claim(s) from a different prescriber(s). The edit can be overridden by professional pharmacy professional service (PPS) code at POS or by a PA. This requirement does not apply to patients with a diagnosis of active cancer, patients receiving palliative care or end-of-life care, those enrolled in hospice or resident of a long-term care facility. Following CMS guidance, patients with a diagnosis of sickle cell disease are also exempt from this restriction based on acute attacks and painful complications associated with the disease. This guideline also allows an override when there is physician attestation that the prescriber is aware that the patient is concurrently receiving long acting duplicative therapy and would like to proceed with treatment for a clinically appropriate indication.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

OPIOID LONG-ACTING DUPLICATIVE THERAPY

REFERENCES

- Announcement of Calendar Year (CY) 2019 Medicare Advantage Capitation Rates and Medicare Advantage and Part D Payment Policies and Final Call Letter. Available at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Downloads/Announcement2019.pdf> [Accessed 4/2/18].
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about Formulary-Level Opioid Point of Sale (POS) Safety Edits. Available at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prescription-Drug-Coverage/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/Downloads/Frequently-Asked-Questions-about-Contract-Year-2019-Formulary-Level-Opioid-Point-of-Sale-Safety-Edits.pdf> [Accessed 5/13/19].

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

OPIOID-NAÏVE DAY SUPPLY LIMITATION

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/other
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the claim rejecting with the following error code?
 - **REJ-1044: INITIAL FILL DAYS SUPPLY EXCEEDS LIMITS (DS-NAÏVE)**

If yes, continue to #2.
If no, guideline does not apply.

2. Does the patient meet at least **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - Patient has a diagnosis of active cancer
 - Patient is enrolled in hospice
 - Patient is receiving palliative care or end-of-life care
 - Patient is a resident of a long-term care facility
 - Patient has a diagnosis of sickle cell disease
 - Patient is NOT opioid naïve

(**NOTE:** For new patients with no claims history, please refer to the MRF or MedAccess).

If yes, **approve for one month, for one fill count by HICL and set DS_NAÏVE_OVR to 'Y' for Yes.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Has the prescriber provided attestation that the opioid medication with the requested day supply is the intended and medically necessary amount for the beneficiary?

If yes, **approve for one month, for one fill count by HICL and set DS_NAÏVE_OVR to 'Y' for Yes.**

If no, do not approve.
DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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OPIOID-NAÏVE DAY SUPPLY LIMITATION

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

OPTIONAL OPERATIONAL DENIAL TEXT FOR APPROVAL OF CLINICAL UM, BUT DENIAL OF THE OPIOID SAFETY EDIT: While your request for [enter requested drug] has been granted, the drug cannot be covered by your plan due to the day supply you are requesting for this opioid medication. **[Proceed to enter Denial Text below]**

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **OPIOID-NAÏVE DAY SUPPLY LIMITATION** allows approval of the requested drug for a longer day supply when you are opioid-naïve and meet at least **ONE** of the following conditions:

- Patient has a diagnosis of active cancer
- Patient is enrolled in hospice
- Patient is receiving palliative care or end-of-life care
- Patient is a resident of a long-term care facility
- Patient has a diagnosis of sickle cell disease
- Patient is NOT opioid naïve
- Attestation from the prescriber that the prescribed dose of opioids with the requested day supply is intended and medically necessary

Please consult your physician if you have any questions about this prescription pain medication and the requirements needed for you to obtain an approval for this agent.

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of opioids and addressing prescription opioid overuse from a medication safety perspective while preserving patient access to medically necessary drug regimens.

In addition, align with the opioid restrictions from the CMS 2019 Call Letter:

“Beginning in 2019, we expect all Part D sponsors to implement a hard safety edit to limit initial opioid prescription fills for the treatment of acute pain to no more than a 7 days’ supply...”. *CMS 2019 Call Letter, page 237*

Prior authorization will be required for opioid prescriptions with a longer day supply for opioid naïve patients. This requirement does not apply to patients with a diagnosis of active cancer, patients receiving palliative care or end-of-life care, those enrolled in hospice or residents of a long-term care facility.

In addition, if the patient is determined to NOT be opioid naïve during the coverage determination process, they are exempt from this safety edit. This exemption is based on the following guidance: “If during the coverage determination process it becomes known that the patient is not opioid naïve, he or she should be excluded from the opioid naïve edit.” *CMS Additional Guidance memo from October 23, 2018, page 8.*

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OPIOID-NAÏVE DAY SUPPLY LIMITATION

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Following CMS guidance, patients with a diagnosis of sickle cell disease are also exempt from this restriction based on acute attacks and painful complications associated with the disease. This guideline also allows an override when there is attestation from the prescriber that the prescribed dose of opioids with the requested day supply is intended and medically necessary.

REFERENCES

- Announcement of Calendar Year (CY) 2019 Medicare Advantage Capitation Rates and Medicare Advantage and Part D Payment Policies and Final Call Letter. Available at: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Downloads/Announcement2019.pdf> [Accessed 4/2/18]
- The Social Security Act: Title XVIII: Section 1861(t), Center for Medicare and Medicaid Service. March 23, 2012. Available at: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/DMEPOSFeeSched/DME_SSAct.html [Accessed 9/28/18].
- Additional Guidance on Contract Year 2019 Formulary-Level Opioid Point of Sale Safety Edits. Available at https://mopa.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/Opioid_SafetyEdit_Memo_10232018%20%28002%29.pdf [Accessed 11/20/18].

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

OPIOID SINGLE CLAIM DOSING AT POS (OSCDP)

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/other
OPIOIDS	OPIOIDS			

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the request for an opioid product equal to or exceeding the soft-stop threshold (50 morphine milligram equivalent [MME]) or hard-stop threshold (90 morphine milligram equivalent [MME])?

NOTE: Claims should stop for DUR_MAX_SINGLE_DOSE edit with Soft_DENY_LIMIT = 50 or HARD_DENY_LIMIT = 90 (i.e., morphine milligram equivalent of [patient's current MME] = / exceeds threshold of [50 MME or 90 MME per day]).

If yes, continue to #2.
If no, guideline does not apply.

2. Is the request for an opioid product less than or equal to 89 MME?

If yes, **approve 12 months by HICL up to 89 MME. (NOTE: If the claim rejects after analyzing, follow the clinical prior authorization process).**
If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient meet **ANY** of the following criteria?

- Diagnosis of active cancer
- Diagnosis of palliative care
- Diagnosis of sickle cell disease
- Patient is enrolled in hospice
- Prescriber is a pain management specialist

If yes, **approve 12 months by HICL. (NOTE: If the claim rejects after analyzing, follow the clinical prior authorization process).**
If no, continue to #4.

4. Has the physician provided attestation that the requested high dose is considered medically necessary?

If yes, continue to #5.
If no, do not approve.
DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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OPIOID SINGLE CLAIM DOSING AT POS (OSCDP)

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

5. Is the request for an opioid with an MME equal to or exceeding the hard-stop threshold (90 MME) and the prescriber has not indicated an opioid MME threshold value?

If yes, **approve 12 months by HICL up to 112.5 MME OR up to 25% greater than the previously approved MME via the patient's claim profile or physician attestation, up to 300 MME. (NOTE: If the claim rejects after analyzing, follow the clinical prior authorization process).**

If no, continue to #6.

6. Did the physician indicate a maximum opioid threshold for the requested drug that is less than 300 MME?

If yes, **approve 12 months by HICL as requested up to 300 MME. (NOTE: If the claim rejects after analyzing, follow the clinical prior authorization process).**

If no, continue to #7.

7. Is the request for an opioid with an MME equal to or exceeding the maximum threshold (300 MME) for a patient who is currently stable on this MME?

If yes, **approve for 3 months by HICL. (NOTE: If the claim rejects after analyzing, follow the clinical prior authorization process).**

APPROVAL TEXT: While your prior authorization for (enter requested drug) has been granted, your opiate amount is equal to or exceeds [300 morphine milligram equivalent (MME)] and is considered a high dose of opiate. Please consult with your pain management specialist regarding your treatment options.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **OPIOID SINGLE CLAIM DOSING AT POS** allows for an override of an opioid product equal to or exceeding the soft-stop threshold (50 morphine milligram equivalent [MME]) at the pharmacy or by a prior authorization. The hard-stop threshold (90 MME) is not overridable and requires a prior authorization.

An override will be provided for patients with any of the following conditions:

- Diagnosis of active cancer
- Diagnosis of palliative care
- Diagnosis of sickle cell disease
- Patient is enrolled in hospice
- Prescriber is a pain management specialist

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OPIOID SINGLE CLAIM DOSING AT POS (OSCDP)

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

For all other patients, the physician must provide attestation that the requested high dose is considered medically necessary. In addition, if the requested dose is lower than 300 MME, the prescriber must provide a maximum opioid threshold. If the prescriber does not provide a maximum threshold and the request is for an opioid with an MME equal to or exceeding 90 MME, the claim will be approved up to 25 percent greater than the previously approved MME or up to 112.5 MME. If the requested dose is equal to or greater than 300 MME, approval will be granted if the patient is stable on the dose. Please consult your pain management specialist regarding your treatment options.

RATIONALE

To align with opioid restrictions required by several states and to prevent overutilization of opioids and increase safety.

This advanced POS intervention blocks an incoming claim when a single claim’s Morphine Milligram Equivalent (MME) is equal to or exceeds a specified hard-stop threshold (e.g. over 90 MME). The hard-stop is non-overridable except via prior authorization. The edit allows a soft stop on an incoming claim with an MME equal to or over a lower threshold (e.g. over 50 MME) that can be overridden by Pharmacy Professional Service (PPS) codes at the point-of-sale (POS) or by prior authorization. Overriding the hard threshold for OSCDP will also override the OSCDP soft threshold, but does not affect Opioid Cumulative Dosing Program (OCDP).

This requirement does not apply to patients with a diagnosis of active cancer, sickle cell disease, in palliative care, hospice patients, or patients with a prescription from a pain management specialist.

REFERENCES

- Dowell D, Haegerich TM, Chou R. CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain - United States, 2016. MMWR Recomm Rep 2016;65(No. RR-1):1–49. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.rr6501e1> [Accessed June 28, 2018].
- Jones B, Cynthia. (2016). Implementation of CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain Coeverage of Non-Opioid Pain Relievers and Uniform, Streamlines Prior Authorization for New Opioid Prescription Effective December 1, 2016. Department of Medical Assistance Services. Available at https://www.msv.org/sites/default/files/PDFs/12.1.16_guideline_for_opioids_non_opioid_pain_relievers_revised_final.pdf [Accessed June 28, 2018].

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

OSIMERTINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
OSIMERTINIB MESYLATE	TAGRISSO	42803		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is positive for an epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) T790M mutation that has been confirmed by an FDA-approved test
 - The patient has progressed while on or after epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) tyrosine kinase-inhibitor therapy (e.g., Tarceva [erlotinib], Iressa [gefitinib], or Gilotrif [afatinib dimaleate])
 - The patient is **NOT** receiving concurrent therapy with an epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) tyrosine kinase-inhibitor (e.g., Tarceva [erlotinib], Iressa [gefitinib], or Gilotrif [afatinib dimaleate])

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #30 tablets per 30 days.**
If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is positive for an epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletions or exon 21 L858R mutations and is confirmed by an FDA-approved test
 - The patient has **NOT** received prior systemic treatment for metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #30 tablets per 30 days.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **OSIMERTINIB (Tagrisso)** requires a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). In addition, **ONE** of the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is positive for an epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) T790M mutation as confirmed by an FDA-approved test AND meets all of the following:
 - The patient has progressed while on or after epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) tyrosine kinase-inhibitor therapy (e.g., Tarceva [erlotinib], Iressa [gefitinib], or Gilotrif [afatinib dimaleate])
 - The patient is **NOT** receiving concurrent therapy with an epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) tyrosine kinase-inhibitor (e.g., Tarceva [erlotinib], Iressa [gefitinib], or Gilotrif [afatinib dimaleate])

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

OSIMERTINIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

- The patient is positive for an epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletions or exon 21 L858R mutations as confirmed by an FDA-approved test **AND** meets the following:
 - The patient has not received prior systemic treatment for metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of osimertinib (Tagrisso) consistent with FDA-approved indications.

FDA-APPROVED INDICATIONS

Osimertinib (Tagrisso) is a kinase inhibitor indicated for:

- For the treatment of patients with metastatic epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) T790M mutation-positive non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), as detected by an FDA-approved test, whose disease has progressed on or after EGFR TKI therapy.
- First-line treatment of patients with metastatic NSCLC whose tumors have epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletions or exon 21 L858R mutations, as detected by an FDA-approved test.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dose is 80 mg orally once daily, with or without food, until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

AVAILABLE STRENGTHS

- 40 mg tablets
- 80 mg tablets

REFERENCES

- Tagrisso [Prescribing Information]; Wilmington, DE: AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP; April 2018.

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PALBOCICLIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
PALBOCICLIB	IBRANCE	41725		ROUTE = ORAL

*******Customer Service/PAC Alert*******
(For Internal Use Only)

THIS IS A HIGH-IMPACT MEDICATION. DO NOT OVERRIDE OR APPROVE WITHOUT SUBMITTING FOR PHARMACIST REVIEW.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer and meet **ALL** the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient is a postmenopausal female OR a male
- The requested medication will be used in combination with an aromatase inhibitor (i.e., anastrozole, letrozole, or exemestane)
- The patient has NOT received prior endocrine-based therapy (e.g., letrozole, anastrozole, tamoxifen, fulvestrant, exemestane)
- The patient has NOT experienced disease progression following prior CDK inhibitor therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for #21 capsules per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer and meet **ALL** the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has experienced disease progression following endocrine therapy (e.g., letrozole, anastrozole, tamoxifen, fulvestrant, exemestane)
- The requested medication will be used in combination with Faslodex (fulvestrant)
- The patient has NOT experienced disease progression following prior CDK inhibitor therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for #21 capsules per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PALBOCICLIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **PALBOCICLIB (Ibrance)** requires a diagnosis of hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer in patients at least 18 years of age. In addition, **ONE** of the following criteria must also be met:

- The requested medication will be used in combination with an aromatase inhibitor (i.e., anastrozole, letrozole, or exemestane) and meet **ALL** the following criteria:
 - The patient is a postmenopausal female OR a male
 - The patient has NOT received prior endocrine-based therapy (e.g., letrozole, anastrozole, tamoxifen, fulvestrant, exemestane)
 - The patient has NOT experienced disease progression following prior CDK inhibitor therapy
- The requested medication will be used in combination with Faslodex (fulvestrant) and meet **ALL** the following criteria:
 - The patient has experienced disease progression following endocrine therapy (e.g., letrozole, anastrozole, tamoxifen, fulvestrant, exemestane)
 - The patient has NOT experienced disease progression following prior CDK inhibitor therapy

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Ibrance.

REFERENCES

- Ibrance [Prescribing Information]. New York, NY: Pfizer Laboratories. April 2019.

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PANOBINOSTAT

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
PANOBINOSTAT	FARYDAK	41794		ROUTE = ORAL

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of multiple myeloma and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has been treated with at least 2 prior regimens, including Velcade (bortezomib) and an immunomodulatory agent, such as Thalomid, Revlimid, or Pomalyst
 - The requested agent will concurrently be used with Velcade (bortezomib) and dexamethasone

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for #6 capsules per 21 days with a fill count of 8 (8 cycles).**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **PANOBINOSTAT (Farydak)** requires that the patient has a diagnosis of multiple myeloma. The following criteria must also be met.

- The patient has been treated with at least 2 prior regimens, including Velcade (bortezomib) and an immunomodulatory agent, such as Thalomid, Revlimid, or Pomalyst
- The requested agent will concurrently be used with Velcade (bortezomib) and dexamethasone

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Has the patient tolerated the first 8 cycles of therapy without any severe or medically significant toxicity?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for #6 capsules per 21 days with fill count of 8 (8 cycles).**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **PANOBINOSTAT (Farydak)** renewal requires that the patient has tolerated therapy without experiencing any severe or medically significant toxicity.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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PANOBINOSTAT

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **Farydak (panobinostat)** based on FDA approved indication. Initial dosing for up to 8 cycles. Renewal provided for patients with clinical benefit who do not experience unresolved severe or medically significant toxicity (maximum duration of therapy up to 16 cycles which allows up to 96 capsules in 48 weeks).

The most common prior antineoplastic therapies in the PANORAMA-1 (Panobinostat Oral in Multiple Myeloma) trial were corticosteroids (90%), melphalan (80%), thalidomide (53%), cyclophosphamide (47%), bortezomib (44%), and lenalidomide (19%).

Given the toxicity concerns, a regimen containing Farydak may be less preferred over other regimens for relapsed/refractory MM. As of March 2015, the NCCN lists the following as Category 1 recommendations (please check NCCN treatment guidelines for other possible regimens):

- Velcade
- Velcade with liposomal doxorubicin (i.e. Doxil, Lipodox)
- Revlimid/dexamethasone
- Kyprolis (carfilzomib)/Revlimid/dexamethasone

Farydak might also be reserved for patients less than 65 years of age with good performance status who either have not been exposed to or have been exposed to, but are not refractory to, proteasome inhibitors (i.e. Velcade and Kyprolis).

DOSAGE

The recommended starting dose of Farydak is 20 mg, taken orally once every other day for 3 doses per week in Weeks 1 and 2 of each 21-day cycle for up to 8 cycles. Consider continuing treatment for an additional 8 cycles for patients with clinical benefit who do not experience unresolved severe or medically significant toxicity. The total duration of treatment may be up to 16 cycles (48 weeks). Farydak is administered in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone.

21-Day Cycle													
Cycles 1 to 8 (3-Week cycles)	Week 1 Days						Week 2 Days						Week 3
	FARYDAK	1		3		5		8		10		12	
Bortezomib	1			4			8			11			Rest period
Dexamethasone	1	2		4	5		8	9		11	12		Rest period

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Indicated in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone for the treatment of patients with multiple myeloma who have received at least 2 prior regimens, including bortezomib and an immunomodulatory agent.

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PANOBINOSTAT

REFERENCES

- Farydak [Prescribing Information]. East Hanover, NJ: Novartis; February 2015.
- NCCN Clinical Practice Guideline in Oncology: Multiple Myeloma Version 3.2015. National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Available at:
http://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/myeloma.pdf [Accessed February 23, 2015].

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PARATHYROID HORMONE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
PARATHYROID HORMONE	NATPARA	34000		ROUTE = SUBCUTANE.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hypocalcemia secondary to hypoparathyroidism and meets the following criteria?
 - Previous trial of activated vitamin D (calcitriol) and calcium
 - Patient's hypoparathyroidism is **not** due to a calcium sensing receptor (CSR) mutation
 - Patient's hypoparathyroidism is **not** considered acute post-surgical hypoparathyroidism (surgery in past 30 days)
 - Therapy initiated by or in consultation with an endocrinologist

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for quantity of #2 cartridges per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **PARATHYROID HORMONE** requires a diagnosis of hypocalcemia secondary to hypoparathyroidism. Additional guideline requirements apply.

- Previous use of activated vitamin D (calcitriol) and calcium
- Patient's hypoparathyroidism is not due to a calcium sensing receptor (CSR) mutation
- Patient's hypoparathyroidism is not considered acute post-surgical hypoparathyroidism (surgery in past 30 days)
- Therapy initiated by or in consultation with an endocrinologist

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of parathyroid hormone based on FDA approved indication, dosing and best practices.

DOSAGE

The starting dose of Natpara is 50 mcg injected once daily in the thigh.

The dose of Natpara may be increased in increments of 25 mcg every four weeks up to a maximum daily dose of 100 mcg if serum calcium cannot be maintained above 8 mg/dL without an active form of vitamin D and/or oral calcium supplementation.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

PARATHYROID HORMONE

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Natpara is a parathyroid hormone indicated as an adjunct to calcium and vitamin D to control hypocalcemia in patients with hypoparathyroidism.

Limitations of Use

- Because of the potential risk of osteosarcoma, Natpara is recommended only for patients who cannot be well-controlled on calcium supplements and active forms of vitamin D alone.
- Natpara was not studied in patients with hypoparathyroidism caused by calcium-sensing receptor mutations.
- Natpara was not studied in patients with acute post-surgical hypoparathyroidism.

REFERENCES

- Natpara [Prescribing Information]. Bedminster, NJ: NPS Pharmaceuticals, Inc. January 22, 2015.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PASIREOTIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
PASIREOTIDE	SIGNIFOR	39866		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Cushing's disease?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Has the patient undergone pituitary surgery or is pituitary surgery not an option for this patient?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Has the patient tried ketoconazole, metyrapone, or cabergoline?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 ampules per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of Cushing's disease for which the patient has undergone pituitary surgery or pituitary surgery is not an option, and a trial of ketoconazole, metyrapone, or cabergoline.

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of Signifor consistent with FDA approved indication and dose.

Signifor's recommended dosage range is 0.3 mg to 0.9 mg twice a day. The recommended initial dose is either 0.6 mg or 0.9 mg injected subcutaneously twice a day. For patients with moderate hepatic impairment (Child Pugh B), the recommended initial dosage is 0.3 mg twice a day and the maximum dosage is 0.6 mg twice a day. Avoid the use of SIGNIFOR in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child Pugh C).

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

PASIREOTIDE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Cushing's disease is caused by a pituitary gland tumor that produces adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH). This additional ACTH acts as a signal to the adrenal glands to make excess cortisol. Signifor binds and activates the human somatostatin receptor subtype 5 resulting in inhibition of ACTH secretion by the pituitary tumor cells, which leads to decreased cortisol secretion. First line treatment for Cushing's disease is transsphenoidal surgery and resection of the pituitary tumor. If surgery is delayed, contraindicated, or unsuccessful, adjunct medical therapy is usually required. Adrenal enzyme inhibitors, ketoconazole, and metyrapone (not FDA approved for this indication) are most commonly prescribed, followed by cabergoline (also not FDA approved for this indication) which targets the corticotrophin tumor. Combination therapy, such as Signifor, cabergoline, and/or ketoconazole, may be necessary to achieve an acceptable response.

A total of 162 patients were enrolled in a Phase III, multicenter, randomized study over a 6-month treatment period to evaluate the safety and efficacy of Signifor in patients with Cushing's disease. The majority of clinical trial subjects (83%) had persistent or recurrent disease despite pituitary surgery whereas surgery was not indicated or surgery was refused in the remaining subjects. Patients with a baseline 24-hour urine free cortisol (UFC) >1.5 x upper limit of normal (ULN) were randomized to receive a twice-daily, subcutaneous injection of either Signifor 0.6 mg or 0.9 mg. The primary efficacy endpoint was the proportion of patients who achieved normalization of mean 24-hour UFC levels after six months of treatment and did not dose increase during this period. At Month 6, the percentages of responders for the primary endpoint were 15% and 26% in the 0.6 mg twice daily and 0.9 mg twice daily groups, respectively. Signifor resulted in a decrease in the mean 24-hour UFC after 1 month of treatment. For patients (n=78) who stayed in the trial, similar UFC lowering was observed at Month 12.

Most common adverse reactions occurring in $\geq 20\%$ of patients are diarrhea, nausea, hyperglycemia, cholelithiasis, headache, abdominal pain, fatigue, and diabetes mellitus.

Other clinically significant adverse reactions include hypocortisolism, bradycardia and QT prolongation, liver test elevations, and pituitary hormone deficiency.

Treatment with Signifor leads to suppression of adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH) secretion in Cushing's disease. Suppression of ACTH may lead to a decrease in circulating levels of cortisol and potentially hypocortisolism. Pituitary hormones other than ACTH may also be inhibited since Signifor mimics the acts of somatostatin. Monitoring of pituitary function (e.g., TSH/free T4, GH/IGF-1) should occur prior to initiation of therapy with Signifor and periodically during treatment. Patients who have undergone transsphenoidal surgery and pituitary irradiation are particularly at increased risk for deficiency of pituitary hormones.

Drug interactions include cyclosporine (decreased cyclosporine levels), bromocriptine (increased bromocriptine levels), and anti-arrhythmic drugs or other medications that prolong QT interval (additive effects on QT interval prolongation).

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PASIREOTIDE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Signifor is Pregnancy Category C.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Signifor is a somatostatin analog indicated for the treatment of adult patients with Cushing's disease for whom pituitary surgery is not an option or has not been curative.

REFERENCES

- Signifor [Prescribing Information]. East Hanover, NJ: Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation; December 2012.
- UpToDate, Inc. Overview of the treatment of Cushing's syndrome. UpToDate [database online]. Waltham, MA. Available at <http://www.uptodate.com/home/index.html>. Updated January 17, 2013.
- UpToDate, Inc. Medical therapy of hypercortisolism (Cushing's syndrome). UpToDate [database online]. Waltham, MA. Available at <http://www.uptodate.com/home/index.html>. Updated January 18, 2013.

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Yes	Yes	No

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PATIROMER

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
PATIROMER CALCIUM SORBITEX	VELTASSA	42767		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the patient being treated for hyperkalemia **AND** meet the following criterion?
- Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with a nephrologist or cardiologist

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- The requested drug is being used as an emergency treatment for life-threatening hyperkalemia
- The patient is currently receiving dialysis

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Has the patient attempted **ONE** of the following approaches in an effort to reduce the modifiable risks for hyperkalemia?

- Limit to taking no more than one of the following drugs at any given time:
 - Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor (ACE-I)
 - Angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB)
- Consideration of dose reduction of renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system (RAAS) inhibitors (e.g., ACE-I's, ARB's, aldosterone antagonists)

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Does the patient have an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) below 30 mL/min/1.73 m² **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has tried loop diuretics (e.g., bumetanide, ethacrynic acid, furosemide, torsemide) for the treatment of hyperkalemia

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, continue to #5.

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PATIROMER

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

5. Does the patient have an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) of 30 mL/min/1.73 m² or above and have tried **ONE** of the following for the treatment of hyperkalemia?
- The patient has tried loop diuretic (e.g., bumetanide, ethacrynic acid, furosemide, torsemide)
 - The patient has tried thiazide diuretic (e.g., chlorthalidone, hydrochlorothiazide, metolazone)

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

6. Has the patient had a previous trial of Lokelma (sodium zirconium cyclosilicate)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #30 packets per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **PATIROMER (Veltassa)** requires a diagnosis of hyperkalemia. In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with a nephrologist or cardiologist
- The requested drug is NOT being used as an emergency treatment for life-threatening hyperkalemia
- The requested drug will NOT be approved for a patient currently receiving dialysis
- The patient has attempted **ONE** of the following approaches in an effort to reduce the modifiable risks for hyperkalemia:
 - Limit to taking no more than one of the following drugs at any given time (Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor [ACE-I], Angiotensin receptor blocker [ARB])
 - Consideration of dose reduction of renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system (RAAS) inhibitors (e.g., ACE-I's, ARB's, aldosterone antagonists)
- The patient has had a previous trial of Lokelma (sodium zirconium cyclosilicate)
- If estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) is below 30 mL/min/1.73 m(2): the patient has tried to treat hyperkalemia with loop diuretics (e.g., bumetanide, ethacrynic acid, furosemide, torsemide)
- If estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) is 30 mL/min/1.73 m(2) or above: the patient has tried to treat hyperkalemia with a loop diuretic (e.g., bumetanide, ethacrynic acid, furosemide, torsemide), OR thiazide diuretic (e.g., chlorthalidone, hydrochlorothiazide, metolazone)

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PATIROMER

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Review for PATIROMER

REFERENCES

- Veltassa [Prescribing Information]. Relypsa, Inc.: Redwood City, CA; October 2015.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PAZOPANIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
PAZOPANIB	VOTRIENT	36709		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of advanced soft tissue sarcoma (STS) and meets the following criteria?

The patient had a trial of or contraindication to chemotherapy (e.g., anthracycline treatment),

The patient does not have a diagnosis of adipocytic soft tissue sarcoma (STS) or gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **PAZOPANIB (Votrient)** requires a diagnosis of advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC) or advanced soft tissue sarcoma (STS). In addition, the following criteria must also be met.

For patients with a diagnosis of advanced soft tissue sarcoma (STS), approval requires all of the following:

The patient had a trial of or contraindication to chemotherapy (e.g., anthracycline treatment)

The patient does not have a diagnosis of adipocytic soft tissue sarcoma (STS) or gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST)

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of pazopanib based on FDA approved indication and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Votrient is indicated for the treatment of patients with:

Advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC)

Advanced soft tissue sarcoma (STS) who have received prior chemotherapy

Limitation of use: the efficacy of Votrient for the treatment of patients with adipocytic STS or gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST) has not been demonstrated.

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PAZOPANIB

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended starting dose of Votrient is 800 mg orally once daily without food (at least 1 hour before or 2 hours after a meal). The dose of Votrient should not exceed 800 mg.

Do not crush tablets due to the potential for increased rate of absorption, which may affect systemic exposure. If a dose is missed, it should not be taken if it less than 12 hours until the next dose.

REFERENCES

Votrient [Prescribing Information]. East Hanover, NJ: Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. August 2016.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PDE5 INHIBITORS FOR PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
SILDENAFIL	REVATIO		24758 28273 33186	
TADALAFIL	ADCIRCA, ALYQ		26587	

****Please use the criteria for the specific drug requested****

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

ADCIRCA/ALYQ (TADALAFIL)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group I) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to sildenafil (Revatio)
 - The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
 - Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) > 3 Wood units
 - The patient has NYHA-WHO Functional Class II to IV symptoms
 - The patient is **NOT** concurrently or intermittently taking oral erectile dysfunction agents (e.g. Cialis, Viagra) or any organic nitrates in any form
 - The patient is **NOT** concurrently taking guanylate cyclase stimulators (e.g. Adempas)

If yes, **approve Adcirca/Alyq (Tadalafil) 20mg tablet for 12 months by GPID (26587) with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient has shown improvement from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance test **OR** that the patient has a stable 6-minute walk distance test with a stable or improved WHO functional class.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PDE5 INHIBITORS FOR PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

REVATIO (SILDENAFIL) TABLETS OR INJECTION

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group I) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
 - Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) > 3 Wood units
 - The patient has NYHA-WHO Functional Class II to IV symptoms
 - The patient is **NOT** concurrently or intermittently taking oral erectile dysfunction agents (e.g. Cialis, Viagra) or any organic nitrates in any form
 - The patient is **NOT** concurrently taking guanylate cyclase stimulators (e.g. Adempas)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested strength with the following quantity limits:**

- **Sildenafil (Revatio, GPID 24758) 20mg tablets: #3 tablets per day.**
- **Sildenafil (Revatio, GPID 28273) 10mg/12.5mL vial: 37.5mL (#3 vials) per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient has shown improvement from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance test **OR** that the patient has a stable 6-minute walk distance test with a stable or improved WHO functional class.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PDE5 INHIBITORS FOR PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

REVATIO (SILDENAFIL) ORAL SUSPENSION

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group I) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is unable to swallow pills and has tried crushed sildenafil tablets
 - The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
 - Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) > 3 Wood units
 - The patient has NYHA-WHO Functional Class II to IV symptoms
 - The patient is **NOT** concurrently or intermittently taking oral erectile dysfunction agents (e.g. Cialis, Viagra) or any organic nitrates in any form
 - The patient is **NOT** concurrently taking guanylate cyclase stimulators (e.g. Adempas)

If yes, **approve Revatio (Sildenafil) oral suspension for 12 months by GPID (33186) with a quantity limit of #224mL (2 bottles) per 30 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient has shown improvement from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance test **OR** that the patient has a stable 6-minute walk distance test with a stable or improved WHO functional class.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PDE5 INHIBITORS FOR PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline for **PDE5 INHIBITORS FOR PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION (Revatio, Adcirca/Alyq)** requires a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) World Health Organization (WHO Group I). The following criteria must also be met:

- The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
- Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of greater than or equal to 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) less than or equal to 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) greater than 3 Wood units
- The patient has NYHA-WHO Functional Class II to IV symptoms
- The patient is NOT concurrently or intermittently taking oral erectile dysfunction agents (e.g. Cialis, Viagra) or any organic nitrates in any form
- The patient is NOT concurrently taking guanylate cyclase stimulators (e.g. Adempas)
- In addition to the above requirements, the following criteria apply to the specific agents listed.
 - **Request for ADCIRCA/ALYQ (Tadalafil)** requires a trial of or contraindication to sildenafil (Revatio)
 - **Request for REVATIO (Sildenafil) ORAL SUSPENSION** requires that the patient is unable to swallow pills and has tried crushed sildenafil tablets

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group I)?

If yes, continue to #2

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Has the patient shown improvement from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance test?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested drug with the following quantity limits:**

- **Tadalafil (Adcirca/Alyq GPID 26587): #2 tablets per day.**
- **Sildenafil (Revatio GPID 24758) 20mg tablets: #3 tablets per day.**
- **Sildenafil (Revatio GPID 28273) 10mg/12.5mL vial: #37.5mL (#3 vials) per day.**
- **Sildenafil (Revatio GPID 33186) 10mg/mL suspension: #224mL (2 bottles) per 30 days.**

If no, continue to #3.

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PDE5 INHIBITORS FOR PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

3. Has the patient remained stable from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance test with a stable or improved WHO functional class?

If yes, approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested drug with the following quantity limits:

- Tadalafil (Adcirca/Alyq GPID 26587): #2 tablets per day
- Sildenafil (Revatio GPID 24758) 20mg tablets: #3 tablets per day.
- Sildenafil (Revatio GPID 28273) 10mg/12.5mL vial: #37.5mL (#3 vials) per day.
- Sildenafil (Revatio GPID 33186) 10mg/mL suspension: #224mL (2 bottles) per 30 days.

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **PDE5 INHIBITORS FOR PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION (Revatio, Adcirca/Alyq)** requires a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) World Health Organization (WHO) Group 1. In addition, **ONE** of the following criteria must be met for renewal:

- The patient has shown improvement from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance test
- The patient has a stable 6-minute walk distance test with a stable or improved WHO functional class

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Adcirca/Alyq and Revatio.

REFERENCES

- Revatio [Prescribing Information] New York, NY: Pfizer Inc.; February 2018.
- Adcirca [Prescribing Information] Indianapolis, IN: Eli Lilly and Company; August 2017.
- Alyq [Prescribing Information] North Wales, PA: Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., January 2019.

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PEG-INTERFERON ALFA-2B

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
PEG-INTERFERON ALFA-2B	SYLATRON, SYLATRON 4-PACK		29809, 29811, 29812	

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the patient currently taking requested medication?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #3.

2. Has the patient received 5 years of therapy with Sylatron?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Duration of therapy is limited to 5 years per FDA approved indication.

If no, **approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of one 296mcg 4-pack or four 296mcg single dose kits per month.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of melanoma with microscopic or gross nodal involvement within 84 days of definitive surgical resection?

If yes, **approve. Enter two authorizations as follows:**

- **2 months with a quantity limit of one 4-pack or four single dose kits per month, AND**
- **10 months with a quantity limit of one 296mcg 4-pack or four 296mcg single dose kits per month with a start date 1 week prior to the end date of the authorization for 2 months.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of melanoma with microscopic or gross nodal involvement within 84 days of definitive surgical resection.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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PEG-INTERFERON ALFA-2B

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of Sylatron based on FDA approved indication and NCCN guidelines. Peg-interferon in combination with wide excision is recommended for the treatment of Melanoma. Sylatron's dosing is weight based as follows: 6mcg/kg/week for 8 doses followed by 3mcg/kg/week subcutaneously for up to 5 years. This guideline approves the appropriate quantities for a patient weighing up to 98kg. Patients weighing over 98kg should be reviewed by clinical to determine the appropriate dose.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Sylatron is indicated for the adjuvant treatment of melanoma with microscopic or gross nodal involvement within 84 days of definitive surgical resection including complete lymphadenectomy.

REFERENCES

- Eggermont AMM, Sucio S, Santinami M et al. Adjuvant therapy with pegylated interferon alfa-2b versus observation alone in resected stage III melanoma: final results of EORTC 18991, a randomised phase III trial. *Lancet* 200; 372:117-126.
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. The NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology. Melanoma. (Version 4.2011).
- Schering Corporation. Sylatron package insert. Kenilworth, NJ. March 2011.
- Thomson Healthcare. Monograph Name. DRUGDEX® System [database online]. Greenwood Village, CO. Available at: <https://www.thomsonhc.com/hcs/librarian/PFDefaultActionId/pf.LoginAction>. [Accessed: June 22, 2011].

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PEGINTERFERON ALFA 2A OR 2B (PEGASYS OR PEGINTRON)

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
PEGINTERFERON ALFA-2A	PEGASYS, PEGASYS PROCLICK	24035		
PEGINTERFERON ALFA-2B	PEGINTRON	21367		GCN ≠ 29809, 29811, 29812

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization. All requests for hepatitis C medications require review by a pharmacist prior to final approval.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the request for continuation of current therapy (also consider continuation if member has a claim for the currently requested interferon in the past 120 days) or a renewal?

If yes, continue to #9.
If no, continue to #2.

2. Is the request for Pegasys vial, kit, or syringes?

If yes, continue to #3.
If no, continue to #4.

3. Is the patient being treated for chronic hepatitis B and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Patient is 3 years of age or older
- The medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, a physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (e.g., a hepatologist) or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model
- Patient has no cirrhosis
- Patient has serum HBeAg positive chronic hepatitis B
- Patient has evidence of viral replication with elevated serum ALT

If yes, **approve for 24 weeks (6 months) by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 vials/syringes per 28 days.**
If no, continue to #5.

4. Is the request for PegIntron **AND** the patient is between 3 and 11 years old?

If yes, continue to #6.
If no, do not approve.
DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PEGINTERFERON ALFA 2A OR 2B (PEGASYS OR PEGINTRON)

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

5. Is the patient between 3 and 11 years old?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

6. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Patient is being treated for chronic hepatitis C and the medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist or a physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (e.g., a hepatologist)
- Patient has extrahepatic manifestations of hepatitis C such as cryoglobulinemia, rashes, and glomerulonephritis - as well as advanced fibrosis that requires urgent HCV treatment to minimize future morbidity and mortality
- Peginterferon is being used with ribavirin or patient has a contraindication to ribavirin
- Patient has a detectable pretreatment HCV RNA level/viral load (Varies by lab assay but is a level typically greater than or equal to 25 IU/mL)

If yes, continue to #7.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

7. Is the patient infected with genotype 2 or genotype 3 hepatitis C?

If yes, **approve by HICL as follows:**

- **For two-drug regimen with ribavirin (peginterferon plus ribavirin only): approve for up to 24 weeks.**

If no, continue to #8.

8. Is the patient infected with genotype 1, 4, 5 or 6 hepatitis C?

If yes, **approve by HICL as follows:**

- **For two-drug regimen with ribavirin (peginterferon plus ribavirin only): approve for 48 weeks (12 months).**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PEGINTERFERON ALFA 2A OR 2B (PEGASYS OR PEGINTRON)

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

9. Is the request for the treatment of hepatitis B?

If yes, continue to #10.

If no, continue to #11.

10. Is the request for Pegasys?

If yes, **approve for 24 weeks (6 months) by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 vials/syringes per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

11. Is the request for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C and meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- Requested medication will be used in combination with ribavirin
- Patient has a contraindication to combination therapy with ribavirin

If yes, continue to #12.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

12. Is the patient infected with genotype 1, 4, 5 or 6 hepatitis C?

If yes, **approve by HICL for up to 32 weeks for a total of 48 weeks of treatment.**

If no, continue to #13.

13. Does the patient have genotype 2 or 3 hepatitis C?

If yes, **approve by HICL for a maximum total of 24 weeks of treatment.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PEGINTERFERON ALFA 2A OR 2B (PEGASYS OR PEGINTRON)

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **PEGINTERFERON ALFA-2A or 2B (Pegasys or PegIntron)** requires a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6. Requests for Pegasys will also be approved for a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis B. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For diagnosis of chronic hepatitis B, approval requires:

- Patient is 3 years of age or older
- The medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, a physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (e.g., a hepatologist) or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model
- Patient has no cirrhosis
- Patient has serum HBeAg positive chronic hepatitis B
- Patient has evidence of viral replication with elevated serum ALT

For diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, approval requires:

- Patient age is between 3 and 11 years old
- The medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist or a physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (e.g., a hepatologist)
- Patient has extrahepatic manifestations of hepatitis C such as cryoglobulinemia, rashes, and glomerulonephritis - as well as advanced fibrosis that requires urgent HCV treatment to minimize future morbidity and mortality
- Peginterferon is being used with ribavirin or patient has a contraindication to ribavirin
- Patient has a detectable pretreatment HCV RNA level/viral load (Varies by lab assay but is a level typically greater than or equal to 25 IU/mL)

Please discuss the requirements for approval: specific diagnosis, specific lab test (blood test), and the requirement of a physician specialist consult.

RATIONALE

Ensure that ribavirin and interferon are used in combination for treatment of chronic hepatitis C, when indicated. When peginterferon is used as dual therapy in combination with ribavirin, total therapy time for HCV genotypes 1, 4, 5 and 6 is 48 weeks, and for HCV genotypes 2 and 3 is 16 to 24 weeks.

Note on HCV RNA levels defined by lab as undetectable versus detectable but not quantifiable:

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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PEGINTERFERON ALFA 2A OR 2B (PEGASYS OR PEGINTRON)

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Commercially available quantitative HCV RNA assays may have differing limits for quantification and detection. The lower limit of detection is 10 or 50 IU/mL HCV RNA (depends on assay used by lab). The FDA suggests that labs testing HCV RNA levels for patients taking protease inhibitors must use an assay with a lower limit of quantification of 25 IU/mL or less, and a lower limit of detection of 10-15 IU/mL. Generally, patients with detectable but not quantifiable levels of HCV RNA will have lower SVR rates with triple therapy; a detectable but not quantifiable HCV RNA level should not be considered equivalent to an undetectable level. When the product package insert (or MedImpact PA guideline) specifies “undetectable HCV RNA level”, generally an undetectable HCV RNA result is required.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

PEGASYS (peg-interferon alfa-2a) alone or in combination with COPEGUS (ribavirin) is indicated for the treatment of patient's age 5 years and older with chronic hepatitis C virus infection who have compensated liver disease and have not been previously treated with interferon or peginterferon alfa.

PEGASYS is also indicated for treatment of adults with chronic hepatitis C virus infection in patients with HIV/HCV co-infection.

PEGASYS is also indicated for treatment of adults with HBeAg positive and negative chronic hepatitis B who have compensated liver disease and evidence of viral replication and inflammation.

PEGASYS is also indicated for treatment of chronic hepatitis B in children age 3 years and older without cirrhosis, with HBeAg positive chronic hepatitis B and evidence of viral replication with elevated serum ALT.

PEGINTRON (peg-interferon alfa-2B) is indicated for use alone for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C in adults at least 18 years of age with compensated liver disease who have and those who have not been previously treated with interferon alfa.

PEGINTRON (peg-interferon alfa-2B) in combination with REBETOL (ribavirin) is indicated for use in the treatment of chronic hepatitis C in adults and children at least 3 years of age with compensated liver disease.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PEGINTERFERON ALFA 2A OR 2B (PEGASYS OR PEGINTRON)

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PEGVALIASE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
PEGVALIASE-PQPZ	PALYNZIQ	44944		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of phenylketonuria and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient has uncontrolled blood phenylalanine concentrations greater than 600 micromol/L on existing management, as confirmed by a measurement in the last 30 days
 - The patient has had a previous trial of Kuvan (sapropterin)
 - The patient is not concurrently receiving Kuvan (sapropterin)

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID for all strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- **Palynziq 2.5mg/0.5mL (GPID 44791): #1mL (2 syringes) per 7 days.**
- **Palynziq 10mg/0.5mL (GPID 44792): #0.5mL (1 syringe) per day.**
- **Palynziq 20mg/mL (GPID 44793): #2mL (2 syringes) per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient has demonstrated a reduction in phenylalanine levels, compared to baseline, by at least 20% or to a level below 600 micromol/L.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **PEGVALIASE (Palynziq)** requires a diagnosis of phenylketonuria. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has uncontrolled blood phenylalanine concentrations greater than 600 micromol/L on existing management, as confirmed by a measurement in the last 30 days
- The patient has had a previous trial of Kuvan (sapropterin)
- The patient is not concurrently receiving Kuvan (sapropterin)

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PEGVALIAS

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of phenylketonuria and meet the following criteria?
 - The patient has demonstrated a reduction in phenylalanine levels, compared to baseline, by at least 20% or to a level below 600 micromol/L

If yes, approve for 12 months by GPID for all strengths with the following quantity limits:

- Palynziq 2.5mg/0.5mL (GPID 44791): #1mL (2 syringes) per 7 days.
- Palynziq 10mg/0.5mL (GPID 44792): #0.5mL (1 syringe) per day.
- Palynziq 20mg/mL (GPID 44793): #2mL (2 syringes) per day.

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **PEGVALIAS (Palynziq)** requires a diagnosis of phenylketonuria. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient has demonstrated a reduction in phenylalanine levels, compared to baseline, by at least 20% or to a level below 600 micromol/L

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of Palynziq (pegvalias) consistent with FDA-approved indication and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Palynziq is a phenylalanine-metabolizing enzyme indicated to reduce blood phenylalanine concentrations in adult patients with phenylketonuria who have uncontrolled blood phenylalanine concentrations greater than 600 micromol/L on existing management.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Treatment with Palynziq should be managed by a healthcare provider experienced in the management of phenylketonuria. Before initiating treatment, baseline blood phenylalanine concentrations should be obtained. After initiating treatment with Palynziq, blood phenylalanine concentrations should be obtained every 4 weeks until a maintenance dosage is established. After a maintenance dosage is established, periodic blood phenylalanine monitoring is recommended to assess blood phenylalanine control.

For hypersensitivity reactions, premedication may be considered with an H₁-receptor antagonist, H₂-receptor antagonist, and/or antipyretic prior to Palynziq administration based upon individual patient tolerability.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PEGVALIASE

FDA APPROVED INDICATION (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Induction:

The recommended initial induction dosage for Palynziq is 2.5 mg subcutaneously once weekly for 4 weeks. The initial dose should be administered under the supervision of a healthcare provider.

Titration:

Palynziq doses should be titrated in a stepwise manner based on tolerability, over at least 5 weeks, to achieve a dosage of 20 mg subcutaneously once daily.

Maintenance:

Therapeutic response may not be achieved until the patient is titrated to an effective maintenance dosage. The lowest effective and tolerated dosage of Palynziq should be used. Palynziq should be maintained at a dosage of 20 mg subcutaneously once daily for at least 24 weeks. Increasing the dosage to a maximum of 40 mg subcutaneously once daily may be considered in patients who have been maintained continuously on 20 mg once daily for at least 24 weeks and who have not achieved either a 20% reduction in blood phenylalanine concentrations from pre-treatment baseline levels or blood phenylalanine concentrations ≤ 600 micromol/L. Patient tolerability, blood phenylalanine concentrations, and dietary protein and phenylalanine intake should be assessed throughout treatment.

Discontinuation:

Palynziq should be discontinued in patients who have not achieved a response (at least a 20% reduction in blood phenylalanine concentrations from pre-treatment baseline levels or blood phenylalanine concentrations ≤ 600 micromol/L) after 16 weeks of continuous treatment with the maximum dosage of 40 mg once daily.

Phase of Treatment	Palynziq Dosing Regimen	Duration ^a
Induction	2.5 mg SC once weekly	4 weeks
Titration	2.5 mg SC twice weekly	1 week
	10 mg SC once weekly	1 week
	10 mg SC twice weekly	1 week
	10 mg SC four times per week	1 week
	10 mg SC once daily	1 week
Maintenance ^b	20 mg SC once daily	24 weeks

^aAdditional time may be required prior to each dosage escalation based on patient tolerability.

^bTreatment should be individualized to the lowest effective and tolerated dosage. Increasing Palynziq to a maximum dosage of 40 mg once daily may be considered in patients who have not achieved a therapeutic response with at least 24 weeks of 20 mg once daily.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

PEGVALIASE

REFERENCES

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PENICILLAMINE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
PENICILLAMINE	CUPRIMINE		7091	
PENICILLAMINE	DEPEN		7100	
PENICILLAMINE	D-PENAMINE		7101	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Is the request for D-Penaminate and the patient has an active prior authorization approval for Depen?
[Note: D-Penaminate is temporarily available to address a critical drug shortage of Depen. Patients previously approved for Depen will be allowed access without additional criteria during this shortage.]

If yes, approve D-Penaminate for 12 months by GPID (7101) for the requested indication as follows:

- **Wilson's Disease: #16 tablets per day.**
- **Active Rheumatoid Arthritis: #12 tablets per day.**
- **Cystinuria: #32 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a known family history of Wilson's disease or physical examination consistent with Wilson's disease and meet **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - Plasma copper-protein ceruloplasmin less than 20mg/dL
 - Liver biopsy positive for an abnormally high concentration of copper (greater than 250mcg/g dry weight) **OR** the presence of Kayser-Fleischer rings
 - The diagnosis has been confirmed by genetic testing for ATP7B mutations

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, continue to #6.

3. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has maintained a reduced copper dietary intake (less than 2mg copper per day)
 - The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a hepatologist

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PENICILLAMINE

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

4. Is the request for Depen or D-Penamamine?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested drug as follows:**

- **Depen (GPID 7100): #8 tablets per day.**
- **D-Penamamine (GPID 7101): #16 tablets per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires a diagnosis of Wilson's disease.

If no, continue to #5.

5. Is the request for Cuprimine and the patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Depen (penicillamine) or D-Penamamine (penicillamine)?

If yes, **approve Cuprimine for 12 months by GPID (7091) with a quantity limit of #8 capsules per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires a diagnosis of Wilson's disease.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

6. Does the patient have a diagnosis of cystinuria and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Presence of nephrolithiasis and at least **ONE** of the following:
 - Stone analysis positive for cystine
 - Urinalysis positive for pathognomonic hexagonal cystine crystals
 - Family history of cystinuria with a positive cyanide-nitroprusside screen
- Daily cystine output greater than 300mg per 24 hours following urine cystine excretion testing
- The patient has failed to respond to an adequate trial of conventional therapy which includes **ALL** of the following (unless contraindicated): increased fluid intake, modest reductions in sodium and protein intake, and urinary alkalinization
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a nephrologist

If yes, continue to #7.

If no, continue to #9.

7. Is the request for Depen or D-Penamamine?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested drug as follows:**

- **Depen (GPID 7100): #16 tablets per day.**
- **D-Penamamine (GPID 7101): #32 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #8.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PENICILLAMINE

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

8. Is the request for Cuprimine and has the patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Depen (penicillamine) or D-Penaminate (penicillamine) **AND** Thiola (tiopronin)?

If yes, **approve Cuprimine for 12 months by GPID (7091) with a quantity of #16 capsules per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

9. Does the patient have a diagnosis of active rheumatoid arthritis and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient does not have a history of or other evidence of renal insufficiency
- The patient has failed to respond to an adequate trial of conventional therapy including at least one of the following DMARD (disease-modifying antirheumatic drug) agents: methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine

If yes, continue to #10.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

10. Is the request for Depen or D-Penaminate?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested drug as follows:**

- **Depen (GPID 7100): #6 tablets per day.**
- **D-Penaminate (GPID 7101): #12 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #11.

11. Is the request for Cuprimine and has the patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Depen (penicillamine) or D-Penaminate (penicillamine)?

If yes, **approve Cuprimine for 12 months by GPID (7091) with a quantity of #6 capsules per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PENICILLAMINE

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **PENICILLAMINE (Cuprimine, Depen, D-Penaminate)** will allow for approval for patients with a known family history of Wilson's disease or physical examination consistent with Wilson's disease, cystinuria, or active rheumatoid arthritis unresponsive to conventional therapy. The following criteria must also be met:

For patients with Wilson's disease, approval requires ONE of the following:

- Plasma copper-protein ceruloplasmin less than 20mg/dL
 - Liver biopsy positive for an abnormally high concentration of copper (greater than 250mcg/g dry weight) **OR** the presence of Kayser-Fleischer rings
 - The diagnosis has been confirmed by genetic testing for ATP7B mutations
- In addition, the following criteria must also be met:
- The patient has maintained a reduced copper dietary intake (less than 2mg copper per day)
 - The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a hepatologist
 - For Cuprimine requests, the patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Depen (penicillamine) or D-Penaminate (penicillamine)

For patients with cystinuria, approval requires:

- Presence of nephrolithiasis and at least **ONE** of the following:
 - Stone analysis positive for cystine
 - Urinalysis positive for pathognomonic hexagonal cystine crystals
 - Family history of cystinuria with a positive cyanide-nitroprusside screen
- Daily cystine output greater than 300mg per 24 hours following urine cystine excretion testing
- Patient has failed to respond to an adequate trial of conventional therapy which includes **ALL** of the following (unless contraindicated):
 - Increased fluid intake
 - Modest reductions in sodium and protein intake
 - Urinary alkalization
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a nephrologist
- For Cuprimine requests, the patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Depen (penicillamine) or D-Penaminate (penicillamine) **AND** Thiola (tiopronin)

For patients with active rheumatoid arthritis unresponsive to conventional therapy, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient does not have a history of or other evidence of renal insufficiency
- The patient has failed to respond to an adequate trial of conventional therapy including at least one of the following DMARD (disease-modifying antirheumatic drug) agents: methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- For Cuprimine requests, the patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Depen (penicillamine) or D-Penaminate (penicillamine)

For patients with an active prior authorization approval for Depen, D-Penaminate will be approved without meeting additional criteria during the period of Depen shortage.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PENICILLAMINE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Wilson's disease?

If yes, approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested drug as follows:

- Depen (GPID 7100): #8 tablets per day.
- Cuprimine (GPID 7091): #8 capsules per day.
- D-Penammine (GPID 7101): #16 tablets per day.

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **PENICILLAMINE (Cuprimine, Depen, D-Penammine)** will allow for renewal for patients with a diagnosis of Wilson's disease.

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for penicillamine

REFERENCES

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- Thiola [Prescribing Information]. San Antonio, TX. Mission Pharmacal; November 2012.
- Depen [Prescribing Information]. Somerset, NJ. Meda Pharmaceuticals; April 2009.
- FDA Website: Penicillamine (Depen) Titratable Tablets Drug Shortage. Available at: [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/drugshortages/dsp_ActiveIngredientDetails.cfm?AI=Penicillamine%20\(Depen\)%20Titratable%20Tablets&st=c](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/drugshortages/dsp_ActiveIngredientDetails.cfm?AI=Penicillamine%20(Depen)%20Titratable%20Tablets&st=c). Accessed on January 21, 2019

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PHENOXYBENZAMINE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
PHENOXYBENZAMINE	DIBENZYLINE	02098		ROUTE = ORAL

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of pheochromocytoma and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The requested medication is used for the treatment of pheochromocytoma prior to pheochromocytoma resection/removal
 - Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist, an endocrine surgeon, or a hematologist - oncologist
 - The patient has had a previous trial of or contraindication to an alpha-1 selective adrenergic receptor blocker (e.g., doxazosin, terazosin, or prazosin)

If yes, **approve for one fill by HICL with a quantity limit of #10 capsules per day for 21 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline for **PHENOXYBENZAMINE (Dibenzyliline)** requires a diagnosis of pheochromocytoma. In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- The requested medication is used for the treatment of pheochromocytoma prior to pheochromocytoma resection/removal
- Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist, an endocrine surgeon, or a hematologist - oncologist
- The patient has had a previous trial of or contraindication to an alpha-1 selective adrenergic receptor blocker (e.g., doxazosin, terazosin, or prazosin)

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization for phenoxybenzamine based on FDA approved indication and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Phenoxybenzamine is indicated for the treatment of pheochromocytoma, to control episodes of hypertension and sweating. If tachycardia is excessive, it may be necessary to use a beta-blocking agent concomitantly.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PHENOXYBENZAMINE

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Initial dose for phenoxybenzamine is 10 mg orally twice a day. Dosage should be increased every other day, usually to 20 to 40 mg 2 or 3 times a day, until an optimal dosage is obtained, as judged by blood pressure control.

Dosage should be adjusted to fit the needs of each patient. Small initial doses should be slowly increased until the desired effect is obtained or the side effects from blockade become troublesome. After each increase, the patient should be observed on that level before instituting another increase. The dosage should be carried to a point where symptomatic relief and/or objective improvement are obtained, but not so high that the side effects from blockade become troublesome.

Long-term use of phenoxybenzamine is not recommended.

REFERENCES

- Phenoxybenzamine [Prescribing Information]. West-Ward Pharmaceuticals Corp. Eatontown, NJ. May 2016.
- Lenders JWM, Duh QY, Eisenhofer G, et al. Pheochromocytoma and Paraganglioma: An Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* June 2014; 99 (6):1915-1942.
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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PIMAVANSERIN

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
PIMAVANSERIN	NUPLAZID	43373		ROUTE = ORAL

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THIS IS A HIGH-IMPACT MEDICATION. DO NOT OVERRIDE OR APPROVE WITHOUT SUBMITTING FOR PHARMACIST REVIEW.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease psychosis and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Patient is 18 years of age or older
 - Medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a physician specializing in one of the following areas: neurology, geriatric medicine, or behavioral health (such as psychiatrist)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested strength with the following quantity limits:**

- **34mg capsules (GPID 44963): #30 capsules per 30 days.**
- **17mg tablets (GPID 41264): #60 tablets per 30 days.**
- **10mg tablets (GPID 44959): #30 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline for **PIMAVANSERIN (Nuplazid)** requires a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease psychosis. The following criteria must also be met.

- Patient is 18 years of age or older
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a physician specializing in one of the following areas: neurology, geriatric medicine, or behavioral health (such as a psychiatrist)

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PIMAVANSERIN

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. During the past 12 months of therapy, has the patient experienced an improvement in psychosis symptoms from baseline and demonstrates a continued need for treatment?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested strength with the following quantity limits:**

- **34mg capsules (GPID 44963): #30 capsules per 30 days.**
- **17mg tablets (GPID 41264): #60 tablets per 30 days.**
- **10mg tablets (GPID 44959): #30 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline for **PIMAVANSERIN (Nuplazid)** renewal requires that the patient has experienced an improvement in psychosis symptoms from baseline during the past 12 months of therapy and demonstrates a continued need for treatment.

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **pimavanserin** based on FDA approved indication.

Parkinson's disease (PD) has both motor and non-motor symptoms that can lead to disability, morbidity, and mortality. Parkinson's disease associated psychosis (PDP) is a non-motor symptom that develops at least a year after noticeable motor dysfunction. The psychotic symptoms of PDP are most commonly visual hallucinations, however patients may also experience sensory, somatic, or auditory hallucinations, as well delusions. Many times PDP develops as a result of medication(s) taken to aid with PD motor dysfunction. Current antipsychotic medications have been shown to worsen PD and motor dysfunction.

In clinical trials, pimavanserin was shown to significantly reduce The Scale for the Assessment of Positive Symptoms in Parkinson's Disease (SAPS-PD) scores leading to decreased caregiver burden, as well as improvement in sleep and daytime wakefulness. The SAPS-PD scale assesses the severity and frequency of hallucinations and delusions in PD patients; higher values indicate severer symptoms. A reduction in The Clinical Global Impression-Severity (CGI-S) and improvement scales (CGI-I) were also observed in patients both PDP treatment naïve, as well as those switched from currently available antipsychotics. Clinical trials were also able to show that pimavanserin is able to exhibit antipsychotic effects without negative impact on motor function as UPDRS parts II (activities of daily living) and III (motor function) scores demonstrated that pimavanserin was non-inferior to placebo. Extension studies demonstrated that treatment benefits are sustained over time. Clinical trials determined that an NNT of 11 was necessary to see a 50% reduction in psychotic symptoms.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PIMAVANSERIN

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

In clinical trials, pimavanserin was shown to improve scores on The Scale for the Assessment of Positive Symptoms in Parkinson's Disease (SAPS-PD), The Clinical Global Impression-Severity (CGI-S) and improvement scales (CGI-I) scores, and caregiver burden scale.

DOSAGE

The recommended dosage of Nuplazid is 34mg orally once daily, without titration, taken with or without food. Reduce dose to 10mg once daily when administering with a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Nuplazid (pimavanserin) is indicated as treatment of hallucinations and delusions associated Parkinson's disease psychosis.

Boxed warning:

- Increased risk of death in dementia-related psychosis treated with antipsychotic drugs.
- Nuplazid is not approved for the treatment of dementia-related psychosis unrelated to the hallucinations and delusions associated with Parkinson's disease psychosis.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PIRFENIDONE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
PIRFENIDONE	ESBRIET	40237		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Patient does not have other known causes of interstitial lung disease (e.g., connective tissue disease, drug toxicity, asbestos or beryllium exposure, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, systemic sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, radiation, sarcoidosis, bronchiolitis obliterans organizing pneumonia, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, viral hepatitis, or cancer)
 - Treatment is prescribed by or given in consultation with a pulmonologist
 - Patient has a usual interstitial pneumonia (UIP) pattern as evidenced by high-resolution computed tomography (HRCT) alone or via a combination of surgical lung biopsy and HRCT
 - Patient has a predicted forced vital capacity (FVC) of at least 50%
 - Patient has obtained liver function tests prior to starting pirfenidone
 - Patient does not currently smoke cigarettes

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all dosage strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- **267mg capsule (GPID 34553): #9 capsules (2403mg) per day.**
- **267mg tablet (GPID 42903): #9 tablets (2403mg) per day.**
- **801mg tablet (GPID 42905): #3 tablets (2403mg) per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **PIRFENIDONE (Esbriet)** requires a diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF). IPF is defined by the American Thoracic Society with the following criteria: a) Exclusion of other known causes of interstitial lung disease (ILD) (e.g., connective tissue disease, drug toxicity, asbestos or beryllium exposure, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, systemic sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, radiation, sarcoidosis, bronchiolitis obliterans organizing pneumonia, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, viral hepatitis, or cancer) **AND** b) The presence of usual interstitial pneumonia (UIP) pattern as evidenced by high-resolution computed tomography (HRCT) alone or via a combination of surgical lung biopsy and HRCT. In addition, the guideline requires:

- Treatment is prescribed by or given in consultation with a pulmonologist
- Patient must obtained liver function tests prior to starting pirfenidone
- Patient has a predicted forced vital capacity (FVC) of at least 50%
- Patient does not currently smoke cigarettes

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

PIRFENIDONE

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of Esbriet based on FDA approved indication and dosage.

Esbriet (pirfenidone) is one of the first drugs to be approved by the FDA to treat idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF). Ofev (nintedanib), the other agent for the treatment of IPF, was also approved on the same day. These two drugs were granted Breakthrough Therapy Designation as well as Orphan Drug status since there are no other drugs to date for the treatment of IPF, a disease that affects an estimated 100,000 people (mostly adults over the age of 40) in the United States. IPF is a chronic, progressive disorder of the lower respiratory tract in which lung tissue becomes scarred or fibrotic over time. As a result, patients with IPF experience shortness of breath, cough, and difficulty participating in everyday physical activities.

The American Thoracic Society guidelines state the diagnosis of IPF requires:

- a) Exclusion of other known causes of interstitial lung disease (ILD) (e.g., domestic and occupational environmental exposures, connective tissue disease, and drug toxicity)
- b) The presence of a usual interstitial pneumonia (UIP) pattern on high-resolution computed tomography (HRCT) in patients not subjected to surgical lung biopsy
- c) Specific combinations of HRCT and surgical lung biopsy pattern in patients subjected to surgical lung biopsy.

There is no cure for IPF; many people live only about 3 to 5 years, with the most common cause of death related to IPF being respiratory failure. The exact cause of IPF is not known, but the associated risk factors include cigarette smoking, viral infection, environmental pollutants, chronic aspiration, genetic predisposition, and drugs.

Treatment options for IPF have been extremely limited, mainly consisting of supportive care (oxygen therapy, pulmonary rehabilitation) and lung transplantation. The approval of Esbriet provides a new treatment option that may slow disease progression for patients with IPF. It is an orally administered pyridine that exerts anti-inflammatory effects by interfering with the production of Transforming Growth Factor (TGF)-beta, a small protein in the body involved in how cells grow, and Tumor Necrosis Factor (TNF)-alpha, a small protein that is involved in inflammation. In addition, it behaves as an antifibrotic by directly altering the expression, synthesis, and possibly accumulation of collagen.

Esbriet is metabolized primarily (70 to 80%) via CYP1A2 with minor contributions from other CYP isoenzymes including CYP2C9, 2C19, 2D6 and 2E1. The concomitant administration of Esbriet and fluvoxamine or other strong CYP1A2 inhibitors is not recommended because it significantly increases exposure to Esbriet. Concomitant administration of Esbriet and ciprofloxacin moderately increases exposure to Esbriet. Conversely, concomitant use of Esbriet and a CYP1A2 inducer may decrease the exposure of Esbriet and decrease efficacy; this interaction may be particularly important for smokers. Hydrocarbons found in cigarettes are potent CYP1A2 inducers, and for smokers, the AUC and C_{max} of Esbriet were 46% and 68% that of non-smokers (respectively). Patients should be instructed to stop smoking prior to and during treatment with Esbriet.

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PIRFENIDONE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Increases in ALT and AST greater than three times the upper limit of normal have been reported, with rare occasions of concomitant elevations in bilirubin. Increases in these liver enzymes were reversible with dose medication or treatment discontinuation. Prior to starting Esbriet, patients should obtain liver function tests.

The most common adverse reactions ($\geq 10\%$) are nausea, rash, abdominal pain, upper respiratory tract infection, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, dyspepsia, dizziness, vomiting, anorexia, gastro-esophageal reflux disease, sinusitis, insomnia, weight decreased, and arthralgia.

DOSAGE

The recommended daily maintenance dose of Esbriet is 801mg (three 267mg capsules, three 267mg tablets, or one 801mg tablet) three times a day with food for a total of 2403mg/day. Doses should be taken at the same time each day.

Upon initiation of treatment, titrate to the full dosage of 2403 mg per day over a 14-day period as follows:

TREATMENT DAYS	DOSAGE
Days 1 through 7	267 mg three times a day with food
Days 8 through 14	534 mg three times a day with food
Days 15 onward	801 mg three times a day with food

Patients who miss 14 or more days of Esbriet should re-initiate treatment by undergoing the initial 2-week titration regimen up to the full maintenance dosage.

Temporary dosage reductions or interruptions of Esbriet may be considered if patients experience significant adverse reactions or elevations in liver enzyme and bilirubin. Modifications in dosage should also be considered when Esbriet is administered concurrently with CYP1A2 inhibitors.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Esbriet is a pyridine indicated for the treatment of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF).

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PIRFENIDONE

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

POMALIDOMIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
POMALIDOMIDE	POMALYST	39996		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of multiple myeloma?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Has the patient received at least two prior therapies including Revlimid (lenalidomide) and a proteasome inhibitor (e.g., Velcade [bortezomib], Kyprolis [carfilzomib], or Ninlaro [ixazomib])?

If yes, **approve for 12 fills by HICL with a quantity limit of #21 capsules per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **POMALIDOMIDE (Pomalyst)** requires a diagnosis of multiple myeloma and prior trial with at least two therapies including Revlimid (lenalidomide) and a proteasome inhibitor (e.g., Velcade [bortezomib], Kyprolis [carfilzomib], or Ninlaro [ixazomib]).

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate utilization of pomalidomide (Pomalyst) based on FDA approved indications.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Pomalyst (pomalidomide) is indicated for patients with multiple myeloma (MM) who have received at least two prior therapies including Revlimid (lenalidomide) and a proteasome inhibitor and have demonstrated disease progression on or within 60 days of completion of the last therapy.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended starting dose of Pomalyst is 4mg once daily orally on days 1 to 21 of repeated 28-day cycles until disease progression. Pomalyst should be given in combination with dexamethasone. Dose reductions are recommended in patients with severe renal impairment on dialysis, hepatic impairment, concomitant use of CYP1A2 inhibitors, or if toxicities occur.

HOW SUPPLIED

Pomalyst is supplied as capsules in the following strengths: 1mg, 2mg, 3mg and 4mg.

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POMALIDOMIDE

REFERENCES

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PONATINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
PONATINIB HCL	ICLUSIG	39859		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of T315I-positive chronic myeloid leukemia (CML), or T315I-positive Philadelphia chromosome positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia (Ph+ ALL)?

If yes, **approve for 12 fills by GPID as requested with the following quantity limits:**

- **45mg: #30 tablets per 30 days;**
- **15mg: #60 tablets per 30 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic myeloid leukemia (CML), or Philadelphia chromosome positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia (Ph+ ALL)?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Has the patient previously tried or does the patient have a contraindication to Gleevec, Sprycel, Tassigna, or Bosulif?

If yes, **approve for 12 fills by GPID as requested with the following quantity limits:**

- **45mg: #30 tablets per 30 days;**
- **15mg: #60 tablets per 30 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires that one of the following conditions are met: 1) a diagnosis of T315I-positive chronic myeloid leukemia (CML), or T315I-positive Philadelphia chromosome positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia (Ph+ ALL); or 2) a diagnosis of chronic myeloid leukemia (CML), or Philadelphia chromosome positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia (Ph+ ALL) with a previous trial of Gleevec, Sprycel, Tassigna, or Bosulif, which may also require prior authorization.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

PONATINIB

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of ponatinib based on FDA approved indication and dosage. The recommended dosage is 45mg once daily with or without food. Tablets should be swallowed whole. Continue treatment as long as the patient does not show evidence of disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Dose modifications to 30mg and then 15mg daily are recommended for neutropenia and thrombocytopenia unrelated to leukemia; hepatic toxicity; or pancreatitis and lipase elevation. The recommended dose should be reduced to 30 mg once daily when administering Iclusig with strong CYP3A inhibitors.

Iclusig (ponatinib) is the fifth tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) approved for the treatment of CML. It blocks the activity of ABL (including the T315I mutation) to treat CML and Ph+ALL. Iclusig also inhibited the in vitro activity of additional kinases involved in the growth and development of cancer cells. These include members of the VEGFR, PDGFR, FGFR, EPH receptors, the SRC families of kinases, and KIT, RET, TIE2, and FLT3.

CML is a malignant clonal disorder that results in rapid growth of myeloid stem cells in the bone marrow. It is usually associated with a chromosomal abnormality that results from the fusion of the BCR and ABL1 genes, called the Philadelphia (Ph) chromosome. Normally, the ABL1 gene produces a protein with tyrosine kinase catalytic activity that is tightly regulated. The fused BCR-ABL1 gene in the Ph chromosome however, produces a protein with deregulated and constitutively active kinase activity that is fundamental to the pathogenesis of CML. The presence of the T315I “gatekeeper” mutation has been associated with resistance to currently approved TKIs including Gleevec, Sprycel, Tasigna, and Bosulif.

The mainstay of treatment in CML over the last decade has been inhibition of the enzymatic activity of those proteins, and thus the TKIs Gleevec, Sprycel, and Tasigna are designated as first line treatment of CML in the National Comprehensive Cancer Network clinical practice guidelines. NCCN recommends that Bosulif, another TKI, be considered as a second line treatment. It is currently being studied in the phase III open-label BELA trial versus Gleevec for patients with newly diagnosed CML. Synribo, a first-in-class cephalotaxine that inhibits protein synthesis independently of direct BCR-ABL1 binding, was also approved in 2012 for patients that fail, cannot tolerate, or are resistant to TKI therapy. NCCN recommends its use for patients who failed two or more TKIs or have a T315I mutation. EPIC is an ongoing randomized trial comparing Iclusig to Gleevec in patients with newly diagnosed CML. EPIC began in June 2012 and has an estimated study completion date of June 2021. Initially Iclusig will likely be used as a second line agent (similar to Bosulif) except for those patients with the T315I mutation where it may be considered as a first line therapy (similar to Synribo). Depending on the results of the EPIC trial, Iclusig may be considered a first line agent for all patients regardless of mutation type.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

PONATINIB

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

The PACE trial (n=444) studied Iclusig in patients with CML and Ph+ALL whose disease was considered to be resistant or intolerant to prior tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) therapy. This was a single-arm, open-label, international, multicenter trial. All patients were administered a starting dose of 45 mg of Iclusig once daily. Patients were assigned to one of six cohorts based on disease phase (chronic phase CML [CP-CML]; accelerated phase CML [AP-CML]; or blast phase CML [BP-CML]/Ph+ALL), resistance or intolerance (R/I) to prior TKI therapy, and the presence of the T315I mutation. All patients had previously been on at least one FDA approved or investigational TKI therapy: 7% had 1 TKI therapy, 37% had 2 TKI therapies, and 56% had 3 or more TKI therapies.

Resistance in CP-CML while on prior TKI therapy, was defined as failure to achieve either a complete hematologic response (by 3 months), a minor cytogenetic response (by 6 months), or a major cytogenetic response (by 12 months). Patients with CP-CML who experienced a loss of response or development of a kinase domain mutation in the absence of a complete cytogenetic response or progression to AP-CML or BP-CML at any time on prior TKI therapy were also considered resistant. Resistance in AP-CML, BP-CML, and Ph+ALL was defined as failure to achieve either a major hematologic response (by 3 months in AP-CML, and by 1 month in BP-CML and Ph+ALL), loss of major hematologic response (at any time), or development of a kinase domain mutation in the absence of a complete major hematologic response while on prior TKI therapy. Intolerance was defined as the discontinuation of prior TKI therapy due to toxicities despite optimal management in the absence of a complete cytogenetic response in patients with CP-CML or major hematologic response for patients with AP-CML, BP-CML, or Ph+ALL.

The primary endpoint of major cytogenetic response (which combines both complete (no detectable Ph+ cells) and partial (1% to 35% Ph+ cells in at least 20 metaphases) cytogenetic responses) for CP-CML was 54% overall and 70% in the T315I cohort. At the time of analysis, the median duration of Iclusig treatment was 281 days in patients with CP-CML and the median duration of major cytogenetic response was not reached.

The results of the primary endpoint of overall major hematologic response (which combines complete hematologic responses and no evidence of leukemia) for AP-CML, BP-CML, and Ph+ALL were 52%, 31% and 41%, respectively. At the time of analysis, the median duration of Iclusig treatment was 286 days in patients with AP-CML, 89 days in patients with BP-CML, and 81 days in patients with Ph+ALL. The median time to overall, major hematologic response in patients with AP-CML, BP-CML, and Ph+ALL was 21 days, 29 days, and 20 days, respectively. The median duration of overall major hematologic response for patients with AP-CML, BP-CML, and Ph+ALL was 9.5 months, 4.7 months, and 3.2 months, respectively.

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PONATINIB

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Iclusig has a boxed warning for vascular occlusion, heart failure and hepatotoxicity. Patients should be monitored for signs and symptoms of congestive heart failure, hypertension, pancreatitis, hemorrhage, fluid retention, cardiac arrhythmias, myelosuppression, tumor lysis syndrome, gastrointestinal perforation, and compromised wound healing. The most common non-hematologic adverse reactions ($\geq 20\%$) were hypertension, rash, abdominal pain, fatigue, headache, dry skin, constipation, arthralgia, nausea, and pyrexia. Hematologic adverse reactions included thrombocytopenia, anemia, neutropenia, lymphopenia, and leukopenia. Iclusig is pregnancy category D and can cause fetal harm.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Iclusig (ponatinib) is a kinase inhibitor indicated for the:

- Treatment of adult patients with T315I-positive chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) (chronic phase, accelerated phase, or blast phase) and T315I-positive Philadelphia chromosome positive acute lymphoblastic leukemia (Ph+ ALL).
- Treatment of adult patients with chronic phase, accelerated phase, or blast phase chronic myeloid leukemia or Ph+ ALL for whom no other tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) therapy is indicated.

These indications are based upon response rate [see Clinical Studies (14)]. There are no trials verifying an improvement in disease-related symptoms or increased survival with Iclusig.

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PONATINIB

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PYRIMETHAMINE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
PYRIMETHAMINE	DARAPRIM		42930	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA, SEE BELOW)

1. Is the request for acute treatment of malaria and the patient meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Infection with malaria susceptible to Daraprim
 - Previous trial of or contraindication to Plaquenil (hydroxychloroquine sulfate) **AND** Malarone (atovaquone/proguanil), unless these regimens are resistant in the specific region (**NOTE:** CDC lists regional plasmodia susceptibility of malaria and which agents are recommended in specific regions of the world.)

If yes, **approve for 3 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient has had a previous infection with malaria susceptible to Daraprim with subsequent clinical cure (elimination of malaria symptoms is defined as the decrease of chills, fever, sweats, and/or general malaise), followed by symptoms of relapse.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Is the request for chemoprophylaxis of malaria and the patient meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Patient will be traveling to or is currently residing in an area where plasmodia susceptible to Daraprim exists
 - Previous trial of or contraindication to Plaquenil (hydroxychloroquine sulfate) **AND** Malarone (atovaquone/proguanil), unless these regimens are resistant in the specific region (**NOTE:** CDC lists regional plasmodia susceptibility of malaria and which agents are recommended in specific regions of the world.)

If yes, **approve for 3 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per week.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient will be traveling to or residing in an area where plasmodia susceptible to Daraprim exists.

If no, continue to #3.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PYRIMETHAMINE

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

3. Is the patient being treated for acute toxoplasmosis?

If yes, **approve for 6 weeks by GPID. Please enter two authorizations as follows:**

Approve one fill for #8 tablets.

Approve for 6 weeks with a quantity limit of #3 tablets per day.

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient has persistent clinical disease (headache, neurological symptoms, or fever) and persistent radiographic disease (one or more mass lesions on brain imaging).

If no, continue to #4.

4. Is the patient being treated for chronic maintenance therapy of toxoplasmosis with HIV?

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient's CD4 count is <200 cells/mm³ and the patient must currently be taking ART (anti-retroviral therapy).

If no, continue to #5.

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PYRIMETHAMINE

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

5. Is the patient being treated for primary prophylaxis of toxoplasmosis with HIV and meets the following criteria?
- Previous trial of or contraindication to Bactrim (SMX/TMP).

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient's CD4 count is <200 cells/mm³ and the patient must currently be taking ART (anti-retroviral therapy).

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline for **PYRIMETHAMINE (Daraprim)** will be approved for acute treatment of toxoplasmosis or chronic maintenance therapy for toxoplasmosis with HIV. For treatment of acute malaria, chemoprophylaxis of malaria, and prophylaxis of toxoplasmosis with HIV, additional criteria are required.

Treatment of acute malaria requires:

- Infection with malaria susceptible to Daraprim
- Previous trial of Plaquenil (hydroxychloroquine sulfate) **AND** Malarone (atovaquone/proguanil) as indicated by regional plasmodia susceptibility and when no contraindication exists

Chemoprophylaxis of malaria requires:

- Travel to areas where plasmodia susceptible to Daraprim exists
- Previous trial of Plaquenil (hydroxychloroquine sulfate) **AND** Malarone (atovaquone/proguanil) as indicated by regional plasmodia susceptibility and when no contraindication exists

Primary prophylaxis of toxoplasmosis in patients with HIV requires:

- Previous trial of or contraindication to Bactrim (SMX/TMP)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Is the request for renewal following acute malaria treatment and the patient meets the following criteria?
- Previous infection with malaria susceptible to Daraprim with subsequent clinical cure (elimination of malaria symptoms is defined as the decrease of chills, fever, sweats, and/or general malaise), followed by symptoms of relapse

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per week.**

If no, continue to #2.

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PYRIMETHAMINE

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Is the request for continued chemoprophylaxis of malaria and the patient meets the following criteria?
- Patient will be traveling to or residing in an area where plasmodia susceptible to Daraprim exists

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per week.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the request for continued treatment of acute toxoplasmosis and the patient meets the following criteria?

- Persistent clinical disease (headache, neurological symptoms, or fever) and persistent radiographic disease (one or more mass lesions on brain imaging)

If yes, **approve for 6 weeks by GPID with a quantity limit of #3 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #4.

4. Is the request for chronic maintenance therapy of toxoplasmosis with HIV and the patient meets **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Patient's CD4 count is less than 200 cells/mm³
- Patient is currently taking ART (anti-retroviral therapy)

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #5.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

PYRIMETHAMINE

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

5. Is the request for continued treatment of primary prophylaxis of toxoplasmosis in a patient with HIV and meets the following criteria?
- Patient's CD4 count is less than 200 cells/mm³
 - Patient is currently taking ART (anti-retroviral therapy)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline for **PYRIMETHAMINE (Daraprim)** renewal requires the following:

For continued treatment following acute malaria infection, approval requires:

Previous infection with malaria susceptible to Daraprim with subsequent clinical cure (elimination of malaria symptoms is defined as the decrease of chills, fever, sweats, and/or general malaise), followed by symptoms of relapse

For continued chemoprophylaxis of malaria, approval requires:

Patient will be traveling to or residing in an area where plasmodia susceptible to Daraprim exists

For continued treatment of acute toxoplasmosis, approval requires:

Patient has persistent clinical disease (headache, neurological symptoms, or fever) and persistent radiographic disease (one or more mass lesions on brain imaging)

For chronic maintenance therapy of toxoplasmosis in patients with HIV, approval requires:

Patient's CD4 count is less than 200 cells/mm³ and the patient is currently taking ART (anti-retroviral therapy)

For continued treatment of primary prophylaxis of toxoplasmosis in patients with HIV, approval requires:

Patient's CD4 count is less than 200 cells/mm³ and the patient must currently be taking ART (anti-retroviral therapy).

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PYRIMETHAMINE

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of Daraprim based on FDA approved indications and infectious disease guidelines.

Malaria

Daraprim, in combination with a sulfonamide, is approved for treatment of malaria, and as monotherapy for prophylaxis of malaria. Daraprim, in combination with a sulfonamide, is only recommended for non-falciparum malaria-infected patients or for malaria prophylaxis in areas where susceptible plasmodia exist; however, current CDC Guidelines for Treatment of Malaria in the United States and guidelines for malaria prophylaxis do not include Daraprim as an option due to prevalent worldwide resistance. Fast-acting schizonticides such as chloroquine or quinine are indicated and preferable for the treatment of acute malaria. In cases of non-falciparum chloroquine resistant strains of malaria, Malarone, Lariam or quinine are the preferred agents. In addition, resistance to Daraprim is prevalent worldwide and it is not suitable as a prophylactic agent for travelers to most areas.

Toxoplasmosis Background

Toxoplasmosis is an infection with a worldwide distribution that is caused by the parasite *Toxoplasma gondii* (*T. gondii*), which can be found in feline feces and undercooked meats. Once a person is infected, the parasite lies dormant in neural and muscle tissue and can never be eliminated. Up to 90% of immunocompetent patients are asymptomatic and if symptoms do occur, they are generally non-specific (fever, chills, night sweats, generalized lymphadenopathy). Chorioretinitis is the most frequent manifestation in immunocompetent patients and affects up to 1% of infected individuals. Congenital toxoplasmosis, a condition where the infection is passed to the unborn baby, can result in mental retardation, blindness, seizures and death. There is a risk of reactivation of the infection if the individual becomes immunocompromised, especially in patients with HIV/AIDS. The risk of developing reactivated toxoplasmosis is as high as 30% among patients with HIV not receiving appropriate prophylaxis and with a CD4 count <100 cells/mm³.

Acute and maintenance Toxoplasmosis

The Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) recommends Daraprim, in combination with sulfadiazine and leucovorin as the preferred regimen for the treatment of acute toxoplasmosis encephalitis (TE) and chronic maintenance in patients with HIV. Definitive diagnosis of TE requires clinical symptoms, which include headache, neurological symptoms, or fever; identification of one or more mass lesions by CT, MRI or other radiographic testing; and detection of the organism in a clinical sample (brain biopsy, CSF stain). Since obtaining a clinical sample can pose many risks, most physicians rely on empiric diagnosis with subsequent symptom and radiological improvement. Most HIV infected patients with TE will have positive antibodies to toxoplasma but the absence does not rule out the disease. Without treatment, disease progression results in seizures, stupor, and coma.

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PYRIMETHAMINE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

IDSA recommends Daraprim in combination with sulfadiazine and leucovorin as the preferred regimen for acute treatment and chronic maintenance therapy of toxoplasmosis. Second line treatments include Daraprim plus clindamycin, Bactrim (SMX/TMP), or Atovaquone with or without Daraprim or sulfadiazine. A small trial and open label observational study suggest Bactrim is as effective and better tolerated than Daraprim plus sulfadiazine; however, Bactrim has less *in vitro* activity against toxoplasma and experience is very limited using Bactrim for treatment. IDSA considers Bactrim an option if there is no valid reason not to use daraprim plus sulfadiazine. The remaining second line treatments previously mentioned have been shown to be effective in treating TE in at least two nonrandomized, uncontrolled trials, although their relative efficacy compared to the previous treatments is unknown.

IDSA recommends continuing treatment for acute TE for at least six weeks or longer if clinical or radiologic disease is extensive or response is incomplete at six weeks, in patients with HIV. Once acute treatment is complete, the patient will need to begin chronic maintenance therapy until the CD4 count $> 200\text{mm}^3$ for >6 months in response to ART and clinical symptoms have fully resolved. Patients can restart maintenance therapy (secondary prophylaxis) if the CD4 count is $<200\text{ mm}^3$.

PCP and toxoplasmosis prophylaxis

IDSA recommends Bactrim (SMX/TMP) as first line treatment for primary prophylaxis of PCP and toxoplasmosis due to the dual coverage of both PCP and toxoplasmosis. Primary prophylaxis of PCP should be initiated when CD4 count $<200\text{ mm}^3$, oropharyngeal candidiasis is present, CD4 $\% < 14\%$, or if the patient has a history of an AIDS defining illness. Primary prophylaxis of PCP can be discontinued when the CD4 count $>200\text{ mm}^3$ for at least 3 months in response to ART. Secondary prophylaxis of PCP should be resumed if CD4 count $<200\text{ mm}^3$ unless the patient developed PCP when CD4 $>200\text{ mm}^3$. Second line treatments for PCP prophylaxis are Dapsone with/without daraprim, aerosolized Pentamidine, or Atovaquone with/without daraprim. IDSA recommends initiating primary prophylaxis of toxoplasmosis when the CD4 count $<100\text{ mm}^3$ with or without a positive antibody to toxoplasma or when the patient seroconverts. Primary prophylaxis of toxoplasmosis can be discontinued when the CD4 count $>200\text{mm}^3$ for > 3 months in response to ART. Consider restarting primary prophylaxis of toxoplasmosis when the CD4 count is <100 to 200mm^3 , especially in patients with a significant HIV viral load or if the patient is positive for the toxoplasma antibody. Second line treatment for toxoplasmosis prophylaxis includes Atovaquone with/without Daraprim and Dapsone with/without Daraprim. Patients will not need additional PCP coverage if they are receiving appropriate toxoplasmosis coverage. Of note, aerosolized Pentamidine and Dapsone monotherapy do not cover toxoplasmosis.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Daraprim, in combination with a sulfonamide, is approved for treatment of toxoplasmosis and malaria, and as monotherapy for prophylaxis of malaria.

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PYRIMETHAMINE

NON-FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Toxoplasmosis prophylaxis in patients with HIV who are unable to tolerate Bactrim. Chronic maintenance therapy (secondary prophylaxis) of toxoplasmosis.

DOSAGE

- Acute Malaria treatment
 - Daraprim 25mg daily for 2 days with a sulfonamide or in circumstances where Daraprim must be used alone in sem-immune persons the dose is 50 mg for 2 days or 25mg daily for 2 days in children 4 through 10 years.
- Chemoprophylaxis of malaria
 - Following clinical cure of acute malaria, Daraprim 25mg once weekly should be continued for at least 10 weeks. Regimens should be extended through any characteristic periods of early recrudescence and late relapse, i.e., for at least 10 weeks in each case.
 - Adults and pediatric patients over 10 years - 25mg once weekly
 - Children 4 through 10 years - 12.5mg once weekly
 - Infants and children under 4 years - 6.25mg once weekly
- Acute Toxoplasmosis treatment
 - Adults 50 to 75mg PO daily, with a sulfonamide, for one to three weeks depending on patient's tolerance and response; then may reduce dose by 50% and continue for four to five weeks.
 - Pediatric dosage is 1mg/kg divided into 2 equal daily doses; after 2 to 4 days this dose may be reduced to one half and continued for approximately one month. The usual pediatric sulfonamide dosage is used in conjunction.
- Acute toxoplasmosis encephalitis treatment in patients with HIV:
 - Daraprim 200mg PO once, followed by dose based on body weight
 - <60kg: Daraprim 50mg PO daily + sulfadiazine 1000mg PO q 6 hours + leucovorin.
 - ≥60kg: Daraprim 75mg PO daily + sulfadiazine 1500mg PO q 6 hours + leucovorin.
- Chronic maintenance treatment of toxoplasmosis encephalitis in patients with HIV:
 - Daraprim 25-50mg daily + sulfadiazine 2000-4000mg PO daily (in 2 to 4 divided doses) + leucovorin.
- Primary prophylaxis of toxoplasmosis prophylaxis for patients with HIV:
 - Daraprim at doses of 50mg-75mg weekly in combination with dapsone + leucovorin.
 - Daraprim 25mg daily + Atovaquone + leucovorin.

AVAILABLE STRENGTHS

- Daraprim (pyrimethamine) 25mg tablet

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PYRIMETHAMINE

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

REGORAFENIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
REGORAFENIB	STIVARGA	39665		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic colorectal cancer (CRC)?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #5.

2. Is the colorectal cancer KRAS wild type (i.e., not KRAS mutation)?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, continue to #4.

3. Has the patient tried or does the patient have a contraindication to an anti-EGFR therapy (such as Erbitux [cetuximab] or Vectibix [panitumumab])?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Has the patient tried, or does the patient have a contraindication to **ALL** of the following preferred therapies?

- An anti-VEGF therapy (such as Avastin [bevacizumab] or Zaltrap [ziv-aflibercept])
- A fluoropyrimidine-, oxaliplatin-, and irinotecan-based chemotherapy (such as FOLFOX, FOLFIRI, FOLFOXIRI, CapeOx, or infusional 5-FU/LV or capecitabine)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #84 tablets per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Does the patient have a diagnosis of locally advanced, unresectable, or metastatic gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST)?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, continue to #7.

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REGORAFENIB

GUIDELINE FOR USE (CONTINUED)

6. Has the patient tried or does the patient have a contraindication to Gleevec (imatinib) **AND** Sutent (sunitinib)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #84 tablets per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

7. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) and has been previously treated with Nexavar (sorafenib)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #84 tablets per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **REGORAFENIB (Stivarga)** requires a diagnosis of metastatic colorectal cancer (CRC), hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), or locally advanced, unresectable, or metastatic gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For the diagnosis of metastatic colorectal cancer (CRC), approval requires a trial with ALL of the following preferred therapies:

- An anti-VEGF therapy (such as Avastin [bevacizumab] or Zaltrap [ziv-aflibercept])
- A fluoropyrimidine-, oxaliplatin-, and irinotecan-based chemotherapy (such as FOLFOX, FOLFIRI, FOLFOXIRI, CapeOx, or infusional 5-FU/LV or capecitabine)

For wild type KRAS (no mutation) CRC only, a trial of an anti-EGFR therapy (such as Erbitux [cetuximab] or Vectibix [panitumumab]) is also required.

For the diagnosis of locally advanced, unresectable, or metastatic gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST), approval requires a trial with Gleevec (imatinib) and Sutent (sunitinib).

For the diagnosis of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), approval requires previous treatment with Nexavar (sorafenib).

These prior therapies may be covered under the medical benefit and/or may require prior authorization.

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use of Stivarga consistent with FDA approved indication and dosing.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

REGORAFENIB

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Stivarga is a kinase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of patients with:

- Metastatic colorectal cancer (CRC) who have been previously treated with fluoropyrimidine-, oxaliplatin- and irinotecan-based chemotherapy, an anti-VEGF therapy, and, if KRAS wild type, an anti-EGFR therapy.
- Locally advanced, unresectable or metastatic gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST) who have been previously treated with imatinib mesylate and sunitinib malate.
- Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) who have been previously treated with sorafenib.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dose is 160 mg Stivarga (four 40 mg tablets) taken orally once daily for the first 21 days of each 28-day cycle. Continue treatment until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Take Stivarga at the same time each day. Swallow tablet whole with water after a low-fat meal that contains less than 600 calories and less than 30% fat. Do not take two doses of Stivarga on the same day to make up for a missed dose from the previous day.

REFERENCES

- Stivarga [Prescribing Information]. Wayne, NJ: Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc, April 2017.

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

RIBOCICLIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
RIBOCICLIB	KISQALI	44151		
RIBOCICLIB LETROZOLE	KISQALI FEMARA CO- PACK	44246		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the request for Kisqali-Femara Co-Pack?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #5.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of advanced or metastatic breast cancer that is hormone receptor (HR)-positive and human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is female
- The patient has **NOT** received prior endocrine-based therapy for advanced or metastatic breast cancer (e.g., letrozole, anastrozole, tamoxifen, fulvestrant, exemestane)
- The patient has **NOT** experienced disease progression following prior CDK inhibitor therapy

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Is the patient pre/perimenopausal?

If yes, **approve Kisqali-Femara Co-Pack for 12 months by GPID for all daily dosage strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- **200mg daily dose (Co-Pack) (GPID 43366): #49 tablets per 28 days.**
- **400mg daily dose (Co-Pack) (GPID 43368): #70 tablets per 28 days.**
- **600mg daily dose (Co-Pack) (GPID 43369): #91 tablets per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #4.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

RIBOCICLIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

4. Is the patient post-menopausal **AND** meets the following criterion?

- The patient had a trial of Ibrance (palbociclib) **OR** Verzenio (abemaciclib)

If yes, **approve Kisqali-Femara Co-Pack for 12 months by GPID for all daily dosage strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- **200mg daily dose (Co-Pack) (GPID 43366): #49 tablets per 28 days.**
- **400mg daily dose (Co-Pack) (GPID 43368): #70 tablets per 28 days.**
- **600mg daily dose (Co-Pack) (GPID 43369): #91 tablets per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Is the request for Kisqali?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline

6. Does the patient have a diagnosis of advanced or metastatic breast cancer that is hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is female
- The requested medication will be used in combination with an aromatase inhibitor (e.g., letrozole, anastrozole, or exemestane)
- The patient has **NOT** received prior endocrine-based therapy for advanced or metastatic breast cancer (e.g., letrozole, anastrozole, tamoxifen, fulvestrant, exemestane)
- The patient has **NOT** experienced disease progression following prior CDK inhibitor therapy

If yes, continue to #7.

If no, continue to #9.

7. Is the patient pre/perimenopausal?

If yes, **approve Kisqali for 12 months by GPID for all daily dosage strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- **200mg daily dose (GPID 43162): #21 tablets per 28 days.**
- **400mg daily dose (GPID 43166): #42 tablets per 28 days.**
- **600mg daily dose (GPID 43167): #63 tablets per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #8.

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RIBOCICLIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

8. Is the patient post-menopausal **AND** meets the following criterion?
- The patient had a trial of Ibrance (palbociclib) **OR** Verzenio (abemaciclib)

If yes, **approve Kisqali for 12 months by GPID for all daily dosage strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- **200mg daily dose (GPID 43162): #21 tablets per 28 days.**
- **400mg daily dose (GPID 43166): #42 tablets per 28 days.**
- **600mg daily dose (GPID 43167): #63 tablets per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

9. Does the patient have a diagnosis of advanced or metastatic breast cancer that is hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- The patient is female and postmenopausal
 - The requested medication will be used in combination with Faslodex (fulvestrant)
 - The patient has **NOT** experienced disease progression following prior CDK inhibitor therapy

If yes, continue to #10.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

10. Is the request for a patient that has **NOT** received prior endocrine-based therapy for advanced or metastatic breast cancer (e.g., letrozole, anastrozole, tamoxifen, fulvestrant, exemestane)?

If yes, **approve Kisqali for 12 months by GPID for all daily dosage strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- **200mg daily dose (GPID 43162): #21 tablets per 28 days.**
- **400mg daily dose (GPID 43166): #42 tablets per 28 days.**
- **600mg daily dose (GPID 43167): #63 tablets per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #11.

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RIBOCICLIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

11. Is the request for a patient that has experienced disease progression on endocrine therapy **AND** meets the following criterion?

- The patient had a trial of Ibrance (palbociclib) **OR** Verzenio (abemaciclib)

If yes, **approve Kisqali for 12 months by GPID for all daily dosage strengths with the following quantity limits:**

- **200mg daily dose (GPID 43162): #21 tablets per 28 days.**
- **400mg daily dose (GPID 43166): #42 tablets per 28 days.**
- **600mg daily dose (GPID 43167): #63 tablets per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **RIBOCICLIB (Kisqali, Kisqali/Femara co-pack)** requires a diagnosis of advanced or metastatic breast cancer that is hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For Kisqali-Femara Co-Pack request, approval requires:

- The patient is female
- The patient has **NOT** received prior endocrine-based therapy for advanced or metastatic breast cancer (e.g., letrozole, anastrozole, tamoxifen, fulvestrant, exemestane)
- The patient has **NOT** experienced disease progression following prior CDK inhibitor therapy
- The patient meets **ONE** of the following:
 - The patient is pre/perimenopausal
 - The patient is post-menopausal and has had a trial of Ibrance (palbociclib) or Verzenio (abemaciclib)

For Kisqali request, approval requires ONE of the following:

- **Kisqali will be used in combination with an aromatase inhibitor and meet all of the following:**
 - The patient is female
 - The patient has **NOT** received prior endocrine-based therapy for advanced or metastatic breast cancer (e.g., letrozole, anastrozole, tamoxifen, fulvestrant, exemestane)
 - The patient has **NOT** experienced disease progression following prior CDK inhibitor therapy
 - The patient meets **ONE** of the following:
 - The patient is pre/perimenopausal
 - The patient is post-menopausal and has had a trial of Ibrance (palbociclib) or Verzenio (abemaciclib)

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RIBOCICLIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

- **Kisqali will be used in combination with Faslodex (fulvestrant) and meet all of the following:**
 - The patient is female and post-menopausal
 - The patient has **NOT** experienced disease progression following prior CDK inhibitor therapy
 - The patient meets **ONE** of the following:
 - The patient has **NOT** received prior endocrine-based therapy for advanced or metastatic breast cancer (e.g., letrozole, anastrozole, tamoxifen, fulvestrant, exemestane)
 - The patient has experienced disease progression on endocrine therapy **AND** has had a trial of Ibrance (palbociclib) or Verzenio (abemaciclib)

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Kisqali or Kisqali/Femara Co-Pack.

REFERENCES

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- Kisqali/Femara Co-Pack [Prescribing Information]. East Hanover, NJ. Novartis; February 2019.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

RIFAXIMIN

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
RIFAXIMIN	XIFAXAN		28530 93749	

**** Please use the criteria for the specific drug requested ****

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

XIFAXAN 550MG TABLETS

1. Is the patient being treated for the reduction in risk of overt hepatic encephalopathy (HE) recurrence and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The medication is being prescribed by a hepatologist
 - The patient had a trial of lactulose or is currently on lactulose monotherapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months for Xifaxan 550mg (GPID 28530) with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The medication is being prescribed by a gastroenterologist
 - The patient had a trial of or contraindication to tricyclic anti-depressants or dicyclomine

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks for Xifaxan 550mg (GPID 28530) for 1 fill of #42 tablets.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **RIFAXIMIN 550mg TABLETS (Xifaxan)** requires use for the reduction in risk of overt hepatic encephalopathy (HE) recurrence or for the diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For the reduction in risk of overt hepatic encephalopathy (HE) recurrence, approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The medication is being prescribed by a hepatologist
- The patient had a trial of lactulose or is currently on lactulose monotherapy

For the diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D), approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The medication is being prescribed by a gastroenterologist
- The patient had a trial of or contraindication to tricyclic anti-depressants or dicyclomine

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RIFAXIMIN

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

XIFAXAN 200MG TABLETS

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of travelers' diarrhea (TD) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 12 years of age or older
 - The patient had a trial of or contraindication to oral azithromycin, ciprofloxacin, ofloxacin, or levofloxacin

If yes, **approve for 3 days for Xifaxan 200 mg (GPID 93749) for 1 fill of #9 tablets.**
If no, continue to #2.

2. Is the request for the treatment of overt hepatic encephalopathy (HE) **AND** the patient meets the following criterion?
 - The requested medication will be used in combination with lactulose

If yes, **approve for 10 days for Xifaxan 200 mg (GPID 93749) with a quantity limit of #6 tablets per day.**
If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of *Clostridium difficile* infection (CDI) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has had at least one previous occurrence of *Clostridium difficile* infection
 - The requested medication will be used in combination with vancomycin
 - Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with an infectious disease specialist

If yes, **approve for 20 days for Xifaxan 200 mg (GPID 93749) with a quantity limit of #6 tablets per day.**
If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **RIFAXIMIN 200MG TABLETS (Xifaxan)** requires a diagnosis of travelers' diarrhea (TD), *Clostridium difficile* infection (CDI) or for the treatment of overt hepatic encephalopathy (HE). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For the diagnosis of traveler's diarrhea (TD), approval requires:

- The patient is 12 years of age or older
- The patient had a trial of or contraindication to oral azithromycin, ciprofloxacin, ofloxacin, or levofloxacin

For the treatment of overt hepatic encephalopathy (HE), approval requires:

- The requested medication will be used in combination with lactulose

For the diagnosis of *Clostridium difficile* infection (CDI), approval requires:

- The patient has had at least one previous occurrence of *Clostridium difficile* infection
- The requested medication will be used in combination with vancomycin
- Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with an infectious disease specialist

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RIFAXIMIN

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Is the request for renewal of Xifaxan 550mg tablet?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, please refer to initial criteria above for Xifaxan 200mg request.

2. Is the patient being treated for the reduction in risk of overt hepatic encephalopathy (HE) recurrence?

If yes, **approve for 12 months for Xifaxan 550mg (GPID 28530) with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to 3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- At least 10 weeks have passed since the last treatment course of rifaximin
- Patient has experienced at least 30% decrease in abdominal pain (on a 0-10 point pain scale)
- Patient has experienced at least 50% reduction in the number of days per week with a stool consistency of mushy stool (Bristol Stool scale type 6) or entirely liquid stool (Bristol Stool scale type 7)

If yes, **approve for 12 months for Xifaxan 550mg (GPID 28530) for up to 2 fills of #42 tablets each fill, separated by at least 12 weeks (total of 2 fills in 12 months).**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **RIFAXIMIN 550MG TABLETS (Xifaxan)** requires use for the reduction in risk of overt hepatic encephalopathy (HE) recurrence or the diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D) for renewal. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- **For the treatment of irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D), approval requires:**
 - At least 10 weeks have passed since the last treatment course of rifaximin
 - Patient has experienced at least 30% decrease in abdominal pain (on a 0-10 point pain scale)
 - Patient has experienced at least 50% reduction in the number of days per week with a stool consistency of mushy stool (Bristol Stool scale type 6) or entirely liquid stool (Bristol Stool scale type 7)

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RIFAXIMIN

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information for Xifaxan.

REFERENCES

- Xifaxan [Prescribing Information]. Bridgewater, NJ: Salix Pharmaceuticals. January 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

RILUZOLE SUSPENSION

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
RILUZOLE	TIGLUTIK		44091	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has had a trial of riluzole tablets
- Physician attestation that patient is unable to take riluzole tablet formulation

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #20mL per day (#600 mL [2 bottles] per 30 days).**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **RILUZOLE SUSPENSION (Tiglutik)** requires a diagnosis of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and ALL the following criteria:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has had a trial of riluzole tablets
- Physician attestation that patient is unable to take riluzole tablet formulation

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Tiglutik.

REFERENCES

- Tiglutik. [Prescribing Information]. Berwyn, PA: ITF Pharma, Inc.; September 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

RIOCIGUAT

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
RIOCIGUAT	ADEMPAS	40644		

GUIDELINES FOR USE (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

INITIAL CRITERIA

1. Is the requested medication prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group 1) and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) > 3 Wood units
 - NYHA-WHO Functional Class II-IV symptoms
 - The patient had a previous trial or contraindication to phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitors (e.g. Revatio or Adcirca)
 - The patient is not concurrently taking nitrate or nitric oxide donors (e.g. amyl nitrate), phosphodiesterase inhibitors (e.g. sildenafil, tadalafil, or vardenafil), or non-specific phosphodiesterase inhibitors (e.g. dipyridamole, theophylline)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #90 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, continue to #3.

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RIOCIQUAT

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of a persistent/recurrent chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH) WHO Group 4 and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
- The patient is not a candidate for surgery or has inoperable CTEPH
 - The patient has persistent or recurrent disease after surgical treatment
 - The patient has NYHA-WHO Functional Class II to IV symptoms
 - The patient is not concurrently taking nitrates or nitric oxide donors (e.g. amyl nitrate), phosphodiesterase inhibitors (e.g. sildenafil, tadalafil, or vardenafil), or non-specific phosphodiesterase inhibitors (e.g. dipyridamole, theophylline).

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #90 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline for **RIOCIQUAT (Adempas)** requires a diagnosis of a persistent/recurrent chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH) WHO Group 4 or a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group 1) and the requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist. The following criteria must also be met.

For a diagnosis of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension, approval requires:

- Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) > 3 Wood units
- The patient has NYHA-WHO Functional Class II to IV symptoms
- The patient previous trial of or contraindication to a phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitor (e.g. Revatio or Adcirca)
- The patient is not concurrently taking nitrates or nitric oxide donors (e.g. amyl nitrate), phosphodiesterase inhibitors (e.g. sildenafil, tadalafil, or vardenafil), or non-specific phosphodiesterase inhibitors (e.g. dipyridamole, theophylline)

For a diagnosis of Chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension, approval requires:

- The patient is not a candidate for surgery or has inoperable CTEPH
- The patient has persistent or recurrent disease after surgical treatment
- The patient has NYHA-WHO Functional Class II to IV symptoms
- The patient is not concurrently taking nitrates or nitric oxide donors (e.g. amyl nitrate), phosphodiesterase inhibitors (e.g. sildenafil, tadalafil, or vardenafil), or non-specific phosphodiesterase inhibitors (e.g. dipyridamole, theophylline)

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RIOCIGUAT

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have one of the following diagnoses?
 - Persistent/recurrent chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH) (WHO (World Health Organization) Group 4) after surgical treatment or inoperable CTEPH to improve exercise capacity and WHO functional class
 - Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group 1)

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Has the patient shown improvement from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #90 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Has the patient remained stable from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance?

If yes continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Has the patient World Health Organization (WHO) functional class remained stable or has improved?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #90 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **RIOCIGUAT (Adempas)** requires that the patient has **ONE** of the following diagnoses:

- Persistent/recurrent chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH) (WHO (World Health Organization) Group 4) after surgical treatment or inoperable CTEPH to improve exercise capacity and WHO functional class
- Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group 1)

In addition, the patient must show improvement from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance **OR** has a stable 6-minute walk distance with a stable or improved World Health Organization (WHO) functional class.

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RIOCIGUAT

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of Adempas based on FDA approved indications.

Diagnosis of PAH involves a logical sequence of steps utilizing different diagnostic tests to assist in confirmation of PAH (chest x-ray, echocardiogram, electrocardiogram, CT angiogram, pulmonary function tests, VQ scan); however, right heart catheterization (RHC) remains the gold standard and is an essential component in the definitive diagnosis, prognosis, and evaluation of PAH. RHC is critical in distinguishing PH due to other etiologies, for example PH due to left heart disease (e.g. diastolic dysfunction) or severe lung disease, which may appear similar to PAH on an echocardiogram. In addition, RHC can be used to monitor the therapeutic and adverse effects of medical interventions, to assess the severity of hemodynamic impairment, and to test the vasoreactivity of the pulmonary circulation.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Indicated for the treatment of adults with:

- Persistent/recurrent chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH) (WHO (World Health Organization) Group 4) after surgical treatment or inoperable CTEPH to improve exercise capacity and WHO functional class.
- Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group 1) to improve exercise capacity, improve WHO functional class and to delay clinical worsening.

World Health Organization Classification of Pulmonary Hypertension Group 1:

- Idiopathic (familial)
- Congenital systemic-to-pulmonary shunts
- HIV infection
- Collagen vascular disease
- Portal Hypertension
- Drugs and toxins

World Health Organization Classification of Pulmonary Hypertension Group 4:

- Secondary to chronic thromboembolic disease

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RIOCIGUAT

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

EFFICACY: CTEPH clinical trial

CHEST-1, a double-blind, phase III study, randomized 261 adult patients (mean age 59) with CTEPH (those who were not candidates for surgery or those with persistent pulmonary hypertension despite undergoing pulmonary endarterectomy) to riociguat (titrated up to 2.5mg three times daily) or placebo. Patients taking medications including ERAs, prostacyclin analogues, PDE-5 inhibitors, or NO donors within 3 months of the study were excluded. At baseline, 31% of subjects had a WHO functional class II and 64% had a WHO functional class III; the mean baseline 6MWD was 347 meters. The primary endpoint was change from baseline in six minute walking distance (6MWD) after 16 weeks. At the end of the study the 6MWD increased significantly by 39 meters from baseline for those taking riociguat 2.5mg versus a decrease of 6 meters for those taking placebo ($p<0.001$). Patients taking riociguat were more likely to have improved functional class during the study than those taking placebo ($p=0.003$); 33% of patients taking riociguat improved to a lower functional class, 62% remained in the same functional class, and 5% worsened to a higher functional class while 15% taking placebo improved to a lower functional class, 78% remained in the same functional class and 7% worsened to a higher functional class. Patients taking riociguat also had lower pulmonary vascular resistance ($p<0.001$), and lower N-terminal probrain natriuretic peptide levels ($p<0.001$) when compared to placebo.

PAH clinical trial

PATENT-1, a double-blind, phase III study, randomized 443 adult patients (mean age 51) with PAH to riociguat 1.5mg, riociguat 2.5mg, or placebo three times daily. At baseline 3% were WHO functional class I, 42% were WHO functional class II, 53% were WHO functional class III, and 1% were WHO functional class IV (functional class data missing for one person); the mean baseline 6MWD was 363 meters. Patients were allowed to enter the trial on background ERA or non-intravenous prostanoid medication, but not PDE-5 inhibitors. Of the trial participants, 50% had no other PAH medications, 6% used prostanoid therapy (mainly inhaled iloprost), and 4% had ERA medication (most often bosentan). The primary efficacy endpoint was the change from baseline in 6MWD at the end of study week 12; an increase of 30 meters was observed in the riociguat 2.5mg group and a decrease of 6 meters was seen in the placebo group ($p<0.001$). The 6MWD improved significantly among patients taking riociguat with other PAH medications (ERA or prostanoids) as well as those taking riociguat as monotherapy. Patients taking riociguat also had lower pulmonary vascular resistance ($p<0.001$), lower N-terminal probrain natriuretic peptide levels ($p<0.001$), and improved functional class ($p=0.003$) versus those taking placebo. Among those taking placebo, 14% improved to a lower functional class, 71% remained in the same functional class, and 14% had worsening PAH symptoms which placed them in a higher functional class; for those taking riociguat, 21% improved to a lower functional class, 76% remained in the same functional class, and 4% had worsening PAH symptoms which placed them in a higher functional class. Syncope, worsening pulmonary hypertension, and chest pain were the most common adverse effects observed in both riociguat and placebo groups. Discontinuation due to adverse effects occurred in 3% in the riociguat group and 7% in the placebo group.

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RIOCIQUAT

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

PAH clinical trial

An extension study, PATENT-2, enrolled patients that had completed PATENT-1 and demonstrated continued improvement in exercise capacity past week 12 of therapy. At the end of the study 215 patients completing PATENT-2 had a 6MWD change (mean SD) of 53 +/- 62 meters at the end of week 12 of PATENT-2 (this group of 215 had a 6MWD change (mean SD) of 36+/-54 at the end of PATENT-1).

SAFETY

Adempas has a warning for hypotension, bleeding, and pulmonary edema. Adempas is pregnancy category X and contains a boxed warning regarding embryo-fetal toxicity. Adempas is only available to females through a restricted REMS program.

The most common adverse reactions ($\geq 3\%$) in patients receiving Adempas were headache, dizziness, dyspepsia/gastritis, nausea, diarrhea, hypotension, vomiting, anemia, gastroesophageal reflux, and constipation.

Adempas is not recommended in patients with creatinine clearance <15 mL/min or on dialysis. Also not recommended in patients with severe (Child Pugh C) hepatic impairment.

DOSAGE

The dose is 1mg three times daily to start, or 0.5mg three times daily for patients unlikely to tolerate the hypotensive effect of Adempas. After two weeks the dose may be increased by 0.5mg at two week intervals to a maximum daily dosage of 2.5mg three times daily.

For patients receiving strong CYP and P-gp/BCRP inhibitors, consider a starting dose of 0.5 mg three times a day. Monitor for hypotension. Separate administration of antacids by at least 1 hour.

Among smokers, Adempas may require dosages higher than 2.5 mg three times a day if tolerated. Dose decrease may be required in patients who stop smoking.

Pregnancy must be prevented during treatment and for at least one month after treatment discontinuation.

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RIOCIGUAT

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

RISANKIZUMAB-RZAA

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
RISANKIZUMAB-RZAA	SKYRIZI	45699		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
 - The patient has psoriatic lesions involving greater than or equal to 10% of body surface area (BSA) **OR** psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to one or more forms of conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine

If yes, **approve for a total of 6 months by HICL. Please enter two authorizations as follows:**

- FIRST APPROVAL: Approve for 1 month with a quantity limit of #2 kits (4 syringes) per 28 days.**
- SECOND APPROVAL: Approve for 5 months for 1 fill with a quantity limit of #1 kit (2 syringes) per 12 weeks (Please enter a start date of 4 WEEKS AFTER the START date of the first approval).**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe plaque psoriasis requires that the patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **RISANKIZUMAB-RZAA (Skyrizi)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
- The patient has psoriatic lesions involving greater than or equal to 10% of body surface area (BSA) **OR** psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to one or more forms of conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine

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RISANKIZUMAB-RZAA

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 kit (2 syringes) per 12 weeks.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **RISANKIZUMAB-RZAA (Skyrizi)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Skyrizi.

REFERENCES

- Skyrizi [Prescribing Information]. North Chicago, IL: AbbVie, Inc.; April 2019.

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

RUCAPARIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
RUCAPARIB	RUBRACA	44002		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient has a deleterious BRCA mutation (germline and/or somatic) as confirmed by an FDA-approved test for Rubraca
 - The patient has been treated with two or more chemotherapies (e.g., paclitaxel, docetaxel, cisplatin, carboplatin)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #120 tablets per 30 days.**
If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer, and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient is in complete or partial response to platinum based-chemotherapy
 - The requested medication will be used for maintenance treatment

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #120 tablets per 30 days.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **RUCAPARIB (Rubraca)** requires a diagnosis of epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer OR recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer. In addition, the following criteria must be met:
For diagnosis of epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer, approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has a deleterious BRCA mutation (germline and/or somatic) as confirmed by an FDA-approved test for Rubraca
- The patient has been treated with two or more chemotherapies (e.g., paclitaxel, docetaxel, cisplatin, carboplatin)

For diagnosis of recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer, approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient is in complete or partial response to platinum based-chemotherapy
- The requested medication will be used for maintenance treatment

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

RUCAPARIB

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **RUCAPARIB** based on FDA approved indication and dosage.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Rubraca is a poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase (PARP) inhibitor indicated:

- For the maintenance treatment of adult patients with recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer who are in a complete or partial response to platinum-based chemotherapy
- For the treatment of adult patients with deleterious *BRCA* mutation (germline and/or somatic)-associated epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer who have been treated with two or more chemotherapies. Select patients for therapy based on an FDA-approved companion diagnostic for RUBRACA.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dose of Rubraca is 600 mg (two 300 mg tablets) taken orally twice daily with or without food. Continue treatment until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. If a patient misses a dose of Rubraca, instruct the patient to take the next dose at its scheduled time. Vomited doses should not be replaced.

To manage adverse reactions, consider interruption of treatment or dose reduction. Recommended dose reductions are indicated in Table 1.

Table 1. Recommended Dose Adjustments

Dose Reduction	Dose
Starting Dose	600 mg twice daily (two 300 mg tablets)
First Dose Reduction	500 mg twice daily (two 250 mg tablets OR one 300 mg tablet and one 200 mg tablet)
Second Dose Reduction	400 mg twice daily (two 200 mg tablets)
Third Dose Reduction	300 mg twice daily (one 300 mg tablet)

REFERENCES

- Rubraca [Prescribing Information]. Boulder, CO: Clovis Oncology, Inc. April 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

RUXOLITINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
RUXOLITINIB PHOSPHATE	JAKAFI	38202		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of intermediate or high-risk myelofibrosis, such as primary myelofibrosis, post-polycythemia vera myelofibrosis, or post-essential thrombocythemia myelofibrosis **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires symptom improvement [such as a 50 percent or greater reduction in total symptom score on the modified Myelofibrosis Symptom Assessment Form (MFSAF) v2.0], 50 percent or greater reduction in palpable spleen length, or spleen reduction of 35 percent or greater from baseline spleen volume after 6 months of therapy.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of polycythemia vera **AND** meet the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has had a trial of or contraindication to hydroxyurea

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of steroid -refractory acute graft-versus-host disease **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient is 12 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

RUXOLITINIB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **RUXOLITINIB (Jakafi)** requires a diagnosis of intermediate or high-risk myelofibrosis, (such as primary myelofibrosis, post-polycythemia vera myelofibrosis, or post-essential thrombocythemia myelofibrosis), polycythemia vera, or steroid -refractory acute graft-versus-host disease. The following criteria must also be met:

For patients with intermediate or high-risk myelofibrosis, such as primary myelofibrosis, post-polycythemia vera myelofibrosis, or post-essential thrombocythemia myelofibrosis, approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older

For patients with polycythemia vera, approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has had a trial of or contraindication to hydroxyurea

For patients with steroid -refractory acute graft-versus-host disease, approval requires:

- The patient is 12 years of age or older

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of intermediate or high-risk myelofibrosis, such as primary myelofibrosis, post-polycythemia vera myelofibrosis, or post-essential thrombocythemia myelofibrosis?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Did the patient experience or maintain symptom improvement [such as a 50 percent or greater reduction in total symptom score on the modified Myelofibrosis Symptom Assessment Form (MFSAF) v2.0], 50 percent or greater reduction in palpable spleen length, or spleen reduction of 35 percent or greater from baseline spleen volume after 6 months of therapy?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **RUXOLITINIB (Jakafi)** requires a diagnosis of intermediate or high-risk myelofibrosis, such as primary myelofibrosis, post-polycythemia vera myelofibrosis, or post-essential thrombocythemia myelofibrosis. In addition, renewal requires that the patient experience or maintain symptom improvement [such as a 50 percent or greater reduction in total symptom score on the modified Myelofibrosis Symptom Assessment Form (MFSAF) v2.0], 50 percent or greater reduction in palpable spleen length, or spleen reduction of 35 percent or greater from baseline spleen volume after 6 months of therapy.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

RUXOLITINIB

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Jakafi.

REFERENCES

- Jakafi [Prescribing Information]. Wilmington, DE. Incyte Corporation; May 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 07/01/19

Created: 12/11

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P&T Approval: 07/19



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

SACROSIDASE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
SACROSIDASE	SUCRAID	18554		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of genetically determined sucrose deficiency, or congenital sucrose-isomaltase deficiency (CSID)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months for #8mL per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of genetically determined sucrose deficiency, or congenital sucrose-isomaltase deficiency (CSID).

RATIONALE

To ensure use of Sucraid based on its FDA approved indication and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Sucraid oral solution is indicated as oral replacement therapy of the genetically determined sucrose deficiency, which is part of congenital sucrose-isomaltase deficiency (CSID).

REFERENCES

- QOL Medical, LLC. Sucraid package insert. Vero Beach, FL. June 2011.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

SAPROPTERIN DIHYDROCHLORIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
SAPROPTERIN DIHYDROCHLORIDE	KUVAN	35266		ROUTE = ORAL

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hyperphenylalaninemia (HPA) due to tetrahydrobiopterin (BH4)-responsive phenylketonuria (PKU) and follows a phenylalanine-restricted diet?

If yes, **approve for 1 month by HICL.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal of **SAPROPTERIN DIHYDROCHLORIDE** requires that the patient experiences a $\geq 30\%$ decrease in blood phenylalanine from baseline after taking Kuvan (sapropterin dihydrochloride) and follows a phenylalanine-restricted diet.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **SAPROPTERIN DIHYDROCHLORIDE** requires a diagnosis of hyperphenylalaninemia (HPA) due to tetrahydrobiopterin (BH4)-responsive phenylketonuria (PKU) and that the patient follows a phenylalanine-restricted diet.

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of hyperphenylalaninemia (HPA) due to tetrahydrobiopterin (BH4)-responsive phenylketonuria (PKU) and meets the following criteria?
 - The patient experienced a $\geq 30\%$ decrease in blood phenylalanine from baseline after taking Kuvan (sapropterin dihydrochloride).
 - The patient follows a phenylalanine-restricted diet.

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **SAPROPTERIN DIHYDROCHLORIDE** renewal requires a diagnosis of hyperphenylalaninemia (HPA) due to tetrahydrobiopterin (BH4)-responsive phenylketonuria (PKU), in addition to the patient experiencing a $\geq 30\%$ decrease in blood phenylalanine from baseline after taking Kuvan (sapropterin dihydrochloride) and continuing to follow a phenylalanine-restricted diet.

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of sapropterin dihydrochloride based on FDA approved indication and dosing.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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SAPROPTERIN DIHYDROCHLORIDE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Phenylketonuria (PKU), in most cases, is caused by deficiency of phenylalanine hydroxylase (PAH). PAH is a hepatic enzyme that catalyzes the conversion of the essential amino acid phenylalanine to tyrosine. Tetrahydrobiopterin (BH4) is a cofactor required for PAH activity. PKU results in elevated blood and urine concentrations of phenylalanine and its metabolites, phenylacetate and phenyllactate. Tyrosine concentration is normal or low normal. Occasionally tyrosine concentrations are low.

Complete enzyme deficiency results in classic PKU, in which serum phenylalanine concentration exceeds 20 mg/dL (1200 micromol/L). Residual enzyme activity causes mild PKU (phenylalanine concentration 10 to 20 mg/dL, 600 to 1200 micromol/L) and hyperphenylalaninemia (HPA, phenylalanine concentration 2.5 to 10 mg/dL, 150 to 600 micromol/L).

Kuvan is a synthetic form of the cofactor BH4 (tetrahydrobiopterin) for the enzyme phenylalanine hydroxylase (PAH). BH4 activates residual PAH enzyme, improving normal phenylalanine metabolism and decreasing phenylalanine levels in Kuvan responders. Response to Kuvan treatment was defined in clinical trials as a $\geq 30\%$ decrease in blood Phe from baseline. Approximately 25% to 50% of patients with PAH deficiency are responsive to sapropterin. The prevalence of responsiveness was 79 to 83% in patients with mild HPA, 49 to 60% in patients with mild PKU, and 7 to 10% in patients with classic PKU. Before routine treatment with Kuvan is initiated, a test should be conducted to determine if the patient is responsive.

DOSAGE

Patients 1 month to 6 years

- The recommended starting dose of Kuvan is 10 mg/kg taken once daily.

Patients 7 years and older

- The recommended starting dose of Kuvan is 10 to 20 mg/kg taken once daily.

Blood Phe levels should be checked after 1 week of Kuvan treatment and periodically for up to a month. If blood Phe does not decrease from baseline at 10 mg/kg per day, the dose may be increased to 20 mg/kg per day. Patients whose blood Phe does not decrease after 1 month of treatment at 20 mg/kg per day are nonresponders and treatment with Kuvan should be discontinued in these patients.

Once responsiveness to Kuvan has been established, the dosage may be adjusted within the range of 5 to 20 mg/kg per day according to response to therapy. Periodic blood Phe monitoring is recommended to assess blood Phe control.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Kuvan is indicated to reduce blood phenylalanine (Phe) levels in patients with hyperphenylalaninemia (HPA) due to tetrahydrobiopterin- (BH4-) responsive Phenylketonuria (PKU). Kuvan is to be used in conjunction with a Phe-restricted diet.

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SAPROPTERIN DIHYDROCHLORIDE

REFERENCES

- Kuvan [Prescribing Information]. BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc. Novato, CA. May 2015.
- UpToDate, Inc. Overview of phenylketonuria. UpToDate [database online]. Waltham, MA. Available at: <http://www.uptodate.com/home/index.html>. Updated March 20, 2015.
- Kuvan. [Online Drug Database]. Available at: www.factsandcomparisons.com. Updated January 2015.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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P&T Approval: 08/15



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

SARGRAMOSTIM

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
SARGRAMOSTIM	LEUKINE	06074		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the requested medication prescribed by or currently being supervised by a Hematologist or Oncologist?

If yes, **approve for 3 months or requested duration of treatment up to 1 year.**
If no, continue to #2.

2. Is the request for **ONE** of the following indications?

- To shorten time to neutrophil recovery and to reduce the incidence of severe, life-threatening, or fatal infections following induction chemotherapy in a patient with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) AND the patient is 55 years or older
- For the mobilization of hematopoietic progenitor cells into peripheral blood for collection by leukapheresis, the patient is undergoing autologous transplantation AND the patient is 18 years or older
- For the acceleration of myeloid reconstitution following autologous bone marrow or peripheral blood progenitor cell transplantation, in patients with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL), acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) or Hodgkin's lymphoma AND the patient is 2 years or older
- For the acceleration of myeloid reconstitution following allogeneic bone marrow transplantation from HLA-matched related donors AND the patient is 2 years or older
- For the treatment of delayed neutrophil recovery or graft failure after autologous or allogeneic bone marrow transplantation AND the patient is 2 years or older
- To increase survival in patients acutely exposed to myelosuppressive doses of radiation (Hematopoietic Syndrome of Acute Radiation Syndrome [H-ARS])

If yes, **approve for 3 months or requested duration of treatment up to 1 year.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

SARGRAMOSTIM

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SARGRAMOSTIM (Leukine)** requires that the requested medication is prescribed by or currently being supervised by a hematologist or oncologist, OR is being used for **ONE** of the following indications:

- To shorten time to neutrophil recovery and to reduce the incidence of severe, life-threatening, or fatal infections following induction chemotherapy in a patient with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) AND the patient is 55 years or older
- For the mobilization of hematopoietic progenitor cells into peripheral blood for collection by leukapheresis, the patient is undergoing autologous transplantation AND the patient is 18 years or older
- For the acceleration of myeloid reconstitution following autologous bone marrow or peripheral blood progenitor cell transplantation, in patients with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL), acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) or Hodgkin's lymphoma AND the patient is 2 years or older
- For the acceleration of myeloid reconstitution following allogeneic bone marrow transplantation from HLA-matched related donors AND the patient is 2 years or older
- For the treatment of delayed neutrophil recovery or graft failure after autologous or allogeneic bone marrow transplantation AND the patient is 2 years or older
- To increase survival in patients acutely exposed to myelosuppressive doses of radiation (Hematopoietic Syndrome of Acute Radiation Syndrome [H-ARS])

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of sargramostim based on its FDA approved indications.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

LEUKINE is a leukocyte growth factor indicated:

- To shorten time to neutrophil recovery and to reduce the incidence of severe and life-threatening infections and infections resulting in death following induction chemotherapy in adult patients 55 years and older with acute myeloid leukemia (AML)
- For the mobilization of hematopoietic progenitor cells into peripheral blood for collection by leukapheresis and autologous transplantation in adult patients
- For the acceleration of myeloid reconstitution following autologous bone marrow or peripheral blood progenitor cell transplantation in adult and pediatric patients 2 years of age and older
- For the acceleration of myeloid reconstitution following allogeneic bone marrow transplantation in adult and pediatric patients 2 years of age and older
- For treatment of delayed neutrophil recovery or graft failure after autologous or allogeneic bone marrow transplantation in adult and pediatric patients 2 years of age and older
- To increase survival in adult and pediatric patients from birth to 17 years of age acutely exposed to myelosuppressive doses of radiation (Hematopoietic Syndrome of Acute Radiation Syndrome [H-ARS]).

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SARGRAMOSTIM

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML), Neutrophil recovery following chemotherapy:
 - 250 mcg/m²/day administered intravenously over a 4-hour period
- Mobilization of peripheral blood progenitor cells:
 - 250 mcg/ m²/day administered intravenously over 24 hours or subcutaneous injection once daily
- Post peripheral blood progenitor cell transplantation:
 - Autologous peripheral blood progenitor cell transplantation:
 - 250 mcg/ m²/day administered intravenously over 24 hours or subcutaneous injection once daily
 - Autologous bone marrow transplantation:
 - 250 mcg/ m²/day administered intravenously over 2 hours
- Myeloid reconstitution after autologous or allogeneic BMT:
 - 250 mcg/ m²/day administered intravenously over a 2-hour period
- BMT failure or engraftment delayed:
 - 250 mcg/ m²/day for 14 days as a 2-hour intravenous infusion
- Patients acutely exposed to myelosuppressive doses of radiation, administer once daily as subcutaneous injection:
 - Adults and pediatric patients weighing >40 kg: 7 mcg/kg
 - Pediatric patients 15 kg to 40 kg: 10 mcg/kg
 - Pediatric patients <15 kg: 12 mcg/kg

REFERENCES

- Leukine [Prescribing Information] Bridgewater, NJ: Sanofi-aventis U.S. LLC. April 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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Client Approval: 05/18

P&T Approval: 04/18



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

SARILUMAB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
SARILUMAB	KEVZARA	44183		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Actemra, Enbrel, Humira, Xeljanz (IR/XR) [**NOTE:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2.28 mL per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SARILUMAB (Kevzara)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis. The following criteria must also be met:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Actemra, Enbrel, Humira, Xeljanz (IR/XR)

The use of pharmaceutical samples (from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program) will not be considered when evaluating the medical condition or prior prescription history for drugs that require prior authorization.

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SARILUMAB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2.28 mL per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SARILUMAB (Kevzara)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis for renewal. In addition, the following criterion must be met:

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Kevzara.

REFERENCE

- Kevzara [Prescribing Information]. Bridgewater, NJ: Sanofi-Aventis US LLC; April 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 04/01/19

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P&T Approval: 07/18



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

SECUKINUMAB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
SECUKINUMAB	COSENTYX	41715		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) without psoriatic arthritis involvement and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
 - The patient has plaque psoriasis involving at least 10% of body surface area (BSA) **OR** psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve the requested strength and dosage form by NDC for a total of 6 months as follows:**

Approve for 1 month as follows:

- **150mg every week dosing: 5mL (5 syringes/pens) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-68 or 00078-0639-97 only)**
- **300mg every week dosing: 10mL (10 syringes/pens) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-41 or 00078-0639-98 only)**

Approve for 5 months as follows:

- **150mg every 4 weeks dosing: 1mL (1 syringe/pen) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-68 or 00078-0639-97 only)**
- **300mg every 4 weeks dosing: 2mL (2 syringes/pens) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-41 or 00078-0639-98 only)**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe plaque psoriasis without psoriatic arthritis involvement requires that the patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more while on therapy.

If no, continue to #2.

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SECUKINUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or a contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, continue to #6.

3. Does the patient have coexistent moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO)? (**Note:** For psoriatic arthritis patients with coexistent moderate to severe plaque psoriasis, use the dosing and administration recommendations for plaque psoriasis.)

If yes, **approve the requested strength and dosage form by NDC for a total of 6 months as follows:**

Approve for 1 month as follows:

- **150mg every week dosing: 5mL (5 syringes/pens) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-68 or 00078-0639-97 only)**
- **300mg every week dosing: 10mL (10 syringes/pens) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-41 or 00078-0639-98 only)**

Approve for 5 months as follows:

- **150mg every 4 weeks dosing: 1mL (1 syringe/pen) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-68 or 00078-0639-97 only)**
- **300mg every 4 weeks dosing: 2mL (2 syringes/pens) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-41 or 00078-0639-98 only)**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient has met **ONE** of the following criteria:

- For the diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA), the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.
- OR**
- For the diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO), the patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more while on therapy.

If no, continue to #4.

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SECUKINUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

4. Is the request for treatment of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) with a loading dose?

If yes, **approve the requested strength and dosage form by NDC for a total of 6 months as follows:**

Approve for 1 month as follows:

- **150mg every week dosing: 5mL (5 syringes/pens) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-68 or 00078-0639-97 only)**

Approve for 5 months as follows:

- **150mg every 4 weeks dosing: 1mL (1 syringe/pen) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-68 or 00078-0639-97 only)**
- **300mg every 4 weeks dosing: 2mL (2 syringes/pens) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-41 or 00078-0639-98 only)**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for psoriatic arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #5.

5. Is the request for treatment of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) without a loading dose?

If yes, **approve the requested strength and dosage form by NDC for a total of 6 months as follows:**

- **150mg every 4 weeks dosing: 1mL (1 syringe/pen) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-68 or 00078-0639-97 only)**
- **300mg every 4 weeks dosing: 2mL (2 syringes/pens) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-41 or 00078-0639-98 only)**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for psoriatic arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

SECUKINUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

6. Does the patient have a diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis (AS) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, continue to #7.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

7. Is the request for the treatment of ankylosing spondylitis (AS) with a loading dose?

If yes, **approve by NDC for a total of 6 months as follows:**

Approve for 1 month as follows:

- **150mg every week dosing: 5mL (5 syringes/pens) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-68 or 00078-0639-97 only)**

Approve for 5 months as follows:

- **150mg every 4 weeks dosing: 1mL (1 syringe/pen) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-68 or 00078-0639-97 only)**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for ankylosing spondylitis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained an improvement of at least 50% or 2 units (scale of 1 - 10) in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) while on therapy.

If no, continue to #8.

8. Is the request for treatment of ankylosing spondylitis (AS) without a loading dose?

If yes, **approve by NDC for a total of 6 months as follows:**

- **150mg every 4 weeks dosing: 1mL (1 syringe/pen) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-68 or 00078-0639-97 only)**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for ankylosing spondylitis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained an improvement of at least 50% or 2 units (scale of 1 - 10) in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) while on therapy.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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SECUKINUMAB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SECUKINUMAB (Cosentyx)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, or ankylosing spondylitis. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For patients with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
- The patient has plaque psoriasis involving at least 10% of body surface area (BSA) **OR** psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

For patients with psoriatic arthritis (PsA), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

For patients with ankylosing spondylitis (AS), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) and has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more while on therapy?

If yes, **approve the requested strength and dosage form by NDC for 12 months with the following quantity limits:**

- **150mg every 4 weeks dosing: 1mL (1 syringe/pen) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-68 or 00078-0639-97 only)**
- **300mg every 4 weeks dosing: 2mL (2 syringes/pens) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-41 or 00078-0639-98 only)**

If no, continue to #2.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

SECUKINUMAB

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) and has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy?

If yes, **approve the requested strength and dosage form by NDC for 12 months with the following quantity limits:**

- **150mg every 4 weeks dosing: 1mL (1 syringe/pen) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-68 or 00078-0639-97 only)**
- **300mg every 4 weeks dosing: 2mL (2 syringes/pens) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-41 or 00078-0639-98 only)**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis (AS) and has experienced or maintained an improvement of at least 50% or 2 units (scale of 1 - 10) in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) while on therapy?

If yes, **approve by NDC for 12 months with the following quantity limits:**

- **150mg every 4 weeks dosing: 1mL (1 syringe/pen) per 28 days (PAC NOTE: Enter NDC 00078-0639-68 or 00078-0639-97 only)**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SECUKINUMAB (Cosentyx)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, or ankylosing spondylitis for renewal. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO), approval requires:

- The patient has achieved clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more while on therapy.

For the diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA), approval requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

For the diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis (AS), approval requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained an improvement of at least 50% or 2 units (scale of 1 - 10) in the Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) while on therapy.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

SECUKINUMAB

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Cosentyx.

REFERENCES

- Cosentyx [Prescribing Information]. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. East Hanover, NJ: January 2018.

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Yes	Yes	No

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

SELEXIPAG

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
SELEXIPAG	UPTRAVI	42922		

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GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group 1) and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
 - Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) of ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) of > 3 Wood units
 - Patient has NYHA-WHO Functional Class II-IV symptoms

If yes, approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested strength with the following quantity limits:

- Uptravi 200mcg tablets (GPID: 40355): #8 tablets per day
- Uptravi 400mcg tablet (GPID: 40356): #2 tablets per day
- Uptravi 600mcg tablet (GPID: 40357): #2 tablets per day
- Uptravi 800mcg tablet (GPID: 40358): #2 tablets per day
- Uptravi 1,000mcg tablet (GPID: 40359): #2 tablets per day
- Uptravi 1,200mcg tablet (GPID: 40374): #2 tablets per day
- Uptravi 1,400mcg tablet (GPID: 40375): #2 tablets per day
- Uptravi 1,600mcg tablet (GPID: 40376): #2 tablets per day
- Uptravi 200-800 Titration pack (GPID: 40378): #1 pack per 12 months

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline for **SELEXIPAG (Uptravi)** requires a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension. The following criteria must also be met:
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INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

- The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
- Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) of ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) of > 3 Wood units
- The patient has NYHA-WHO Functional Class II-IV symptoms

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group 1)?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Has the patient shown improvement from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance test?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested strength with the following quantity limits:**

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| • Uptravi 200mcg tablets (GPID: 40355): | #8 tablets per day |
| • Uptravi 400mcg tablet (GPID: 40356): | #2 tablets per day |
| • Uptravi 600mcg tablet (GPID: 40357): | #2 tablets per day |
| • Uptravi 800mcg tablet (GPID: 40358): | #2 tablets per day |
| • Uptravi 1,000mcg tablet (GPID: 40359): | #2 tablets per day |
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| • Uptravi 1,400mcg tablet (GPID: 40375): | #2 tablets per day |
| • Uptravi 1,600mcg tablet (GPID: 40376): | #2 tablets per day |

If no, continue to #3.

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RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

3. Has the patient remained stable from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance test?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Has the patients WHO functional class remained stable or has improved?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested strength with the following quantity limits:**

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| • Uptravi 200mcg tablets (GPID: 40355): | #8 tablets per day |
| • Uptravi 400mcg tablet (GPID: 40356): | #2 tablets per day |
| • Uptravi 600mcg tablet (GPID: 40357): | #2 tablets per day |
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| • Uptravi 1,400mcg tablet (GPID: 40375): | #2 tablets per day |
| • Uptravi 1,600mcg tablet (GPID: 40376): | #2 tablets per day |

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline for **SELEXIPAG (Uptravi)** requires a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension for renewal. The following criteria must also be met:

- The patient has shown improvement from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance test **OR**
- The patient has a stable 6-minute walk distance test with a stable or improved WHO functional class

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **SELEXIPAG** based on FDA approved indication.

Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) is a chronic, progressive, and debilitating rare lung disease that can lead to death or the need for lung transplantation. The currently available therapeutic options to treat patients with PAH include endothelin receptor antagonists (ERAs), phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitors (PDE-5i), soluble guanylate cyclase stimulators, and prostacyclin receptor agonists. Uptravi will be the second oral prostacyclin agent for PAH, joining Orenitram (treprostinil), although unlike the other prostacyclin agents it is selective for the IP receptor. Inhaled, subcutaneous and intravenously administered forms of prostacyclins are often reserved for more severe/progressive PAH patients.

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RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Guidelines recommend a confirmatory diagnosis of PAH based on right heart catheterization. Optimal therapy for a PAH patient is a highly individualized clinical decision considering several factors such as severity of illness, route of administration, side effects, comorbidities, treatment goals. Baseline severity should be determined prior to initiation of therapy and this is done using the World Health Organization functional classifications (WHO-FC), which categorizes patients into four classes (I-IV) based on symptoms and tolerance of physical activity. The overall treatment goals are to address underlying etiology, improve symptoms/exercise capacity (achieve a low risk status [FC I or II]), prevent progression of disease, and improve survival and quality of life. The currently available oral therapeutic options to treat patients with PAH include endothelin receptor antagonists (ERAs), phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitors (PDE-5i), soluble guanylate cyclase stimulators, and prostacyclin receptor agonists (Orenitram). Monotherapy with an oral drug is recommended for initial treatment of PAH and this can include an ERA or PDE-5i, which are typically first line, or a soluble guanylate cyclase stimulator. For those patients with advanced disease (WHO-FC III- IV), an inhaled, subcutaneous or intravenous prostacyclin may also be considered. Current US guidelines recommend treatment with two or more classes of PAH drugs only when the response is inadequate or the patient deteriorates on monotherapy, but recently published European guidelines include recommendations for initial combination therapy. Although there is limited data available on the effectiveness of combination therapy for initial treatment of PAH, the combination therapy of agents with different mechanisms of action may become preferred over monotherapy due to recent data demonstrating a benefit in morbidity/mortality.

The efficacy of Uptravi was demonstrated in the Phase III GRIPHON trial that showed Uptravi significantly reduced the risk of morbidity/mortality events versus placebo by 40% (HR 0.60; 99% CI: 0.46,0.78, $p < 0.001$) primarily attributable to a reduction in hospitalization and a reduction in other disease progression events (worsening FC, decrease in 6MWD, or need for other PAH therapy). The treatment effect was consistent across baseline functional class, background PAH therapy subgroups, and regardless of dose achieved.

DOSAGE

The starting dose of Uptravi is 200mcg by mouth twice daily and increased in increments of 200 mcg twice daily, usually at weekly intervals, to the highest tolerated dose up to 1600mcg twice daily. The target dose will be individualized based on patient tolerability and tolerability may be improved with food. In addition, a dose reduction should be made in patients that reach a dose that cannot be tolerated.

For patients with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh class B), the starting dose of Uptravi is 200 mcg once daily. Increase in increments of 200 mcg once daily at weekly intervals, as tolerated.

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FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Upravi is a prostacyclin receptor agonist indicated for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH, WHO Group I) to delay disease progression and reduce the risk of hospitalization for PAH.

AVAILABLE STRENGTHS

- 200 microgram tablet
- 400 microgram tablet
- 600 microgram tablet
- 800 microgram tablet
- Titration pack: 140 count bottle of 200 microgram tablets and a 60 count bottle of 800 microgram tablets
- 1000 microgram tablet
- 1200 microgram tablet
- 1400 microgram tablet
- 1600 microgram tablet

REFERENCES

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

SIMEPREVIR

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
SIMEPREVIR	OLYSIO	40771		

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GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient meet ALL of the following?

- A diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, genotype 1
- Patient has a recent HCV infection documented by one detectable HCV RNA level within the past 6 months
- Age of at least 18 years old
- This medication is prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Has the patient completed a prior full course of therapy with 1) any HCV protease inhibitor [for example, telaprevir (Incivek), simeprevir (Olysio), or boceprevir (Victrelis)] OR 2) regimen containing an NS5A inhibitor (e.g., Harvoni, Epclusa, Technivie, Viekira Pak or Viekira XR, Zepatier, or Daklinza-containing regimen) and has not achieved a sustained virologic response (SVR)?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #3.

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GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient meet at least **ONE** of the following criteria?

- Decompensated or compensated cirrhosis
- Limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions
- The requested medication is being used with ribavirin **AND** peginterferon alfa
- Patient is taking any of the following medications that are not recommended for concurrent use with Olysio:
 - Amiodarone, carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine, erythromycin (does not include topical formulations), clarithromycin, telithromycin, itraconazole, ketoconazole, posaconazole, fluconazole (does not include topical formulations), voriconazole, dexamethasone, cisapride, cyclosporine, rosuvastatin (dose above 10mg), or atorvastatin (dose above 40mg)
 - Any of the following HIV medications:
 - A cobicistat-containing medication (e.g., Stribild or Genvoya [elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir], Evotaz, Prezcofix, or Tybost)
 - An HIV protease inhibitor (e.g., atazanavir, fosamprenavir, lopinavir, indinavir, nelfinavir, saquinavir, tipranavir, ritonavir, or darunavir/ritonavir)
 - Delavirdine, etravirine, nevirapine, or efavirenz

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #4.

4. Is the request for a combination regimen with Sovaldi plus Olysio for 12 weeks?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following?

- The patient has contraindications to Epclusa, Harvoni and Mavyret
- The patient has previously failed a short trial with Epclusa, Harvoni or Mavyret (e.g., inability to tolerate, adverse effect early in therapy); [**NOTE:** An individual who has completed a full course of therapy with Epclusa, Harvoni or Mavyret that did not achieve SVR will not be approved]

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

6. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following?

- Treatment naïve
- Treatment experienced with prior treatment with peginterferon/ribavirin

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #1 capsule per day.**

CLINICAL PHARMACISTS: Please review Sovaldi prior authorization guideline, member history, and hepatitis C MRF if available to ensure appropriate length of approval.

APPROVAL TEXT: Regimen approved: Sovaldi + Olysio for 12 weeks.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SIMEPREVIR (Olysio)** requires a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, genotype 1. The following criteria must also be met:

- Concurrent use of Olysio with Sovaldi
- Patient is 1) treatment naïve or 2) treatment-experienced with prior treatment with peginterferon/ribavirin
- Patient is at least 18 years old
- Patient is currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model
- Patient must have documentation of recent HCV infection by at least one detectable HCV RNA level within the past 6 months
- Patient must have had a short trial of Harvoni, Mavyret or Epclusa (e.g., adverse effect or intolerance early in therapy) **OR** contraindications to ALL three agents; [an individual who has completed a full course of therapy that did not achieve sustained virologic response (SVR) will not be approved]

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GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

Olysio will not be approved for the following patients:

- Patients who have failed a full course of treatment with 1) any HCV protease inhibitor (for example, simeprevir [Olysio], telaprevir [Incivek] or boceprevir [Victrelis]) **OR** 2) a regimen containing an NS5A inhibitor (e.g., Harvoni, Epclusa, Technivie, Viekira Pak or Viekira XR, Zepatier, or Daklinza-containing regimen)
- Patients with compensated cirrhosis or decompensated cirrhosis
- Patients with a limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions
- Patients who are using Olysio with ribavirin and peginterferon alfa
- Patients who are taking any of the following medications that are not recommended for concurrent use with Olysio:
 - Amiodarone, carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine, erythromycin, clarithromycin, telithromycin, itraconazole, ketoconazole, posaconazole, fluconazole, voriconazole, dexamethasone, cisapride, cyclosporine, rosuvastatin (dose above 10mg), or atorvastatin (dose above 40mg)
 - Any cobicistat-containing medication (e.g., Stribild or Genvoya [elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir], Evotaz, Prezcoibx, or Tybost)
 - Delavirdine, etravirine, nevirapine, or efavirenz
 - Any HIV protease inhibitor (e.g., atazanavir, fosamprenavir, lopinavir, indinavir, nelfinavir, saquinavir, tipranavir, ritonavir, or darunavir/ritonavir)

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of Olysio based on FDA approved indication.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

For the treatment of chronic hepatitis C infection as a component of a combination antiviral treatment regimen.

Limitations:

- Olysio with peginterferon alfa (IFN) and ribavirin (RBV): Screening patients with HCV genotype 1a infection for the presence of virus with the NS3 Q80K polymorphism at baseline is strongly recommended. Alternative therapy should be considered for patients infected with HCV genotype 1a containing the Q80K polymorphism.
- Olysio must not be used as monotherapy
- Olysio is not recommended in patients who have previously failed a regimen that included Olysio or any other HCV protease inhibitor.

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FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

FDA APPROVED DOSAGE

Olysio 150mg once daily is added to peginterferon alfa and ribavirin for the first twelve weeks of therapy for genotype 1 or genotype 4 infection. Olysio is a component of triple therapy with peginterferon and ribavirin that will require a total treatment duration of 24 or 48 weeks.

- All treatment-naïve and prior relapser patients not co-infected with HIV, with or without cirrhosis, should receive an additional 12 weeks of peginterferon alfa and ribavirin after completing 12 weeks of treatment with Olysio, peginterferon alfa and ribavirin; (total treatment duration of peginterferon/ribavirin is 24 weeks).
- All treatment-naïve and prior relapser patients *co-infected with HIV with cirrhosis*, should receive an additional 36 weeks of peginterferon alfa and ribavirin after completing 12 weeks of treatment with Olysio, peginterferon alfa and ribavirin; (total treatment duration of peginterferon/ribavirin is 24 weeks).
- All prior non-responder patients (including partial and null-responders), with or without cirrhosis and with or without HIV should receive an additional 36 weeks of peginterferon alfa and ribavirin after completing 12 weeks of treatment with Olysio, peginterferon alfa and ribavirin (total treatment duration of peginterferon/ribavirin is 48 weeks).

Olysio 150mg once daily can also be used with sofosbuvir 400mg once daily in an all-oral regimen for patients with genotype 1 infection. This regimen is administered for a duration of 12 or 24 weeks:

Duration of therapy:	
Treatment naïve or treatment experienced, without cirrhosis	12 weeks
Treatment naïve or treatment experienced, with cirrhosis	24 weeks

For peginterferon alfa/ribavirin and Sovaldi (sofosbuvir) specific dosage instructions, refer to their respective prescribing information.

No dosage recommendations can be made for patients of East Asian ancestry or for patients with severe hepatic impairment.

OTHER INFORMATION

Olysio is FDA-approved to treat HCV genotypes 1 and 4, but AASLD recommends use of Olysio only for genotype 1 infection. See hcvguidelines.org for most recent recommendations.

SAFETY

Common adverse reactions (incidence in greater than 20% of clinical trial participants and at least 3% higher frequency than those receiving placebo with ribavirin and peginterferon alfa) occurring in those receiving Olysio in combination with ribavirin and peginterferon alfa include rash (including photosensitivity), pruritus, and nausea.

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FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

SAFETY

Concurrent use of Olysio with another agent such as Sovaldi and amiodarone may increase the risk of symptomatic bradycardia.

Patients should be counseled regarding the risk of photosensitivity reactions while taking Olysio. Patients must use sun protection measures and limit sun exposure during Olysio therapy. Consider discontinuation of therapy if a photosensitivity reaction occurs.

Contraindications include all contraindications known for peginterferon alfa and ribavirin since Olysio is administered in combination with these agents.

Patients with genotype 1a NS3 Q80K polymorphism are likely to experience a significant reduction in efficacy and/or treatment failure when taking Olysio. Patients with genotype 1a should be screened at baseline for the NS3 Q80K polymorphism, and alternative therapy should be considered for any patient infected with a virus that contains the NS3 Q80K polymorphism.

Strong CYP 3A4 inducers and inhibitors may affect Olysio serum levels, and should be avoided when possible in patients taking Olysio. CYP3A4 inducers, including phenytoin, carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, phenobarbital and rifampin may increase serum levels, while CYP3A4 inhibitors, including erythromycin, clarithromycin, itraconazole, ketoconazole, posaconazole, fluconazole, voriconazole, darunavir/ritonavir and ritonavir, may decrease Olysio serum levels. Olysio may increase levels of HMG CoA reductase inhibitors, including rosuvastatin, atorvastatin, and simvastatin and others, and may require statin dose reduction. Olysio may increase digoxin levels and affect serum levels of certain immunosuppressants, including cyclosporine, tacrolimus, and sirolimus. See prescribing information for a full description of all significant drug interactions.

Olysio is pregnancy category C; however, when administered in regimens with peginterferon alfa and ribavirin (pregnancy category X), avoid use during pregnancy in females receiving therapy and female partners of males receiving therapy. Patients must have a negative pregnancy test before starting therapy, use two methods of contraception during therapy, and have a monthly pregnancy test.

The safety and efficacy of Olysio has not been studied in liver transplant patients or patients with severe renal impairment, end-stage renal disease, or those requiring dialysis.

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FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

SAFETY

Concurrent Sovaldi and Olysio therapy +/- ribavirin (12 or 24 week treatment)

- Results from the COSMOS trial showed excellent SVR rates from an all-oral combination of Olysio 150 mg once daily plus Sovaldi 400 mg once daily when used for patients infected with HCV genotype 1. Patients were randomized to 12 or 24 weeks of the Olysio plus Sovaldi combination, with or without ribavirin. Results were similar in groups treated with or without ribavirin. Results were similar for 12 or 24 weeks of treatment, and high SVR rates were seen regardless of Metavir fibrosis stage or status of previous treatment (prior null responders to peginterferon/ribavirin versus treatment naïve).
- Patients were either treatment experienced (prior null responders to peginterferon/ribavirin) with Metavir fibrosis stage of 0 or 2 (n=80, Cohort 1) or a treatment naïve or prior null responders with Metavir fibrosis stage of 3 or 4 (n=87, Cohort 2).
- The two-drug combination treatment for 12 weeks showed an SVR12 rate of 93% in previously treated patients (Cohort 1) , and SVR of 96% when used in combination with ribavirin as triple therapy. The two-drug combination treatment for 24 weeks showed an SVR12 rate of 79% and 93%, with and without ribavirin, respectively. Cohort 1 had no viral breakthrough during therapy, although 3 patients with genotype 1a and Q80K polymorphism experienced viral relapse after completing therapy.
- Cohort 2 has SVR4 results available at the time of AASLD/IDSA guideline publication. The 12-week treatment group demonstrated a 100% SVR in treatment naïve patients with and without ribavirin. The prior null responders in cohort 2 also showed excellent SVR rates with 100% and 93% with or without ribavirin, respectively. Again, no viral breakthrough was observed during treatment and after therapy one patient with genotype 1a and Q80K polymorphism experienced viral relapse after completing therapy.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

SIMVASTATIN ORAL SUSPENSION

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
SIMVASTATIN	FLOLIPID		41189 41192	

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Previous trial of or contraindication to simvastatin tablets
 - Prescriber documentation that the patient has dysphagia, difficulty swallowing tablets, or has a feeding tube (e.g., G-tube or J-tube)

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the patient also requesting a zero dollar cost share exception (i.e., the plan follows Affordable Care Act [ACA] recommendations and is linked to MedImpact's Essential Health Benefit Tables)?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits (NOTE: Override the PA edit only, no change in copay):**

- **Flolipid 20mg/5mL (GPID 41189): 150mL (#1 bottle) per 30 days.**
- **Flolipid 40mg/5mL (GPID 41192): 150mL (#1 bottle) per 30 days.**

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SIMVASTATIN ORAL SUSPENSION

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

3. Is the patient between 40-75 years of age without a history of cardiovascular disease and has **NOT** used any of the following secondary prevention medications for cardiovascular disease within the past 120 days based on the patient's prescription claims profile or medical records?
- Aspirin/dipyridamole (Aggrenox)
 - Clopidogrel (Plavix)
 - Dipyridamole
 - Nitroglycerin (i.e., oral, sublingual, transdermal patch or ointment, translingual dosage forms)
 - Prasugrel (Effient)
 - Praluent Pen
 - Repatha
 - Ticagrelor (Brilinta)
 - Ticlopidine
 - Vorapaxar sulfate (Zontivity)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID at zero cost share with the following quantity limits (NOTE: Override the PA edit and update the copay amount field with ZERO copay):**

- **Flolipid 20mg/5mL (GPID 41189): 150mL (#1 bottle) per 30 days.**
- **Flolipid 40mg/5mL (GPID 41192): 150mL (#1 bottle) per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SIMVASTATIN ORAL SUSPENSION (Flolipid)** requires that the patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to simvastatin tablets and prescriber documentation that the patient has dysphagia, difficulty swallowing tablets, or has a feeding tube (e.g., G-tube or J-tube).

Requests for zero dollar cost share also requires that the patient is between 40-75 years of age without a history of cardiovascular disease and has not used any of the following secondary prevention medications for cardiovascular disease within the past 120 days based on the patient's prescription claims profile or medical records:

- Aspirin/dipyridamole (Aggrenox)
- Clopidogrel (Plavix)
- Dipyridamole
- Nitroglycerin (i.e., oral, sublingual, transdermal patch or ointment, translingual dosage forms)
- Prasugrel (Effient)
- Praluent Pen
- Repatha
- Ticagrelor (Brilinta)
- Ticlopidine
- Vorapaxar sulfate (Zontivity)

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SIMVASTATIN ORAL SUSPENSION

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of SIMVASTATIN ORAL SUSPENSION based on FDA approved indication and dosage.

ACA/EHB

In November 2016, the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) issued its final recommendations on statin use for the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease (CVD) in adults. CVD is a broad term that includes a number of conditions such as coronary heart disease and cerebrovascular disease, which ultimately manifest as heart attack and stroke, respectively. CVD is the leading cause of morbidity and mortality in the US, accounting for one out of every three deaths among adults.

Based on the well-established benefit of statin therapy in reducing the risk of CVD events and mortality, the USPSTF now recommends that adults without a history of CVD use a low- to moderate-dose statin for the primary prevention of CVD events and mortality when all of the following criteria are met (Grade B recommendation):

- (1) Age 40 to 75 years
- (2) One or more CVD risk factors (i.e., dyslipidemia, diabetes, hypertension, or smoking)
- (3) Calculated 10-year risk of a cardiovascular event of 10% or greater

Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), plans are required to cover USPSTF preventive recommendations that have an A or B rating.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Flolipid is indicated as an adjunctive therapy to diet to:

- Reduce the risk of total mortality by reducing CHD deaths and reduce the risk of non-fatal myocardial infarction, stroke, and the need for revascularization procedures in patients at high risk of coronary events.
- Reduce elevated total-C, LDL-C, Apo B, TG and increase HDL-C in patients with primary hyperlipidemia (heterozygous familial and nonfamilial) and mixed dyslipidemia.
- Reduce elevated TG in patients with hypertriglyceridemia and reduce TG and VLDL-C in patients with primary dysbetalipoproteinemia.
- Reduce total-C and LDL-C in adult patients with homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia.
- Reduce elevated total-C, LDL-C, and Apo B in boys and postmenarchal girls, 10 to 17 years of age with heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia after failing an adequate trial of diet therapy.
- Limitations of Use Simvastatin has not been studied in Fredrickson Types I and V dyslipidemias.

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SIMVASTATIN ORAL SUSPENSION

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The usual dosage range of Flolipid is 5 to 40mg/day. Flolipid should be taken in the evening on an empty stomach. The recommended usual starting dose is 10 or 20mg once a day.

For patients at high risk for a CHD event due to existing CHD, diabetes, peripheral vessel disease, history of stroke or other cerebrovascular disease, the recommended starting dose is 40 mg/day. It is recommended to use Flolipid 40 mg/5 mL for dosages greater than or equal to 40 mg.

Due to the increased risk of myopathy, including rhabdomyolysis, associated with an 80-mg dose of Flolipid, patients unable to achieve their LDL-C goal utilizing the 40-mg dose of FLOLIPID should not be titrated to an 80-mg dose, but should be placed on alternative LDL-C-lowering treatment(s) that provides greater LDL-C lowering.

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- Flolipid is available in 150mL bottles in the following strengths: 20mg/5mL oral suspension and 40mg/5mL oral suspension

REFERENCES

- Flolipid [Prescribing Information]. Brooksville, FL: Salerno Pharmaceuticals LP; October 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

SIPONIMOD

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
SIPONIMOD	MAYZENT	45670		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of **ANY** of the following relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis?
 - Clinically isolated syndrome
 - Relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of relapsing forms of secondary progressive multiple sclerosis **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Does the patient have a CYP2C9 *1/*1, *1/*2, or *2/*2 genotypes?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all strengths as follows:**

- **Mayzent 0.25mg starter pack (GPID 46135): 1 pack (#12 tablets) per fill.**
- **Mayzent 2mg (GPID 46133): #1 tablet per day.**

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a CYP2C9 *1/*3 or *2/*3 genotypes?

If yes, **approve Mayzent 0.25mg tablet by GPID (46134) for 12 months with a quantity limit of #4 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SIPONIMOD (Mayzent)** requires a diagnosis of relapsing forms of secondary progressive multiple sclerosis. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has CYP2C9 1/1, 1/2, 2/2, 1/3, or 2/3 genotype

Requests will NOT be approved for the diagnosis of any of the following relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis:

- Clinically isolated syndrome
- Relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis

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SIPONIMOD

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of relapsing forms of secondary progressive multiple sclerosis and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Physician attestation that the patient has demonstrated a clinical benefit compared to pre-treatment baseline
- The patient does not have lymphopenia

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient have a CYP2C9 *1/*1, *1/*2, or *2/*2 genotype?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all strengths as follows:**

- **Mayzent 0.25mg starter pack (GPID 46135): 1 pack (#12 tablets) per fill.**
- **Mayzent 2mg (GPID 46133): #1 tablet per day.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a CYP2C9 *1/*3 or *2/*3 genotype?

If yes, **approve Mayzent 0.25mg tablet by GPID (46134) for 12 months with a quantity limit of #4 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SIPONIMOD (Mayzent)** requires a diagnosis of relapsing forms of secondary progressive multiple sclerosis. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- Physician attestation that the patient has demonstrated a clinical benefit compared to pre-treatment baseline
- The patient does not have lymphopenia
- The patient has CYP2C9 1/1, 1/2, 2/2, 1/3, or 2/3 genotype

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SIPONIMOD

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Mayzent.

REFERENCES

- Mayzent [Prescribing Information]. East Hanover, NJ: Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation; March 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

SODIUM OXYBATE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
SODIUM OXYBATE	XYREM	12346		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Is the patient currently on a sedative hypnotic agent (examples include but are not limited to: Lunesta (eszopiclone), Ambien (zolpidem), Sonata (zaleplon), estazolam, Restoril (temazepam), Halcion (triazolam), flurazepam, quazepam, or Belsomra (suvorexant))?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of cataplexy in narcolepsy and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 7 years of age or older
 - Therapy is prescribed by or in given in consultation with one of the following specialists: neurologist, psychiatrist, or specialist in sleep medicine

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #18mL per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires physician attestation of sustained improvement of cataplexy symptoms compared to baseline.

If no, continue to #3.

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SODIUM OXYBATE

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) in narcolepsy and meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
- The patient is 7 years of age or older
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with one of the following specialists: neurologist, psychiatrist, or specialist in sleep medicine
 - The patient has an Epworth Sleepiness Scale (ESS) score of more than 10, persisting for 3 or more months, at baseline
 - Narcolepsy diagnosis as confirmed by **ONE** of the following:
 - The patient has a Multiple Sleep Latency Test (MSLT) showing a mean sleep latency of 8 minutes or less and **ONE** of the following:
 - 2 or more early-onset REM sleep periods (SOREMPs) during a single MSLT session, **OR**
 - 1 or more early-onset REM sleep periods (SOREMPs) during a single MSLT session **AND** 1 early-onset SOREMP (within approx. 15 minutes or less) on a polysomnography the night preceding the MSLT **AND** polysomnography has ruled out non-narcolepsy causes of EDS
 - The patient has low Orexin/Hypocretin levels on CSF assay
 - The patient has tried **TWO** of the following preferred agents (unless contraindicated to stimulants): generic stimulant (e.g., amphetamine, dextroamphetamine, or methylphenidate) **AND** modafinil or armodafinil

If yes, **approve for 6 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #18mL per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires physician attestation of sustained improvement in Epworth Sleepiness Scale (ESS) scores by at least 25% compared to baseline.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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SODIUM OXYBATE

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SODIUM OXYBATE (Xyrem)** requires a diagnosis of cataplexy in narcolepsy or excessive daytime sleepiness in narcolepsy. In addition, the following must be met:

For the diagnosis of cataplexy in narcolepsy, approval requires:

- The patient is 7 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with one of the following specialists: neurologist, psychiatrist, or specialist in sleep medicine

For the diagnosis of excessive daytime sleepiness in narcolepsy, approval requires:

- The patient is 7 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with one of the following specialists: neurologist, psychiatrist, or specialist in sleep medicine
- The patient has an Epworth Sleepiness Scale (ESS) score of more than 10, persisting for 3 or more months, at baseline
- Narcolepsy diagnosis as confirmed by **ONE** of the following:
 - The patient has a Multiple Sleep Latency Test (MSLT) showing a mean sleep latency of 8 minutes or less and **ONE** of the following:
 - 2 or more early-onset REM sleep periods (SOREMPs) during a single MSLT session, **OR**
 - 1 or more early-onset REM sleep periods (SOREMPs) during a single MSLT session **AND** 1 early-onset SOREMP (within approx. 15 minutes or less) on a polysomnography the night preceding the MSLT **AND** polysomnography has ruled out non-narcolepsy causes of EDS
 - The patient has low Orexin/Hypocretin levels on CSF assay
- The patient has tried **TWO** of the following preferred agents (unless contraindicated to stimulants): generic stimulant (e.g., amphetamine, dextroamphetamine, or methylphenidate) **AND** modafinil or armodafinil

This medication will not be approved for patients currently being treated with sedative hypnotic agents (examples include but are not limited to: Lunesta (eszopiclone), Ambien (zolpidem), Sonata (zaleplon), estazolam, Restoril (temazepam), Halcion (triazolam), flurazepam, quazepam, or Belsomra (suvorexant)).

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of cataplexy in narcolepsy and meet the following criterion?
 - Physician attestation of sustained improvement of cataplexy symptoms compared to baseline

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #18mL per day.**

If no, continue to #2.

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SODIUM OXYBATE

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) in narcolepsy and meets the following criterion?
- Physician attestation of sustained improvement in Epworth Sleepiness Scale (ESS) scores by at least 25% compared to baseline

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #18mL per day.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SODIUM OXYBATE (Xyrem)** requires a diagnosis of cataplexy in narcolepsy or excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) in narcolepsy. In addition, the following must be met:

For the diagnosis of cataplexy of narcolepsy, approval requires:

- Physician attestation of maintained improvement in cataplexy symptoms compared to baseline

For the diagnosis of excessive daytime sleepiness of narcolepsy, approval requires:

- Physician attestation of sustained improvement in Epworth Sleepiness Scale (ESS) scores by at least 25% compared to baseline

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Xyrem.

REFERENCES

- Xyrem [Prescribing Information]. Palo Alto, CA: Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; October 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

SOFOSBUVIR

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
SOFOSBUVIR	SOVALDI	40795		

*******Customer Service/PAC Alert*******
(For Internal Use Only)

THIS IS A HIGH-IMPACT MEDICATION. DO NOT OVERRIDE OR APPROVE WITHOUT SUBMITTING FOR PHARMACIST REVIEW.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the patient **ONE** of the following?

- Age of at least 18 years old and has a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, genotype 1 or 3
- Pediatric patient, age 12-17 years old **OR** weighs at least 77 pounds (35kg), with a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, genotype 2 or 3

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient meet at least **ONE** of the following?

- The patient has severe renal impairment (estimated glomerular filtration rate (GFR) less than 30 mL/min/1.73m²), end stage renal disease, or requires dialysis
- The patient has a limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions
- The patient is currently taking any of the following medications: carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine, or tipranavir/ritonavir
- The patient is using Sovaldi with a direct acting antiviral (e.g., Olysio or Daklinza) **AND** is concurrently taking amiodarone

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #3.

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SOFOSBUVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Patient is currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model
- Patient has evidence of current HCV infection and chronic HCV infection as documented by one detectable HCV RNA level within the last 6 months

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Is the patient under age 18?

If yes, continue to #17.

If no, continue to #5.

5. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following?

- Treatment naïve **OR** treatment experienced (prior treatment with peginterferon/ribavirin)
- Patient is without cirrhosis **OR** has decompensated cirrhosis **OR** is post-liver transplant (with or without cirrhosis)

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

6. Has the patient failed a short trial of the preferred formulary agent or has a contraindication to therapy with the preferred formulary agents? (see criteria below)

- For genotype 1 HCV infection: a short trial of Epclusa, Harvoni or Mavyret (e.g., adverse effect early in therapy to Mavyret, Harvoni or Epclusa) or contraindication to all three agents
- For genotype 3 HCV infection: a short trial of Epclusa or Mavyret (e.g., adverse effect early in therapy to Epclusa or Mavyret) or contraindication to both agents
(**NOTE:** An individual who has completed a full course of therapy with the preferred agent that did not achieve SVR will not be approved)

If yes, continue to #7.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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SOFOSBUVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

7. Does the patient have decompensated cirrhosis?

If yes, continue to #12.

If no, continue to #8.

8. Is the requested medication being used with 1) ribavirin **OR** 2) peginterferon alfa and ribavirin?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #9.

9. Is this request for Sovaldi use in combination with Daklinza?

CLINICAL PHARMACISTS: Patient must also meet all criteria in Daklinza guideline to be approvable for both agents. Review hepatitis C MRF and Daklinza request to ensure patient meets criteria for both agents.

If yes, continue to #13.

If no, continue to #10.

10. Is the request for a combination regimen with Sovaldi plus Olysio in a patient with genotype 1 hepatitis C infection?

If yes, continue to #11.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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SOFOSBUVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

11. Does the patient meet **ONE** or more of the following?

- The patient has cirrhosis
- Patient completed a prior full course of therapy with 1) any HCV protease inhibitor [for example, Incivek (telaprevir), Olysio (simeprevir), or Victrelis (boceprevir)] and has not achieved a sustained virologic response (SVR) **OR** 2) a regimen containing NS5A inhibitor (e.g., Harvoni, Epclusa, Technivie, Viekira Pak or Viekira XR, Zepatier, or Daklinza-containing regimen)
- Patient is concurrently using any of the following medications with Sovaldi/Olysio which are not recommended by the manufacturer of Olysio:
 - Carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine, erythromycin (does not include topical formulations), clarithromycin, telithromycin, itraconazole, ketoconazole, posaconazole, fluconazole (does not include topical formulations), voriconazole, dexamethasone, cisapride, cyclosporine, rosuvastatin (dose above 10mg), or atorvastatin (dose above 40mg)
 - Any of the following HIV medications: delavirdine, etravirine, nevirapine, or efavirenz
 - A cobicistat-containing medication (e.g., Stribild or Genvoya (elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir), Evotaz, Prezcofix, or Tybost)
 - An HIV protease inhibitor (e.g., atazanavir, fosamprenavir, lopinavir, indinavir, nelfinavir, saquinavir, tipranavir, ritonavir, or darunavir/ritonavir)

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day. Maximum duration of sofosbuvir therapy is not to exceed 84 days (12 weeks). (NOTE: Regimen approved for genotype 1 patient without cirrhosis: Olysio and Sovaldi for 12 weeks)**

CLINICAL SPECIALISTS: Patient is on combination therapy with Olysio; please also view Olysio prior authorization guideline, member history, and hepatitis C MRF, if available to ensure appropriate length of approval and that the patient also meets approval for Olysio.

APPROVAL TEXT: Prior authorization is approved for a 12-week combination regimen with Olysio and Sovaldi.

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GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

12. Is this request for Sovaldi use in combination with Daklinza?

CLINICAL PHARMACISTS: Patient must also meet all criteria in Daklinza guideline to be approvable for both agents. Review hepatitis C MRF and Daklinza request to ensure patient meets criteria for both agents.

If yes, continue to #13.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

13. Is the patient concurrently using Sovaldi/Daklinza with any of the following (contraindicated or not recommended by the manufacturer, except specified HIV medications) medications: amiodarone, carbamazepine, phenytoin, rifampin, or rifapentine?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #14.

14. Does the patient have compensated cirrhosis?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #15.

15. Does the patient have decompensated cirrhosis or is post-liver transplant?

If yes, continue to #16.

If no, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day (Sovaldi in combination with Daklinza).**

CLINICAL PHARMACISTS: Patient is on combination therapy with Daklinza; please also view Daklinza prior authorization guideline, member history, and hepatitis C MRF, if available to ensure appropriate length of approval and that the patient also meets approval for Daklinza.

APPROVAL TEXT: Prior authorization is approved for a 12-week combination regimen with Daklinza and Sovaldi.

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SOFOSBUVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

16. Is the patient using a regimen of Daklinza and Sovaldi (sofosbuvir) **WITH** ribavirin?

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day (Sovaldi in combination with Daklinza and ribavirin).**

CLINICAL PHARMACISTS: Patient is on combination therapy with Daklinza; please also view Daklinza prior authorization guideline, member history, and hepatitis C MRF, if available to ensure appropriate length of approval and that the patient also meets approval for Daklinza.

APPROVAL TEXT: Prior authorization is approved for a 12-week combination regimen with Daklinza and Sovaldi with ribavirin.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

17. Does the patient have genotype 2 infection **AND** has compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A) or is without cirrhosis?

If yes, continue to #18.

If no, continue to #19.

18. Is the requested medication being used with ribavirin?

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

19. Does the patient have genotype 3 infection **AND** has compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A) or is without cirrhosis?

If yes, continue to #20.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

20. Is the requested medication being used with ribavirin?

If yes, **approve for 24 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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SOFOSBUVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOFOSBUVIR (Sovaldi)** requires a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C. The following criteria must also be met:

- Patient is at least 18 years old with a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C genotype 1 or genotype 3, OR the request is for a pediatric patient (age 12-17 or weighing at least 77lb (35kg)) with a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C genotype 2 or 3
- Currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model
- Evidence of current HCV infection and chronic HCV infection as documented by one detectable HCV RNA level within the last 6 months
- Adults: Concurrent use of Olysio (genotype 1 only) or Daklinza (genotype 1 or 3 only)
- Concurrent use of ribavirin (genotypes 2 and 3) for pediatric patients (under age 18)
- Adult patients are 1) treatment-naïve or 2) treatment-experienced with prior treatment with peginterferon/ribavirin
- Requests for pediatric patients must meet the FDA-approved indication (treatment naïve or treatment experienced patient with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A) or without cirrhosis)
- Adult patients with genotype 1 infection: requires a previous short trial of Epclusa, Harvoni or Mavyret (e.g., intolerance, adverse effect early in therapy) or contraindication to all three agents; an individual who has completed a full course of therapy that did not achieve a sustained virologic response (SVR) will not be approved
- Adult patients with genotype 3 infection: requires a previous short trial of Epclusa or Mavyret (e.g., intolerance, adverse effect early in therapy) or contraindication to both agents; an individual who has completed a full course of therapy that did not achieve SVR will not be approved

Sovaldi will not be approved for the following patients:

- Patients with severe renal impairment (GFR less than 30 mL/min/1.73m²), end stage renal disease and/or those requiring dialysis
 - Patients with a limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions
 - Adult patients with compensated cirrhosis
 - Patients using any of the following medications concurrently while on Sovaldi: carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine, or tipranavir/ritonavir
 - Patients who are using Sovaldi with another direct acting antiviral (e.g., Olysio or Daklinza) AND are on concurrent amiodarone
 - Adult patients who are using Sovaldi with 1) ribavirin OR 2) peginterferon alfa and ribavirin
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GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

For requests for Sovaldi/Olysio regimen for genotype 1, the following criteria must be met:

- Patient is at least 18 years old
- Patient does not have cirrhosis
- No previous failure of a prior full course of therapy with 1) any HCV protease inhibitor (e.g., Incivek [telaprevir], Olysio [simeprevir], or Victrelis [boceprevir]) **OR** 2) a regimen containing NS5A inhibitor (e.g., Harvoni, Epclusa, Technivie, Viekira Pak or Viekira XR, Zepatier, or Daklinza-containing regimen)
- Patient is **NOT** concurrently using any of the following medications (contraindicated or not recommended by the manufacturer):
 - Carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine, erythromycin (does not include topical formulations), clarithromycin, telithromycin, itraconazole, ketoconazole, posaconazole, fluconazole (does not include topical formulations), voriconazole, dexamethasone, cisapride, cyclosporine, rosuvastatin (dose above 10mg), or atorvastatin (dose above 40mg)
 - Any of the following HIV medications: delavirdine, etravirine, nevirapine, or efavirenz
 - A cobicistat-containing medication (e.g., Stribild or Genvoya [elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir], Evotaz, Prezcobix, or Tybost)
 - An HIV protease inhibitor (e.g., atazanavir, fosamprenavir, lopinavir, indinavir, nelfinavir, saquinavir, tipranavir, ritonavir, or darunavir/ritonavir)

For patients using Sovaldi with Daklinza, the following criteria must be met:

- Patient is at least 18 years old
- Genotype 1 or 3 hepatitis C
- Patient must not have concurrent use with any of the following medications (contraindicated or not recommended by the manufacturer): amiodarone, carbamazepine, phenytoin, rifampin, or rifapentine
- Concurrent ribavirin use is required for patients with decompensated cirrhosis or who are post-liver transplant

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of sofosbuvir.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Sovaldi is a hepatitis C virus nucleotide analog NS5B polymerase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of:

- Adult patients with genotype 1,2,3 or 4 chronic hepatitis C virus infection without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis as a component of a combination antiviral treatment regimen
- Pediatric patients 12 years of age and older or weighing at least 35kg with genotype 2 or 3 chronic HCV infection without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis in combination with ribavirin

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Adult patient population	
Genotype	FDA-approved dosing regimen for Sovaldi (for HCV monoinfected or HIV-1/HCV co-infected patients)
Genotype 1	Sovaldi + peginterferon + ribavirin for 12 weeks
	Sovaldi + Daklinza for 12 weeks (ribavirin required for decompensated cirrhosis or post-liver transplant)
	Sovaldi + Olysio for 12 weeks (24 weeks if cirrhosis)
Genotype 1: interferon ineligible	Sovaldi + ribavirin for 24 weeks
Genotype 2	Sovaldi + ribavirin for 12 weeks
Genotype 3	Sovaldi + ribavirin for 24 weeks
	Sovaldi + Daklinza for 12 weeks (ribavirin required for cirrhosis (compensated or decompensated) or post-liver transplant)
Genotype 4	Sovaldi + peginterferon + ribavirin for 12 weeks

Pediatric patient population		
Genotype	Pediatric patient population 12 years of age and older or weighing at least 35 kg	FDA-approved dosing regimen for Sovaldi
Genotype 2	Treatment naïve or treatment experienced without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A)	Sovaldi + ribavirin for 12 weeks
Genotype 3	Treatment naïve and treatment experienced, without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A)	Sovaldi + ribavirin for 24 weeks

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FDA APPROVED DOSAGE

- One 400mg tablet taken once daily with or without food.
- Sovaldi should be used in combination with ribavirin or in combination with pegylated interferon and ribavirin for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C (see chart above for FDA approved regimens and AASLD chart below for FDA approved and non-approved recommended regimens for hepatitis C). Sovaldi in combination with ribavirin for 24 weeks can be considered for chronic hepatitis C patients with genotype 1 infection who are interferon ineligible.
- Sovaldi should be used in combination with ribavirin for treatment of chronic hepatitis C in patients with hepatocellular carcinoma awaiting liver transplantation for up to 48 weeks or until liver transplantation, whichever occurs first.
- A dose recommendation cannot be made for patients with severe renal impairment or end stage renal disease.

SAFETY

Common adverse reactions (incidence in greater than 20% of clinical trial) occurring in those receiving Sovaldi in combination with ribavirin were fatigue and headache. Common adverse reactions occurring in those receiving Sovaldi as a component of triple therapy (in combination with peginterferon alfa and ribavirin) were fatigue, headache, nausea, insomnia, and anemia.

Contraindications include all contraindications known for peginterferon alfa and ribavirin when Sovaldi is administered in combination with these agents. Sovaldi is contraindicated in pregnant women and men whose female partners are pregnant. Sovaldi is pregnancy category B; however, due to required co-administration of peginterferon alfa and/or ribavirin (pregnancy category X), avoid use during pregnancy in females receiving therapy and female partners of males receiving therapy. Patients must have a negative pregnancy test before starting therapy, use two methods of contraception during therapy, and have a monthly pregnancy test.

Potent P-gp inducers such as rifampin and St. John's wort may decrease serum levels and efficacy of Sovaldi; avoid concurrent use of potent P-gp inducers with Sovaldi when possible. Sovaldi is not known to have drug interactions related to CYP450. Concurrent use of Harvoni and amiodarone may increase the risk of symptomatic bradycardia.

The safety and efficacy of Sovaldi have not been studied in patients post-liver transplant, patients with severe renal impairment or end-stage renal disease, or those requiring dialysis.

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SOFOSBUVIR/VELPATASVIR

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
SOFOSBUVIR/VELPATASVIR	EPCLUSA	43561		

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(For Internal Use Only)**

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GUIDELINES FOR USE

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is at least 18 years old
 - The patient has a chronic HCV infection documented by at least **ONE** detectable HCV RNA level within the last 6 months
 - The patient is currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

- Does the patient meet at least **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is currently taking any of the following medications: amiodarone, carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine, efavirenz-containing HIV regimens, rosuvastatin at doses above 10mg, tipranavir/ritonavir or topotecan
 - The patient has severe renal impairment (estimated glomerular filtration rate (GFR) less than 30mL/min/1.73m²) or end stage renal disease requiring dialysis
 - The patient has a limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions (e.g., physician attestation)

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #3.

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3. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Genotype 1 HCV infection
- Treatment naïve
- No cirrhosis
- No HIV co-infection
- Pre-treatment HCV RNA level < 6 million IU/mL
- Not of African descent (Patient is not African American)

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, continue to #5.

4. Has the patient had a trial of Harvoni 8-week regimen, or does the patient have a contraindication to Harvoni?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Does the patient have decompensated cirrhosis **AND** the requested medication will be used with ribavirin?

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day.**

If no, continue to #6.

6. Is the patient one of the following:

- Treatment naïve and genotype 1-6 infection
- Treatment experienced, genotype 1-6 infection, with prior treatment with one of the following: 1) peginterferon/ribavirin or 2) NS3 protease inhibitor triple therapy (Olysio, Incivek or Victrelis with peginterferon/ribavirin)
- Treatment experienced, genotype 1b or genotype 2 infection, with previous treatment with Sovaldi (sofosbuvir)-containing regimen (e.g., Sovaldi/ribavirin with or without peginterferon or Sovaldi/Olysio) that does not include NS5A inhibitor

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOFOSBUVIR/VELPATASVIR (Epclusa)** requires a diagnosis of hepatitis C with genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- Patient is at least 18 years old
- Patient is currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model
- Documentation of HCV infection by at least one detectable HCV RNA level within the last 6 months
- For patients with decompensated cirrhosis, the patient must be using a ribavirin-containing regimen
- For patients without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis, patients must be treatment naïve or treatment experienced with a previous regimen of 1) peginterferon/ribavirin or NS3 protease inhibitor triple therapy (Olysio, Incivek or Victrelis with peginterferon/ribavirin), OR 2) Sovaldi (sofosbuvir)-containing regimen that does not include NS5A inhibitor (e.g., Sovaldi/ribavirin with or without peginterferon or Sovaldi/Olysio)) with genotype 1b or genotype 2 infection
- Treatment naïve patients with genotype 1 infection and without cirrhosis and without HIV co-infection and not of African descent that have a pretreatment HCV RNA level less than 6 million IU/mL must have a trial of Harvoni 8-week regimen or a contraindication to Harvoni

Epclusa will not be approved for the following patients:

- Patient using any of the following medications concurrently while on Epclusa: amiodarone, carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine, efavirenz-containing HIV regimens, rosuvastatin at doses above 10mg, tipranavir/ritonavir or topotecan
- Patient with severe renal impairment (estimated glomerular filtration rate (GFR) less than 30mL/min/1.73m²) or end stage renal disease requiring hemodialysis
- Patient with limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of Epclusa (sofosbuvir/velpatasvir).

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

For the treatment of chronic hepatitis C genotype 1-6 infection in adults.

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FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

FDA APPROVED DOSAGE

- One 400mg/100mg tablet taken once daily with or without food.
Duration of therapy is as follows:

Patient type	Regimen
No cirrhosis or compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A)	Epclusa for 12 weeks
Decompensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh B or C)	Epclusa + ribavirin for 12 weeks

OTHER INFORMATION

Epclusa is the first single tablet, all-oral combination therapy approved to treat chronic hepatitis C, genotypes 1-6. It is a combination of sofosbuvir, a NS5B polymerase inhibitor (currently also available as a single ingredient medication under brand Sovaldi), with velpatasvir, a new NS5A inhibitor. Potential advantages for Epclusa include once daily dosing, excellent tolerability, improved SVR rates in difficult-to-treat patients including decompensated cirrhosis, and it is the first agent to offer an all-oral, interferon-free, ribavirin-free single-tablet regimen for genotypes 2 and 3.

EFFICACY

The efficacy of Epclusa was evaluated in four phase 3 clinical trials with over 1500 patients. The primary efficacy endpoint for all four studies was a 12-week sustained virologic response (SVR12), defined as HCV RNA below the lower limit of quantification (<15IU/mL), at 12 weeks after the end of treatment.

Table 1: Major phase III clinical trials for Epclusa [adapted from Epclusa prescribing information]

Study	Clinical trial design	Treatment and comparator groups	Patient population
ASTRAL-1	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial	Epclusa 12 weeks (n=624) and placebo 12 weeks (n=116)	Treatment naïve and treatment experienced patients with genotype 1, 2, 4, 5 or 6, without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis (19% had cirrhosis)
ASTRAL-2	Randomized, open-label study	Epclusa 12 weeks (n=134) and Sovaldi/ribavirin for 12 weeks (n=132)	Treatment naïve and treatment experienced patients with genotype 2 infection, without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis (14% had cirrhosis)
ASTRAL-3	Randomized, open-label study	Epclusa 12 weeks (n=277) and Sovaldi/ribavirin for 24 weeks (n=275)	Treatment naïve and treatment experienced patients with genotype 3 infection, without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis (30% had cirrhosis)
ASTRAL-4	Randomized, open-label study	Epclusa 12 weeks (n=90), Epclusa/ribavirin for 12 weeks (n=87), and Epclusa for 24	Treatment naïve and treatment experienced patients with genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6



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Study	Clinical trial design	Treatment and comparator groups	Patient population
		weeks (n=90)	infection, with decompensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh B)

Efficacy - Patients with HCV genotype 1, 2, 4, 5 or 6 infection (no cirrhosis or compensated cirrhosis)

The ASTRAL-1 study, a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study, compared a 12-week Epclusa regimen with 12 weeks of placebo in 740 patients. Patients had genotype 1, 2, 4, 5 or 6 chronic HCV infection, without cirrhosis (81%) or with compensated cirrhosis (19%). Due to a small number of patients with genotype 5 infection, all patients with genotype 5 were assigned to Epclusa treatment, while patients with other genotypes were randomized 5:1 to Epclusa or placebo for 12 weeks. Patient characteristics included median age of 56 (range 18-82 years); 60% male; 79% Caucasian; 9% of African descent; 21% with baseline body mass index (BMI) of 30kg/m² or greater; and 53% were infected with genotype 1 infection, 17% with genotype 2 infection, 19% with genotype 4 infection, 5% with genotype 5 infection and 7% with genotype 6 infection. The majority of patients were treatment naïve. Among the 32% of study patients who were treatment-experienced, most had previously used a regimen with peginterferon/ribavirin. Other previous regimens used included HCV protease inhibitor with peginterferon/ribavirin or a non-pegylated interferon with or without ribavirin. Patients with previous failure of NS5B inhibitor or a NS5A inhibitor were excluded from the study. The overall SVR rates was 99%, with SVR rates ranging from 97% to 100%. SVR rates were 100% for patients with genotype 2, genotype 4 and genotype 6 infection.

Table 2: Virologic outcomes by HCV genotype in patients receiving Epclusa in the ASTRAL-1 clinical trial, 12 weeks after treatment [from Epclusa prescribing information]

	EPCLUSA 12 Weeks (N=624)							
	Total (all GTs) (N=624)	GT-1			GT-2 (N=104)	GT-4 (N=116)	GT-5 (N=35)	GT-6 (N=41)
		GT-1a (N=210)	GT-1b (N=118)	Total (N=328)				
SVR12	99% (618/624)	98% (206/210)	99% (117/118)	98% (323/328)	100% (104/104)	100% (116/116)	97% (34/35)	100% (41/41)
Outcome for Subjects without SVR								
On-Treatment Virologic Failure	0/624	0/210	0/118	0/328	0/104	0/116	0/35	0/41
Relapse ^a	<1% (2/623)	<1% (1/209)	1% (1/118)	1% (2/327)	0/104	0/116	0/35	0/41
Other ^b	1% (4/624)	1% (3/210)	0/118	1% (3/328)	0/104	0/116	3% (1/35)	0/41

GT = genotype; no subjects in the placebo group achieved SVR12.

a. The denominator for relapse is the number of subjects with HCV RNA <LLOQ at their last on-treatment assessment.

b. Other includes subjects who did not achieve SVR and did not meet virologic failure criteria.

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EFFICACY

Patients with HCV genotype 2 infection (no cirrhosis or compensated cirrhosis)

The ASTRAL-2 study, a randomized, open-label study, compared the efficacy of a 12-week Epclusa regimen with 12 weeks of Sovaldi/ribavirin in 266 patients with genotype 2 infection. Patients were randomized to treatment groups in a 1:1 ratio. The majority of patients had no cirrhosis (86%); 14% had compensated cirrhosis. Patient characteristics included median age of 58 years (range 23 to 81 years), 59% male, 88% Caucasian, 7% of African descent, 33% had a baseline BMI of at least 30kg/m², and 15% were treatment-experienced. Overall SVR rate was 99% for patients with genotype 2 infection taking Epclusa for 12 weeks, and 94% for those taking Sovaldi/ribavirin for 12 weeks. SVR rates were lower for treatment-experienced patients and those with compensated cirrhosis than for treatment-naïve patients and those without cirrhosis, respectively. Relapse rates were higher for those using the Sovaldi/ribavirin regimen (5%) than for the Epclusa regimen (0%).

Patients with HCV genotype 3 infection (no cirrhosis or compensated cirrhosis)

The ASTRAL-3 study, a randomized, open-label study, compared the efficacy of a 12-week Epclusa regimen with 24 weeks of Sovaldi/ribavirin in 552 patients with genotype 3 infection. Patients were randomized to treatment groups in a 1:1 ratio. Patient characteristics included median age of 52 years (range 19 to 76 years), 62% male, 89% Caucasian, 9% of Asian descent, 20% had a baseline BMI of at least 30kg/m², 30% had compensated cirrhosis, and 26% were treatment-experienced. Overall SVR rate was 95% for patients with genotype 3 infection taking Epclusa for 12 weeks, and 80% for those taking Sovaldi/ribavirin for 24 weeks. In both treatment groups SVR rates were lower for treatment-experienced patients and those with compensated cirrhosis than for treatment-naïve patients and those without cirrhosis, respectively. Relapse rates were higher for those using the Sovaldi/ribavirin regimen (14%) than for the Epclusa regimen (4%).

Table 3: SVR12 in patients with genotype 3 HCV in the ASTRAL-3 clinical trial
[from Epclusa prescribing information]

	EPCLUSA 12 Weeks		SOF + RBV 24 Weeks ^a	
	Treatment-Naïve (N=206)	Treatment-Experienced (N=71)	Treatment-Naïve (N=201)	Treatment-Experienced (N=69)
Without cirrhosis	98% (160/163)	94% (31/33) ^b	90% (141/156)	71% (22/31)
With compensated cirrhosis	93% (40/43)	89% (33/37)	73% (33/45)	58% (22/38)

SOF = sofosbuvir; RBV = ribavirin.

- a. Five subjects with missing cirrhosis status in the SOF + RBV 24-week group were excluded from this subgroup analysis.
b. One treatment-experienced subject without cirrhosis treated with EPCLUSA had genotype 1a HCV infection at failure, indicating HCV re-infection, and is therefore excluded from this analysis.

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EFFICACY

Patients with decompensated cirrhosis

The ASTRAL-4 study, a randomized, open-label study of 267 patients with decompensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh B) with genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 HCV infection, compared Epclusa for 12 weeks (n=90), Epclusa with ribavirin for 12 weeks (n=87), and Epclusa for 24 weeks (n=90). Patient characteristics included median age of 59 years (range 40 to 73 years), 70% male, 90% Caucasian, 6% of African descent, 42% had a baseline BMI of at least 30kg/m², 95% had a Model for End Stage Liver Disease (MELD) score of 15 or less at baseline, and 55% were treatment experienced. The majority had genotype 1 infection (78%), and 4% had genotype 2, 15% had genotype 3, 3% had genotype 4, and less than 1% (1 participant) had genotype 6; no participants had genotype 5 infection. Although all patients enrolled were determined to have Child-Pugh B cirrhosis at baseline, 6% had Child-Pugh A and 4% had Child-Pugh C cirrhosis on the first day of treatment.

Table 4: Virologic outcomes in patients with decompensated cirrhosis in the ASTRAL-4 clinical trial

[from Epclusa prescribing information]

	Epclusa + ribavirin for 12 weeks (n=87)	
	SVR12	Virologic Failure (relapse and on-treatment failure)
Overall SVR 12	94% (82/87)	3% (3/87)
Genotype 1	96% (65/68)	1% (1/68)
Genotype 1a	94% (51/54)	2% (1/54)
Genotype 1b	100% (14/14)	0% (0/14)
Genotype 2	100% (4/4)	Not available
Genotype 3	85% (11/13)	15% (2/13)
Genotype 4	100% (2/2)	Not available

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SAFETY

When Epclusa is prescribed with ribavirin, prescribers must also consider contraindications, warnings, and precautions associated with ribavirin therapy. The Epclusa regimen with ribavirin is contraindicated in patients for whom ribavirin is contraindicated.

For patients using a 12-week regimen of Epclusa without ribavirin, the most common adverse reactions reported in clinical trials (10% or greater incidence) include headache and fatigue. Less common adverse events that occurred more often for those treated with Epclusa than for those treated with placebo in the ASTRAL-1 study include rash (2% incidence in Epclusa treatment group) and depression (1% incidence in Epclusa treatment group). In the ASTRAL-4 study patients with decompensated cirrhosis using Epclusa with ribavirin for 12 weeks most commonly experienced (adverse effects with 10% or greater incidence) fatigue (32%), anemia (26%), nausea (15%), headache (11%), insomnia (11%), and diarrhea (10%).

Table 5: Laboratory Abnormalities [from Epclusa prescribing information]

	Epclusa 12 weeks	Placebo
Lipase elevations >3x upper limit of normal (ULN), ASTRAL-1 study	3%	1%
Lipase elevations >3x upper limit of normal (ULN), ASTRAL-2 and ASTRAL-3 studies	6%	3%
Lipase elevations >3x upper limit of normal (ULN), ASTRAL-4 study	2% (patients used Epclusa + ribavirin)	N/A
Asymptomatic creatine kinase elevations 10x ULN or greater, ASTRAL-1 study	1%	0%
Asymptomatic creatine kinase elevations 10x ULN or greater, ASTRAL-2 and ASTRAL-3 studies	2%	1%
Asymptomatic creatine kinase elevations 10x ULN or greater, ASTRAL-4 study	1% (patients used Epclusa + ribavirin)	N/A

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SAFETY

No dosage adjustment is necessary for patients with mild, moderate or severe hepatic impairment (Child Pugh Class A, B or C). The safety and efficacy of Epclusa have not been studied in patients with severe renal impairment (estimated glomerular filtration rate (GFR) less than 30mL/min/1.73m²) for dose adjustment is available for patients with severe renal impairment or for those using hemodialysis. Patients with renal impairment using an Epclusa regimen in combination with ribavirin may require a reduced ribavirin dose.

Velpatasvir is an inhibitor of drug transporters P-glycoprotein (P-gp), breast cancer resistance protein, OATP1B1, OATP1B3 and OATP2B1. Drug interactions with Epclusa include medications that are P-gp inducers such as rifampin and St John's wort. The following medications may decrease the concentrations of Epclusa: carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine, St. John's Wort, efavirenz-containing HIV regimens, or tipranavir/ritonavir; concurrent administration of these agents with Epclusa is not recommended. The following medications interact with Epclusa and an increase in their concentration may occur with coadministration with Epclusa: atorvastatin, rosuvastatin (doses above 10mg), digoxin, tenofovir DF, and topotecan; concurrent administration of Epclusa with rosuvastatin (doses above 10mg) or topotecan is not recommended.

The solubility of velpatasvir, a component of Epclusa, decreases as pH increases. Drugs that may increase gastric pH, such as antacids, H2 blockers, and proton pump inhibitors could decrease concentrations of velpatasvir. If the patient continues to use these medications while taking Epclusa, the manufacturer recommends the following:

- Patients using antacids while taking Epclusa should separate administration of the two medications by at least 4 hours.
- Patients using H2 blockers should use a dose equivalent to famotidine 40mg twice daily or less.
- Co-administration of proton pump inhibitors is not recommended. However, if medically necessary, patients using proton pump inhibitors should use a dose equivalent to omeprazole 20mg daily or less, and Epclusa dose should be taken with food and at least 4 hours prior to omeprazole (use with other proton pump inhibitors has not been studied).

Coadministration of Epclusa and amiodarone could lead to serious symptomatic bradycardia and is not recommended. Patients using digoxin while taking Epclusa may experience an increase in digoxin levels. Therapeutic concentration monitoring of digoxin levels while on Epclusa is recommended.

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SAFETY

The safety and efficacy of Epclusa has not been evaluated in the pediatric population. Clinical trials of Epclusa included 156 participants age of 65 and older (12% of participants in Epclusa phase 3 trials). No overall difference in safety or efficacy of Epclusa in geriatric patients was found and no dosage adjustment of Epclusa in geriatric patients is warranted. However, greater sensitivity in some older individuals cannot be ruled out.

There are no adequate human studies on the safety of Epclusa use in pregnant humans; however, animal studies indicate that no adverse developmental effects were observed with Epclusa at doses up to 31 times the recommended human dose. However, if Epclusa is used in combination with ribavirin, the combination regimen is contraindicated in pregnant women and in men with pregnant female partners due to ribavirin-associated risks of use during pregnancy.

While it is not known whether Epclusa is present in human breast milk, a sofosbuvir metabolite (GS-331007) was present in the milk of lactating rats administered sofosbuvir, but was not found to affect the growth or development of nursing rat pups. Similarly, velpatasvir has been detected in the milk of lactating rats and the plasma of nursing pups, but was not found to affect nursing rat pups. When considering the decision to breastfeed, the benefits of breastfeeding must be weighed against the risks of any potential adverse effects on the breastfed child from Epclusa.

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- Guidance from the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) and the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) Recommendations for Testing, Managing, and Treating hepatitis C. Available online at <http://www.hcvguidelines.org/full-report-view> Accessed July 28, 2016.
- Epclusa [Prescribing Information]. Foster City, CA: Gilead Sciences; June 2016.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

SOFOSBUVIR/VELPATASVIR/VOXILAPREVIR

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
SOFOSBUVIR/VELPATASVIR/ VOXILAPREVIR	VOSEVI	44428		

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(For Internal Use Only)**

THIS IS A HIGH-IMPACT MEDICATION. DO NOT OVERRIDE OR APPROVE WITHOUT SUBMITTING FOR PHARMACIST REVIEW.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 and meet **ALL** the following criteria?
 - Patient at least 18 years old
 - Patient has a current HCV infection documented by at least **ONE** detectable HCV RNA level within the past 6 months
 - Medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

- Does the patient meet at least **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - Patient has severe renal impairment (estimated glomerular filtration rate (GFR) less than 30mL/min/1.73m²) or end stage renal disease requiring dialysis
 - Patient is concurrently taking any of the following medications: amiodarone, rifampin, carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, rifabutin, rifapentine, HIV regimen containing atazanavir, lopinavir, tipranavir/ritonavir, or efavirenz, rosuvastatin, pitavastatin, pravastatin (at doses above 40mg), cyclosporine, methotrexate, mitoxantrone, imatinib, irinotecan, lapatinib, sulfasalazine, or topotecan
 - Patient has moderate or severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh B or C)
 - Patient has a limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions (e.g., physician attestation)

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, continue to #3.

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SOFOSBUVIR/VELPATASVIR/VOXILAPREVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- Genotype 1-6, treatment experienced and previously failed a full course of therapy with DAA regimen that includes NS5A inhibitor (e.g., Harvoni, Epclusa, Technivie, Viekira Pak or Viekira XR, Zepatier, or Daklinza/Sovaldi combination)
- Genotype 1a or 3, treatment experienced and previously failed a full course of therapy with DAA regimen that includes sofosbuvir without NS5A inhibitor (e.g., Sovaldi/ribavirin, Sovaldi/peginterferon/ribavirin, Olysio/Sovaldi (or other HCV protease inhibitor in combination with Sovaldi))

If yes, **approve for 12 weeks by HICL for #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOFOSBUVIR/VELPATASVIR/VOXILAPREVIR** requires a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 infection. The following criteria must also be met:

- Patient is at least 18 years old
- Documentation of HCV infection (e.g., at least **ONE** detectable HCV RNA level within the last 6 months)
- Medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, a hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model
- Patient has failed a full course of therapy with a DAA regimen that includes NS5A inhibitor (e.g., Harvoni, Epclusa, Technivie, Viekira Pak or Viekira XR, Zepatier, or Daklinza/Sovaldi combination) OR patient has genotype 1a or genotype 3 with previously failed a full course of therapy with DAA regimen that includes sofosbuvir without NS5A inhibitor (e.g., Sovaldi/ribavirin, Sovaldi/peginterferon/ribavirin, Olysio/Sovaldi (or other HCV protease inhibitor in combination with Sovaldi))

The medication will not be approved for the following:

- Patient has severe renal impairment (estimated glomerular filtration rate (GFR) less than 30mL/min/1.73m²) or end stage renal disease requiring dialysis
- Patient is concurrently taking any of the following medications: amiodarone, rifampin, carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, oxcarbazepine, rifabutin, rifapentine, HIV regimen containing atazanavir, lopinavir, tipranavir/ritonavir, or efavirenz, rosuvastatin, pitavastatin, pravastatin (at doses above 40mg), cyclosporine, methotrexate, mitoxantrone, imatinib, irinotecan, lapatinib, sulfasalazine, or topotecan
- Patients has moderate or severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh B or C)
- Patient has a limited life expectancy (less than 12 months) due to non-liver related comorbid conditions

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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SOFOSBUVIR/VELPATASVIR/VOXILAPREVIR

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of Vosevi (sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir).

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Vosevi is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection without cirrhosis or with compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh A) who have:

- Genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 infection and have previously been treated with an HCV regimen containing an NS5A inhibitor
- Genotype 1a or 3 infection and have been previously treated with an HCV regimen containing sofosbuvir without an NS5A inhibitor
 - Additional benefit of Vosevi over Epclusa (sofosbuvir/velpatasvir) was not shown for adults with genotype 1b, 2, 4, 5 or 6 infection previously treated with sofosbuvir without an NS5A inhibitor.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The dose is one tablet once daily with food for 12 weeks.

Genotype	Patients Previously Treated with a Regimen Containing:	Duration
Genotype 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6	NS5A inhibitor (e.g., Daklinza, Epclusa, Harvoni, Technivie, Viekira, Zepatier)	12 weeks
Genotype 1a or genotype 3	Sofosbuvir without an NS5A inhibitor	12 weeks

OTHER INFORMATION

Vosevi is a new triple combination therapy approved as salvage therapy to treat chronic hepatitis C, genotypes 1-6 in patients with previous failure of a full course of a DAA regimen. It is a combination of sofosbuvir, a NS5B polymerase inhibitor (currently also available as a single ingredient medication under brand Sovaldi), velpatasvir, a new NS5A inhibitor, and voxilaprevir, a HCV NS3 inhibitor.

REFERENCES

- Guidance from the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) and the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA) Recommendations for Testing, Managing, and Treating hepatitis C. Available online at <http://www.hcvguidelines.org/full-report-view> Accessed July 7, 2017.
- Vosevi [Prescribing Information]. Foster City, CA: Gilead Sciences; July 2017.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

SOMATROPIN

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
SOMATROPIN	GENOTROPIN, HUMATROPE, NORDITROPIN FLEXPRO, NUTROPIN AQ NUSPIN, OMNITROPE, SAIZEN, SEROSTIM, ZOMACTON, ZORBTIVE	02824		
SYRINGE ACCESSORY	OMNITROPE PEN	07933		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

**** Please use the criteria for the specific drug requested. ****

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

SEROSTIM

1. Is the request for Serostim for a patient with a diagnosis of HIV wasting/cachexia and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The requested agent is **NOT** prescribed for athletic enhancement or anti-aging purposes
 - The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with one of the following specialist: Gastroenterologist, Nutritional Support Specialist, or Infectious Disease Specialist
 - The patient is on HIV anti-retroviral therapy
 - The patient has inadequate response to previous therapy (i.e., exercise training, nutritional supplements, appetite stimulants, or anabolic steroids)
 - The patient has an inadequate response to previous pharmacological therapy including one of the following: cyproheptadine, Marinol (dronabinol), or Megace (megestrol acetate)
 - Alternative causes of wasting has been ruled out; alternative causes include:
 - Altered metabolism (from metabolic and hormonal abnormalities) including testosterone deficiency or peripheral growth hormone resistance
 - Diarrhea
 - Inadequate energy (caloric) intake
 - Malignancies
 - Opportunistic infections

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SOMATROPIN

INITIAL CRITERIA - SEROSTIM (CONTINUED)

- The patient meets **ONE** of the following criteria for weight loss:
 - 10% unintentional weight loss over 12 months
 - 7.5% unintentional weight loss over 6 months
 - 5% body cell mass (BCM) loss within 6 months
 - BCM less than 35% (men) **AND** a body mass index (BMI) less than 27 kg per meter squared
 - BCM less than 23% (women) of total body weight **AND** a body mass index (BMI) less than 27 kg per meter squared
 - BMI less than 18.5 kg per meter squared

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the **SEROSTIM** guideline.

2. Is the patient hypogonadal as defined by **ONE** of the following?

- Total serum testosterone level of less than 300ng/dL (10.4 nmol/L)
- A low total serum testosterone level as indicated by a lab result, with a reference range, obtained within 90 days
- A free serum testosterone level of less than 5 pg/mL (0.17 nmol/L)

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, **approve Serostim for 12 weeks by GPID.**

3. For patients who are hypogonadal, does the patient meet the following criteria?

- Patient has tried testosterone therapy (e.g., testosterone cypionate, AndroGel, Androderm, Axiron, Delatestryl, Fortesta, Striant, Testim, Testopel, Vogelxo, Natesto)

If yes, **approve Serostim for 12 weeks by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOMATROPIN (Serostim)** requires a diagnosis of HIV wasting/cachexia. The following criteria must also be met.

- The requested agent is **NOT** prescribed for athletic enhancement or anti-aging purposes.
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with one of the following specialist: Gastroenterologist, Nutritional Support Specialist, or Infectious Disease Specialist.
- The patient is on HIV anti-retroviral therapy
- The patient has inadequate response to previous therapy (i.e., exercise training, nutritional supplements, appetite stimulants, or anabolic steroids)

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SOMATROPIN

INITIAL CRITERIA - SEROSTIM (CONTINUED)

- The patient has an inadequate response to previous pharmacological therapy including one of the following: cyproheptadine, Marinol (dronabinol), or Megace (megestrol acetate).
- Alternative causes of wasting has been ruled out; alternative causes include:
 - Altered metabolism (from metabolic and hormonal abnormalities) including testosterone deficiency or peripheral growth hormone resistance
 - Diarrhea
 - Inadequate energy (caloric) intake
 - Malignancies
 - Opportunistic infections
- The patient meets **ONE** of the following criteria for weight loss:
 - 10% unintentional weight loss over 12 months
 - 7.5% unintentional weight loss over 6 months
 - 5% body cell mass (BCM) loss within 6 months
 - BCM less than 35% (men) and a body mass index (BMI) less than 27 kg per meter squared
 - BCM less than 23% (women) of total body weight and a body mass index (BMI) less than 27 kg per meter squared
 - BMI less than 18.5 kg per meter squared

For patients who are hypogonadal (patients with low testosterone levels), approval requires the following:

- The patient has tried testosterone therapy (e.g., testosterone cypionate, AndroGel, Androderm, Axiron, Delatestryl, Fortesta, Striant, Testim, Testopel, Vogelxo, Natesto)
- The patient meets one of the following criteria for low testosterone:
 - Total serum testosterone level of less than 300ng/dL (10.4 nmol/L).
 - A low total serum testosterone level as indicated by a lab result, with a reference range, obtained within 90 days
 - A free serum testosterone level of less than 5 pg/mL (0.17 nmol/L).

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SOMATROPIN

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

ZORBTIVE

1. Is the request for Zorbtive for a patient with a diagnosis of short bowel syndrome and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The requested agent is **NOT** prescribed for athletic enhancement or anti-aging purposes
 - The patient is currently on specialized nutritional support (such as high carbohydrate, low-fat diet, adjusted for individual requirements and preferences)
 - The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist

If yes, **approve Zorbtive for 4 weeks by GPID for #1 vial per day (max dose not to exceed 8mg per day).**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOMATROPIN (Zorbtive)** requires a diagnosis of short bowel syndrome. The following criteria must also be met.

- The requested agent is **NOT** prescribed for athletic enhancement or anti-aging purposes
- The patient is currently on specialized nutritional support (such as high carbohydrate, low-fat diet, adjusted for individual requirements and preferences)
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist

GENOTROPIN

1. Is the request for Genotropin for the treatment of **ANY** of the following?
 - Athletic enhancement
 - Anti-aging purposes
 - Idiopathic Short Stature

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the **GENOTROPIN** guideline.

If no, continue to #2.

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SOMATROPIN

INITIAL CRITERIA - GENOTROPIN (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have **ONE** of the following diagnoses and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are **NOT** closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient meets at least **ONE** of the following criteria for short stature:
 - Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender
 - Height velocity less than the 25th percentile for age
 - Documented low peak growth hormone (less than 10ng/mL) on two GH stimulation tests or insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1) greater than or equal to 2 SD below the mean for age and gender

For the diagnosis of growth failure associated with Turner Syndrome, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of growth failure due to Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS), approval requires:

- Confirmed genetic diagnosis of PWS
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin

For the diagnosis of growth failure in children born small for gestational age (SGA), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient with no catch-up growth by age 2 years
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient has growth hormone deficiency alone or associated with multiple hormone deficiencies (hypopituitarism), as a result of pituitary diseases, hypothalamic disease, surgery, radiation therapy, trauma, or continuation of therapy from childhood onset growth hormone deficiency

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SOMATROPIN

INITIAL CRITERIA - GENOTROPIN (CONTINUED)

If yes, **approve Genotropin for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOMATROPIN (Genotropin)** requires **ONE** of the following diagnoses:

- Pediatric growth hormone deficiency
- Growth failure associated with Turner Syndrome
- Growth failure due to Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS)
- Growth failure in children born small for gestational age (SGA)
- Adult growth hormone deficiency

This medication will not be approved for treatment of **ANY** of the following conditions:

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

The following criteria must also be met:

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient meets at least ONE of the following criteria for short stature:
 - Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender
 - Height velocity less than the 25th percentile for age
 - Documented low peak growth hormone (less than 10ng/mL) on two GH stimulation tests or insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1) greater than or equal to 2 SD below the mean for age and gender

For the diagnosis of growth failure associated with Turner Syndrome, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of growth failure due to Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS), approval requires:

- Confirmed genetic diagnosis of PWS
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient has had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin

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SOMATROPIN

INITIAL CRITERIA - GENOTROPIN (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of growth failure in children born small for gestational age (SGA), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient with no catch-up growth by age 2 years
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient has growth hormone deficiency alone or associated with multiple hormone deficiencies (hypopituitarism), as a result of pituitary diseases, hypothalamic disease, surgery, radiation therapy, trauma, or continuation of therapy from childhood onset growth hormone deficiency

HUMATROPE

1. Is the request for Humatrope for the treatment of **ANY** of the following?

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the **HUMATROPE** guideline.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have **ONE** of the following diagnoses and meet the following criteria?

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient meets at least ONE of the following criteria for short stature:
 - Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender
 - Height velocity less than the 25th percentile for age
 - Documented low peak growth hormone (less than 10ng/mL) on two GH stimulation tests or insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1) greater than or equal to 2 SD below the mean for age and gender

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SOMATROPIN

INITIAL CRITERIA - HUMATROPE (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of short stature or growth failure in children with SHOX deficiency, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of growth failure in children born small for gestational age (SGA), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient with no catch-up growth by age 2 to 4 years
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient has growth hormone deficiency alone or associated with multiple hormone deficiencies (hypopituitarism), as a result of pituitary diseases, hypothalamic disease, surgery, radiation therapy, trauma, or continuation of therapy from childhood onset growth hormone deficiency

If yes, **approve Humatrope for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the **HUMATROPE** guideline.

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SOMATROPIN

INITIAL CRITERIA - HUMATROPE (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOMATROPIN (Humatrope)** requires **ONE** of the following diagnoses:

- Pediatric growth hormone deficiency
- Short stature associated with Turner Syndrome
- Short stature or growth failure in children with SHOX Deficiency
- Growth failure in children born small for gestational age (SGA)
- Adult growth hormone deficiency

This medication will not be approved for treatment of **ANY** of the following conditions:

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

The following criteria must also be met:

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient meets at least ONE of the following criteria for short stature:
 - Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender
 - Height velocity less than the 25th percentile for age
 - Documented low peak growth hormone (less than 10ng/mL) on two GH stimulation tests or insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1) greater than or equal to 2 SD below the mean for age and gender

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of short stature or growth failure in children with SHOX deficiency, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

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SOMATROPIN

INITIAL CRITERIA - HUMATROPE (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of growth failure in children born small for gestational age (SGA), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient with no catch-up growth by age 2 to 4 years
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient has growth hormone deficiency alone or associated with multiple hormone deficiencies (hypopituitarism), as a result of pituitary diseases, hypothalamic disease, surgery, radiation therapy, trauma, or continuation of therapy from childhood onset growth hormone deficiency

NORDITROPIN FLEXPRO

1. Is the request for Norditropin FlexPro for the treatment of **ANY** of the following?

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the **NORDITROPIN FLEXPRO** guideline.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have **ONE** of the following diagnoses and meet the following criteria?

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- The patient meets at least ONE of the following criteria for short stature:
 - Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender
 - Height velocity less than the 25th percentile for age
 - Documented low peak growth hormone (less than 10ng/mL) on two GH stimulation tests or insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1) greater than or equal to 2 SD below the mean for age and gender

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SOMATROPIN

INITIAL CRITERIA - NORDITROPIN FLEXPLO (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- The patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Noonan Syndrome, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of short stature born small for gestational age (SGA) in a pediatric patient, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient with no catch-up growth by age 2 to 4 years
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient has growth hormone deficiency alone or associated with multiple hormone deficiencies (hypopituitarism), as a result of pituitary diseases, hypothalamic disease, Surgery, radiation therapy, trauma, or continuation of therapy from childhood onset growth hormone deficiency

For the diagnosis of growth failure due to Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS), approval requires

- Confirmed genetic diagnosis of PWS
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist

If yes, **approve Norditropin Flexpro for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the **NORDITROPIN FLEXPLO** guideline.

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INITIAL CRITERIA - NORDITROPIN FLEXPRO (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOMATROPIN (Norditropin Flexpro)**, requires **ONE** of the following diagnoses:

- Pediatric growth hormone deficiency
- Short stature associated with Turner Syndrome
- Short stature associated with Noonan Syndrome
- Short stature born small for gestational age (SGA) in a pediatric patient
- Adult growth hormone deficiency
- Growth failure due to Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS)

This medication will not be approved for treatment of **ANY** of the following conditions:

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

The following criteria must also be met:

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient meets at least ONE of the following criteria for short stature:
 - Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender
 - Height velocity less than the 25th percentile for age
 - Documented low peak growth hormone (less than 10ng/ml) on two GH stimulation tests or insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1) greater than or equal to 2 SD below the mean for age and gender

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Noonan Syndrome, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

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For the diagnosis of short stature born small for gestational age (SGA) in a pediatric patient, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient with no catch-up growth by age 2 to 4 years
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient has growth hormone deficiency alone or associated with multiple hormone deficiencies (hypopituitarism), as a result of pituitary diseases, hypothalamic disease, surgery, radiation therapy, trauma, or continuation of therapy from childhood onset growth hormone deficiency

For the diagnosis of growth failure due to Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS), approval requires:

- Confirmed genetic diagnosis of PWS
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist

NUTROPIN AQ NUSPIN

1. Is the request for Nutropin AQ NuSpin for the treatment of **ANY** of the following?

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the **NUTROPIN AQ NUSPIN** guideline.

If no, continue to #2.

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INITIAL CRITERIA - NUTROPIN AQ NUSPIN (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have **ONE** of the following diagnoses and meet the following criteria?

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient meets at least ONE of the following criteria for short stature:
 - Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender
 - Height velocity less than the 25th percentile for age
 - Documented low peak growth hormone (less than 10ng/ml) on two GH stimulation tests or insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1) greater than or equal to 2 SD below the mean for age and gender

For the diagnosis of growth failure secondary to chronic kidney disease (CKD), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a nephrologist
- Patient has NOT undergone a renal transplantation
- Patient's height or growth velocity greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean for normal children of the same age and gender
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient has growth hormone deficiency alone or associated with multiple hormone deficiencies (hypopituitarism), as a result of pituitary diseases, hypothalamic disease, surgery, radiation therapy, trauma, or continuation of therapy from childhood onset growth hormone deficiency

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the **NUTROPIN AQ NUSPIN** guideline.

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INITIAL CRITERIA - NUTROPIN AQ NUSPIN (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOMATROPIN (Nutropin AQ Nuspin)**, requires **ONE** of the following diagnoses:

- Pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD)
- Growth failure secondary to chronic kidney disease (CKD)
- Short stature associated with Turner Syndrome
- Adult growth hormone deficiency

This medication will not be approved for treatment of **ANY** of the following conditions:

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

The following criteria must also be met:

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient meets at least **ONE** of the following criteria for short stature:
 - Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender
 - Height velocity less than the 25th percentile for age
 - Documented low peak growth hormone (less than 10ng/mL) on two GH stimulation tests or insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1) greater than or equal to 2 SD below the mean for age and gender

For the diagnosis of growth failure secondary to chronic kidney disease (CKD), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a nephrologist
- Patient has not undergone a renal transplantation
- Patient's height or growth velocity greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean for normal children of the same age and gender
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

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INITIAL CRITERIA - NUTROPIN AQ NUSPIN (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient has growth hormone deficiency alone or associated with multiple hormone deficiencies (hypopituitarism), as a result of pituitary diseases, hypothalamic disease, surgery, radiation therapy, trauma, or continuation of therapy from childhood onset growth hormone deficiency

OMNITROPE

1. Is the request for Omnitrope for the treatment of **ANY** of the following?

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the **OMNITROPE** guideline
If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have **ONE** of the following diagnoses and meet the following criteria?

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient meets at least ONE of the following criteria for short stature:
 - Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender
 - Height velocity less than the 25th percentile for age
 - Documented low peak growth hormone (less than 10ng/mL) on two GH stimulation tests or insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1) greater than or equal to 2 SD below the mean for age and gender

For the diagnosis of growth failure due to Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS), approval requires:

- Confirmed genetic diagnosis of PWS
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin

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INITIAL CRITERIA - OMNITROPE (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of growth failure in children born small for gestational age (SGA), approval requires:

- Patient with no catch-up growth by age 2 years
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of growth failure associated with Turner Syndrome, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient has growth hormone deficiency alone or associated with multiple hormone deficiencies (hypopituitarism), as a result of pituitary diseases, hypothalamic disease, surgery, radiation therapy, trauma, or continuation of therapy from childhood onset growth hormone deficiency

If yes, **approve Omnitrope for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOMATROPIN (Omnitrope)** requires **ONE** of the following diagnoses:

- Pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD)
- Growth failure due to Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS)
- Growth failure in children born small for gestational age (SGA)
- Growth failure associated with Turner Syndrome
- Adult growth hormone deficiency

This medication will not be approved for treatment of **ANY** of the following conditions:

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

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The following criteria must also be met:

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient meets at least ONE of the following criteria for short stature:
 - Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender
 - Height velocity less than the 25th percentile for age
 - Documented low peak growth hormone (less than 10ng/mL) on two GH stimulation tests or insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1) greater than or equal to 2 SD below the mean for age and gender

For the diagnosis of growth failure due to Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS), approval requires:

- Confirmed genetic diagnosis of PWS
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin

For the diagnosis of growth failure in children born small for gestational age (SGA), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient with no catch-up growth by age 2 years
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of growth failure associated with Turner Syndrome, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, approval requires:

- The patient has growth hormone deficiency alone or associated with multiple hormone deficiencies (hypopituitarism), as a result of pituitary diseases, hypothalamic disease, surgery, radiation therapy, trauma, or continuation of therapy from childhood onset growth hormone deficiency
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin

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SAIZEN

1. Is the request for Saizen for the treatment of **ANY** of the following?

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the **SAIZEN** guideline.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have **ONE** of the following diagnoses and meet the following criteria?

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient meets at least ONE of the following criteria for short stature:
 - Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender
 - Height velocity less than the 25th percentile for age
 - Documented low peak growth hormone (less than 10ng/mL) on two GH stimulation tests or insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1) greater than or equal to 2 SD below the mean for age and gender

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient has growth hormone deficiency alone or associated with multiple hormone deficiencies (hypopituitarism), as a result of pituitary diseases, hypothalamic disease, surgery, radiation therapy, trauma, or continuation of therapy from childhood onset growth hormone deficiency

If yes, **approve Saizen for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the **SAIZEN** guideline.

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INITIAL CRITERIA - SAIZEN (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOMATROPIN (Saizen)** requires **ONE** of the following diagnoses and meet the following criteria:

- Pediatric Growth Hormone Deficiency (GHD)
- Adult Growth Hormone Deficiency

This medication will not be approved for treatment of **ANY** of the following conditions:

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

The following criteria must also be met:

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient meets at least **ONE** of the following criteria for short stature:
 - Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender
 - Height velocity less than the 25th percentile for age
 - Documented low peak growth hormone (less than 10ng/mL) on two GH stimulation tests or insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1) greater than or equal to 2 SD below the mean for age and gender

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient has growth hormone deficiency alone or associated with multiple hormone deficiencies (hypopituitarism), as a result of pituitary diseases, hypothalamic disease, surgery, radiation therapy, trauma, or continuation of therapy from childhood onset growth hormone deficiency

ZOMACTON

1. Is the request for Zomacton for the treatment of **ANY** of the following?

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the **ZOMACTON** guideline.

If no, continue to #2.

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INITIAL CRITERIA - ZOMACTON (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have **ONE** of the following diagnoses and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD) approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient meets at least ONE of the following criteria for short stature:
 - Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender
 - Height velocity less than the 25th percentile for age
 - Documented low peak growth hormone (less than 10ng/mL) on two GH stimulation tests or insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1) greater than or equal to 2 SD below the mean for age and gender

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of short stature in children born small for gestational age (SGA), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient with no catch-up growth by age 2 to 4 years
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of short stature or growth failure in children with SHOX deficiency, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient has growth hormone deficiency alone or associated with multiple hormone deficiencies (hypopituitarism), as a result of pituitary diseases, hypothalamic disease, surgery, radiation therapy, trauma, or continuation of therapy from childhood onset growth hormone deficiency

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If yes, **approve Zomacton for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOMATROPIN (Zomacton)** requires **ONE** of the following diagnoses:

- Pediatric Growth Hormone Deficiency (GHD)
- Short stature associated with Turner Syndrome
- Short stature in children born small for gestational age (SGA)
- Short stature or growth failure in children with SHOX deficiency
- Adult Growth Hormone Deficiency

This medication will not be approved for treatment of **ANY** of the following conditions:

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

The following criteria must also be met:

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- The patient meets at least ONE of the following criteria for short stature:
 - Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender
 - Height velocity less than the 25th percentile for age
 - Documented low peak growth hormone (less than 10ng/mL) on two GH stimulation tests or insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1) greater than or equal to 2 SD below the mean for age and gender

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of short stature in children born small for gestational age (SGA), approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient with no catch-up growth by age 2 to 4 years
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

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For the diagnosis of short stature or growth failure in children with SHOX deficiency, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Patient's height greater than or equal to 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean height for normal children of the same age and gender

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, approval requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to Norditropin
- The patient has growth hormone deficiency alone or associated with multiple hormone deficiencies (hypopituitarism), as a result of pituitary diseases, hypothalamic disease, surgery, radiation therapy, trauma, or continuation of therapy from childhood onset growth hormone deficiency

RENEWAL CRITERIA

SEROSTIM

1. Has the patient received more than 24 weeks of therapy within plan year?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the **SEROSTIM** guideline.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Is the request for Serostim for a patient with HIV wasting/cachexia and meet the following criteria?

- The requested agent is NOT prescribed for athletic enhancement or anti-aging purposes
- The patient has shown clinical benefit in muscle mass and weight as indicated by the following criteria:
 - $\geq 10\%$ increase in weight or BCM from baseline (**NOTE:** Current and baseline weight must be documented including dates of measurement)

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the **SEROSTIM** guideline.

3. Is the patient on HIV anti-retroviral therapy?

If yes, **approve Serostim for 12 weeks by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

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RENEWAL CRITERIA - SEROSTIM (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOMATROPIN (Serostim)** renewal requires a diagnosis of HIV wasting/cachexia. The following criteria must also be met.

- The requested agent is NOT prescribed for athletic enhancement or anti-aging purposes
- The patient has shown clinical benefit in muscle mass and weight as indicated by the following criteria:
 - ≥ 10% increase in weight or BCM from baseline (**NOTE:** current and baseline weight must be documented including dates of measurement)
- Patient must be on HIV anti-retroviral therapy

ZORBTIVE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of short bowel syndrome?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the **ZORBTIVE** guideline.

2. Has the patient been on the medication for 4 weeks?

If yes, do not approve. [**Note:** The patient should only be approved for one 4 week fill in a lifetime.]

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOMATROPIN (Zorbtive)** renewal requires a diagnosis of short bowel syndrome. Therapy is limited to 4 weeks of treatment.

If no, **approve Zorbtive by GPID for the remainder of therapy with a maximum of 4 weeks of therapy. (Please subtract any previous fills; maximum cumulative approval is for 4 weeks.)**

GENOTROPIN

1. Is the request for the treatment of **ANY** of the following?

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the **GENOTROPIN** guideline.

If no, continue to #2.

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RENEWAL CRITERIA - GENOTROPIN (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have one of the following diagnoses and meet the following criteria?

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of growth failure due to Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- Improvement in body composition

For the diagnosis of growth failure in children born small for gestational age (SGA), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist

If yes, **approve Genotropin for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOMATROPIN (Genotropin)** renewal requires a diagnosis of Pediatric Growth Hormone Deficiency, Short Stature Associated with Turner Syndrome, Growth Failure Due to Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS), Growth Failure in Child Born Small for Gestation Age, or Adult Growth Hormone Deficiency.

This medication will not be approved for treatment of **ANY** of the following conditions:

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

The following criteria must also be met.

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

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SOMATROPIN

RENEWAL CRITERIA - GENOTROPIN (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of growth failure due to Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- Improvement in body composition

For the diagnosis of growth failure in children born small for gestational age (SGA), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist

HUMATROPE

1. Is the request for the treatment of **ANY** of the following?

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the **HUMATROPE** guideline.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have **ONE** of the following diagnoses and meet the following criteria?

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

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RENEWAL CRITERIA - HUMATROPE (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of short stature or growth failure in children with SHOX deficiency, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of growth failure in children born small for gestational age (SGA), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist

If yes, **approve Humatrope for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOMATROPIN (Humatrope)** renewal requires a diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency, short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, short stature or growth failure in children with SHOX deficiency, growth failure in children born small for gestational age, or adult growth hormone deficiency.

This medication will not be approved for treatment of **ANY** of the following conditions:

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

The following criteria must also be met.

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

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RENEWAL CRITERIA - HUMATROPE (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of short stature or growth failure in children with SHOX deficiency, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of growth failure in children born small for gestational age (SGA), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist

NORDITROPIN FLEXPPO

1. Is the request for the treatment of **ANY** of the following?

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the **NORDITROPIN FLEXPPO** guideline.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have **ONE** of the following diagnoses and meet the following criteria?

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Noonan Syndrome, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

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RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses is NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of short stature born small for gestational age (SGA) in a pediatric patient, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist

For the diagnosis of growth failure due to Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- Improvement in body composition

If yes, **approve Norditropin Flexpro for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOMATROPIN (Norditropin Flexpro)** renewal requires a diagnosis of Pediatric Growth Hormone Deficiency, Short Stature Associated with Noonan Syndrome, Short Stature Associated with Turner Syndrome, Short Stature Born Small for Gestational Age in a pediatric patient Adult Growth hormone Deficiency, or growth failure due to Prader-Willi syndrome.

This medication will not be approved for treatment of **ANY** of the following conditions:

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

The following criteria must also be met.

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Noonan Syndrome, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

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RENEWAL CRITERIA - NORDITROPIN FLEXPRO (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of short stature born small for gestational age (SGA) in a pediatric patient, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist

For the diagnosis of growth failure due to Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- Improvement in body composition

NUTROPIN AQ NUSPIN

1. Is the request for Nutropin AQ NuSpin for the treatment of **ANY** of the following?

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

If yes, do not approve.

DENIALTEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the **NUTROPIN AQ NUSPIN** guideline.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have **ONE** of the following diagnoses and meet the following criteria?

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

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RENEWAL CRITERIA - NUTROPIN AQ NUSPIN (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of growth failure secondary to chronic kidney disease (CKD), renewal requires:

- Patient has not undergone a renal transplantation
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOMATROPIN (Nutropin AQ Nuspin)** renewal requires **ONE** of the following diagnoses:

- Pediatric Growth Hormone Deficiency (GHD)
- Growth Failure Secondary to Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)
- Short Stature Associated with Turner Syndrome
- Adult Growth Hormone Deficiency

This medication will not be approved for treatment of **ANY** of the following conditions.

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

The following criteria must also be met.

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of growth failure secondary to chronic kidney disease (CKD), renewal requires:

- Patient has not undergone a renal transplantation
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

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RENEWAL CRITERIA - NUTROPIN AQ NUSPIN (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist

OMNITROPE

1. Is the request for the treatment of **ANY** of the following?

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the **OMNITROPE** guideline.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have **ONE** of the following diagnoses and meet the following criteria?

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of growth failure due to Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- Improvement in body composition

For the diagnosis of growth failure in children born small for gestational age (SGA), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

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SOMATROPIN

RENEWAL CRITERIA - OMNITROPE (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of growth failure associated with Turner Syndrome, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist

If yes, **approve Omnitrope for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOMATROPIN (Omnitrope)** renewal requires **ONE** of the following diagnoses:

- Pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD)
- Growth failure due to Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS)
- Growth failure in children born small for gestational age (SGA)
- Growth failure associated with Turner Syndrome
- Adult growth hormone deficiency

This medication will not be approved for treatment of **ANY** of the following conditions:

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

The following criteria must also be met:

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of growth failure due to Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- Improvement in body composition

For the diagnosis of growth failure in children born small for gestational age (SGA), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

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RENEWAL CRITERIA - OMNITROPE (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of growth failure associated with Turner Syndrome, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist

SAIZEN

1. Is the request for the treatment of **ANY** of the following?

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the **SAIZEN** guideline.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have **ONE** of the following diagnoses and meet the following criteria?

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist

If yes, **approve Saizen for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the **SAIZEN** guideline.

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RENEWAL CRITERIA - SAIZEN (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOMATROPIN (Saizen)** renewal requires a diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency or adult growth hormone deficiency. This medication will not be approved for treatment of **ANY** of the following conditions:

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

The following criteria must also be met.

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist

ZOMACTON

1. Is the request for the treatment of **ANY** of the following?

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the **ZOMACTON** guideline.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have **ONE** of the following diagnoses and meet the following criteria?

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

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RENEWAL CRITERIA - ZOMACTON (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of short stature in children born small for gestational age (SGA), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of short stature or growth failure in children with SHOX deficiency, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist

If yes, **approve Zomacton for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SOMATROPIN (Zomacton)** renewal requires a diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency, short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, short stature in children born small for gestational age (SGA), short stature or growth failure in children with SHOX deficiency, or adult growth hormone deficiency.

This medication will not be approved for treatment of **ANY** of the following conditions:

- Athletic enhancement
- Anti-aging purposes
- Idiopathic Short Stature

The following criteria must also be met.

For the diagnosis of pediatric growth hormone deficiency (GHD), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of short stature associated with Turner Syndrome, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are NOT closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

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RENEWAL CRITERIA - ZOMACTON (CONTINUED)

For the diagnosis of short stature in children born small for gestational age (SGA), renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are **NOT** closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of short stature or growth failure in children with SHOX deficiency, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist
- The patient's epiphyses are **NOT** closed (as confirmed by radiograph of the wrist and hand)
- Growth velocity of 2 cm or more compared with what was observed from the previous year or patient has not reached 50th percentile for patient's predicted adult height

For the diagnosis of adult growth hormone deficiency, renewal requires:

- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with an endocrinologist

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Growth Hormones.

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SOMATROPIN

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	Ped growth hormone deficiency	Adult growth hormone deficiency	Small for gestational Age	Idiopathic short stature	Turner syndrome	Prader willi syndrome	Hiv-associated wasting	Short bowel syndrome	Noonan syndrome	Short stature homeobox-containing gene (shox2) deficiency	Chronic kidney disease (chronic renal insufficiency)
Zorbtive								✓			
Serostim							✓				
Genotropin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Norditropin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
Humatrope	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	
Nutropin	✓	✓		✓	✓						✓
Omnitrope	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Saizen	✓	✓									
Zomacton	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	

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SONIDEGIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
SONIDEGIB	ODOMZO	42369		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of locally advanced basal cell carcinoma (BCC) and has the following criteria been met?
 - This is a recurrence of BCC after the patient has already had surgery or radiation therapy or the patient is not a candidate for surgery or radiation therapy

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at end of the guideline.

2. Has the patient obtained the following tests prior to initiating therapy?
 - Baseline serum creatinine kinase (CK) level
 - Baseline serum creatinine
 - Pregnancy status of females of reproductive potential

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 capsule per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **SONIDEGIB** requires a diagnosis of locally advanced basal cell carcinoma (BCC) that has recurred following surgery or radiation therapy, or that the patient not be a candidate for surgery or radiation therapy. In addition, the patient must have obtained baseline serum creatine kinase (CK) and serum creatinine levels, and females of reproductive potential must verify their pregnancy status prior to initiating therapy.

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of Sonidegib based on FDA approved indication.

Skin cancer is the most common cancer and basal cell carcinoma accounts for approximately 80 percent of non-melanoma skin cancers. The vast majority of patients can be successfully managed with a variety of simple procedures, such as cryotherapy, curettage and electrodesiccation, topical treatments (5-fluorouracil, imiquimod), or simple surgical excision. When lesions are more advanced, Mohs micrographic surgery, more extensive surgical resection, or radiation therapy generally are generally sufficient to control locoregional disease. The use of systemic therapy is limited to patients with distant metastases or locally advanced disease that cannot be adequately managed with surgical or radiotherapeutic techniques.

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SONIDEGIB

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

The Hedgehog (Hh) signaling pathway plays a key role in directing growth and patterning during embryonic development and is required in vertebrates for the normal development of many structures, including the skin. Signaling in this pathway is initiated by the cell surface receptor smoothed homolog (SMO). In adults, this pathway normally is inhibited by another cell surface receptor, the patched homolog 1 (PTCH1). In the pathogenesis of basal cell carcinoma, either SMO or PTCH1 could have a mutation resulting in aberrant cell proliferation.

Odomzo works by binding to and inhibiting SMO protein, thereby blocking activation of the Hh pathway and the proliferation of tumor cells. It offers an alternative to Erivedge (vismodegib) with a similar safety profile for patients who have a recurrence of BCC following surgery or radiation therapy, or for those patients who are not candidates for surgery or radiation.

The safety and effectiveness of Odomzo was evaluated in a single clinical trial conducted in patients with locally advanced basal cell carcinoma (laBCC) or metastatic basal cell carcinoma who received Odomzo 200 mg orally, once daily, until disease progression or intolerable toxicity. A total of 66 patients randomized to Odomzo 200 mg daily had laBCC and were followed for at least 12 months unless discontinued earlier. Seventy-six percent of patients had prior therapy for treatment of BCC; this included surgery (73%), radiotherapy (18%), and topical/photodynamic therapies (21%). Approximately half of these patients (56%) had aggressive histology. The ORR was 58% (95% confidence interval: 45, 70), consisting of 3 (5%) complete responses and 35 (53%) partial responses. Among the 38 patients with an objective response, 7 (18%) patients experienced subsequent disease progression with 4 of these 7 patients having maintained a response of 6 months or longer. The remaining 31 patients (82%) have ongoing responses ranging from to 1.9+ to 18.6+ months and the median duration of response has not been reached.

The most common adverse effects seen while using Odomzo were muscle spasms, alopecia, dysgeusia, fatigue, nausea, musculoskeletal pain, diarrhea, decreased weight, decreased appetite, myalgia, abdominal pain, headache, pain, vomiting, and pruritus. It is recommended that baseline serum CK and creatinine levels be obtained prior to initiating Odomzo, periodically during treatment, and as clinically indicated (e.g., if muscle symptoms are reported). Obtain serum creatinine and CK levels at least weekly in patients with musculoskeletal adverse reactions with concurrent serum CK elevation greater than 2.5 times ULN until resolution of clinical signs and symptoms. Depending on the severity of symptoms, temporary dose interruption or discontinuation may be required for musculoskeletal adverse reactions or serum CK elevation.

There is a **black box warning** for embryo-fetal death and severe birth defects. Pregnancy Category D.

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SONIDEGIB

DOSAGE

Odomzo is taken as a single 200 mg capsule, once daily, on an empty stomach, at least 1 hour before or 2 hours after a meal. Odomzo therapy should be continued until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Treatment of adult patients with locally advanced basal cell carcinoma (BCC) that has recurred following surgery or radiation therapy, or those who are not candidates for surgery or radiation therapy.

REFERENCES

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SORAFENIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
SORAFENIB TOSYLATE	NEXAVAR	33400		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 tablets per day.**
If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 tablets per day.**
If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of locally recurrent or metastatic, progressive, differentiated thyroid carcinoma (DTC) that is refractory to radioactive iodine treatment?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #4 tablets per day.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC), unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma, or locally recurrent/metastatic, progressive, differentiated thyroid carcinoma (DTC) that is refractory to radioactive iodine treatment.

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of sorafenib based on FDA approved indication and NCCN guidelines.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Sorafenib is indicated for the treatment of unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma, advanced renal cell carcinoma and locally recurrent or metastatic, progressive, differentiated thyroid carcinoma (DTC) that is refractory to radioactive iodine treatment.

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SORAFENIB

REFERENCES

- Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc. Nexavar package insert. Wayne, NJ. November 2013.
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. The NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology. Hepatobiliary Cancers. (Version 1.2011).
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. The NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology. Kidney Cancer. (Version 2.2011).

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Yes	Yes	No

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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STATIN ZERO COST SHARE OVERRIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ROSUVASTATIN	CRESTOR		19153 20229	
PRAVASTATIN	PRAVACHOL		15412 48671 48672 48673	
SIMVASTATIN	ZOCOR		26531 26532 26533 26534	
ATORVASTATIN	LIPITOR		43720 43721	
LOVASTATIN, LOVASTATIN EXTENDED- RELEASE	MEVACOR, ALTOPREV		17651 17652 17654 47040 47041 47042	
FLUVASTATIN, FLUVASTATIN EXTENDED- RELEASE	LESCOL, LESCOL XL		30 31 89424	
PITAVASTATIN CALCIUM	LIVALO		28594 28595 28588	
PITAVASTATIN MAGNESIUM	ZYPITAMAG		43614 43615 43616	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the patient requesting a cost share exception for the requested low to moderate-intensity statin **AND** does the plan cover these agents at zero cost share (i.e., the plan follows Affordable Care Act [ACA] recommendations and is linked to MedImpact's Essential Health Benefit Tables)?

If yes, continue to #2.
If no, guideline does not apply.

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STATIN ZERO COST SHARE OVERRIDE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient's plan have specific procedures, instructions, and/or policies for cost share exception processes or for multi-source brand agent overrides (DAW1 override)?

If yes, guideline does not apply.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the patient between 40-75 years of age without a history of cardiovascular disease and has **NOT** used any of the following secondary prevention medications for cardiovascular disease within the past 120 days based on the patient's prescription claims profile or medical records?

- Aspirin/dipyridamole (Aggrenox)
- Clopidogrel (Plavix)
- Dipyridamole
- Nitroglycerin (i.e., oral, sublingual, transdermal patch or ointment, translingual dosage forms)
- Prasugrel (Effient)
- Praluent Pen
- Repatha
- Ticagrelor (Brilinta)
- Ticlopidine
- Vorapaxar sulfate (Zontivity)

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Is the request for a single-source brand statin agent that has no preferred generic agents or therapeutically equivalent products available **AND** the physician has provided documentation confirming that the requested drug is considered as medically necessary (considerations may include severity of side effects and ability to adhere to the appropriate use of the item or service)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months for the requested agent by GPID at zero cost share.**

If no, continue to #5.

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STATIN ZERO COST SHARE OVERRIDE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

5. Is the request for a single-source brand agent (i.e., Altoprev) or a multi-source brand agent (i.e., Lescol, Lescol XL) that is rejecting for step therapy required **AND** the physician has provided documentation that satisfies at least **ONE** of the following criteria?
- Two preferred products are medically inappropriate for the patient (alternatively, one if only one agent is available)
 - The patient has tried or has a documented medical contraindication to two preferred products (alternatively, a trial of one if only one agent is available)
 - The requested drug is considered as medically necessary (considerations may include severity of side effects and ability to adhere to the appropriate use of the item or service)

If yes, **approve for 12 months for the requested agent by GPID at zero cost share with the following quantity limits:**

- Atorvastatin (Lipitor): #1 per day.
- Fluvastatin (Lescol): #2 per day.
- Fluvastatin ER (Lescol XL): #1 per day.
- Lovastatin (Mevacor): #2 per day.
- Lovastatin ER (Altoprev): #1 per day.
- Pitavastatin calcium (Livalo): #1 per day.
- Pitavastatin magnesium (Zypitamag): #1 per day.
- Pravastatin (Pravachol): #1 per day.
- Rosuvastatin (Crestor): #1 per day.
- Simvastatin (Zocor): #1 per day.

APPROVAL TEXT (applicable to multi-source brand agents only): Although your cost share has been reduced to zero-dollar, you may incur a dispense-as-written (DAW) penalty fee if you choose to fill a brand prescription instead of its generic equivalent.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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STATIN ZERO COST SHARE OVERRIDE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **STATIN ZERO COST SHARE OVERRIDE** requires that the patient is between 40-75 years of age without a history of cardiovascular disease and has not used any of the following secondary prevention medications for cardiovascular disease within the past 120 days based on the patient's prescription claims profile or medical records:

- Aspirin/dipyridamole (Aggrenox)
- Clopidogrel (Plavix)
- Dipyridamole
- Nitroglycerin (i.e., oral, sublingual, transdermal patch or ointment, translingual dosage forms)
- Prasugrel (Effient)
- Praluent Pen
- Repatha
- Ticagrelor (Brilinta)
- Ticlopidine
- Vorapaxar sulfate (Zontivity)

In addition, any step therapy requirements for the requested low-to-moderate intensity statin must be met in order for the patient to receive a zero-dollar cost share based on the prescriber's documentation supporting one of the following criteria:

- Two preferred products are medically inappropriate for the patient (alternatively, one if only one agent is available)
- The patient has tried or has a documented medical contraindication to two preferred products (alternatively, a trial of one if only one agent is available)
- The requested drug is considered as medically necessary (considerations may include severity of side effects and ability to adhere to the appropriate use of the item or service)

RATIONALE

This guideline applies to plans where the pharmacy benefit allows for coverage of low-to-moderate intensity statins at zero copay. The override criteria allow patient access to all FDA-approved statins at zero copay by waiving the applicable cost-sharing for branded or non-preferred branded statins.

In November 2016, the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) issued its final recommendations on statin use for the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease (CVD) in adults. CVD is a broad term that includes a number of conditions such as coronary heart disease and cerebrovascular disease, which ultimately manifest as heart attack and stroke, respectively. CVD is the leading cause of morbidity and mortality in the US, accounting for one out of every three deaths among adults.

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STATIN ZERO COST SHARE OVERRIDE

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

Based on the well-established benefit of statin therapy in reducing the risk of CVD events and mortality, the USPSTF now recommends that adults without a history of CVD use a low- to moderate-dose statin for the primary prevention of CVD events and mortality when all of the following criteria are met (Grade B recommendation):

- (1) Age 40 to 75 years
- (2) One or more CVD risk factors (i.e., dyslipidemia, diabetes, hypertension, or smoking)
- (3) Calculated 10-year risk of a cardiovascular event of 10% or greater

Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), plans are required to cover USPSTF preventive recommendations that have an A or B rating.

In light of USPSTF recommendations, MedImpact has created an edit to allow for a zero copay to be approved for all low- to moderate-intensity statins for qualifying members. This edit is not applicable to Medicare Part D formularies.

Table 1. Statin Regimens used in Available Trials (from USPSTF Final Recommendation Statement)

Statin	Dose [€]		
	Low	Moderate	High
Atorvastatin		10-20	40-80
Fluvastatin	20-40	40 twice daily	
Fluvastatin extended release		80	
Lovastatin	20	40	
Pitavastatin	1	2-4	
Pravastatin	10-20	40-80	
Rosuvastatin		5-10	20-40
Simvastatin	10	20-40	

[€]Dose categories are from the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association 2013 guidelines on the treatment of blood cholesterol to reduce atherosclerotic cardiovascular risk in adults.

REFERENCES

- U.S. Preventive Services Task Force [Final Summary]. Statin Use for the Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease in Adults: Preventive Medication. Updated November 2016. Available at: <https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Document/UpdateSummaryFinal/statin-use-in-adults-preventive-medication1>. Accessed December 2017.
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STATIN ZERO COST SHARE OVERRIDE

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

STIRIPENTOL

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
STIRIPENTOL	DIACOMIT	35461		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of seizures associated with Dravet syndrome and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 2 years of age or older
 - The patient is currently being treated with clobazam
 - Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist
 - The patient had a trial of or contraindication to valproic acid derivatives

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested drug with the following quantity limits:**

- **Diacomit 250mg capsule (99500): #12 capsules per day.**
- **Diacomit 500mg capsule (99501): #6 capsules per day.**
- **Diacomit 250mg powder packet (99502): #12 powder packets per day.**
- **Diacomit 500mg powder packet (99503): #6 packets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **STIRIPENTOL (Diacomit)** requires a diagnosis of seizures associated with Dravet syndrome. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is 2 years of age or older
- The patient is currently being treated with clobazam
- Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist
- The patient had a trial of or contraindication to valproic acid derivatives

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STIRIPENTOL

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of seizures associated with Dravet syndrome **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - The patient is currently being treated with clobazam

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested drug with the following quantity limits:**

- **Diacomit 250mg capsule (99500): #12 capsules per day.**
- **Diacomit 500mg capsule (99501): #6 capsules per day.**
- **Diacomit 250mg powder packet (99502): #12 powder packets per day.**
- **Diacomit 500mg powder packet (99503): #6 packets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **CANNABIDIOL (Epidiolex)** requires a diagnosis of seizures associated with Dravet syndrome AND the patient is currently being treated with clobazam.

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Diacomit.

REFERENCES

- Diacomit [Prescribing Information]. Beauvais, France: Biocodex, August 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

SUNITINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
SUNITINIB MALATE	SUTENT	33445		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has had a previous trial of or contraindication to imatinib mesylate (Gleevec)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of unresectable locally advanced or metastatic pancreatic neuroendocrine carcinoma (pNET) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient's tumor is progressive and well-differentiated

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If no, continue to #4.

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SUNITINIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

4. Is the request for adjuvant treatment of renal cell carcinoma and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- Patient is at least 18 years old
 - Patient is at high risk of recurrent renal cell carcinoma (RCC) following nephrectomy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **SUNITINIB (Sutent)** requires a diagnosis of advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC), gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST), unresectable locally advanced or metastatic pancreatic neuroendocrine carcinoma (pNET), or for adjuvant treatment of renal cell carcinoma. In addition, the following must be met:

For diagnosis of gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST), approval requires:

- The patient has had a previous trial of or contraindication to imatinib mesylate (Gleevec)

For diagnosis of unresectable locally advanced or metastatic pancreatic neuroendocrine carcinoma (pNET), approval requires:

- The patient's tumor is progressive and well-differentiated

For adjuvant treatment of renal cell carcinoma, approval requires:

- Patient is at least 18 years old
- Patient is at high risk of recurrent renal cell carcinoma (RCC) following nephrectomy

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of sunitinib based on FDA approved indication.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Sutent is a kinase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of:

- Gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST) after disease progression on or intolerance to imatinib mesylate
- Advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC)
- Progressive, well-differentiated pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors (pNET) in patients with unresectable locally advanced or metastatic disease
- Adjuvant treatment of adult patients at high risk of recurrent RCC following nephrectomy

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SUNITINIB

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

GIST and Advanced RCC:

- 50 mg orally once daily, with or without food, 4 weeks on treatment followed by 2 weeks off.

Adjuvant RCC:

- 50 mg orally once daily, with or without food, 4 weeks on treatment followed by 2 weeks off for nine 6-week cycles.

pNET:

- 37.5 mg orally once daily, with or without food, continuously without a scheduled off-treatment period.

Dose Modification:

- Dose interruptions and/or dose adjustments of 12.5 mg recommended based on individual safety and tolerability.

REFERENCES

- Pfizer Labs. Sutent package insert. New York, NY. November 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TADALAFIL

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TADALAFIL	CIALIS		20736 99409	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH)?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #3.

2. Has the patient tried or had a contraindication to at least **TWO** preferred formulary agents, including **ONE** agent from **EACH** of the following classes?

- 5-alpha-reductase inhibitors: (e.g., finasteride or dutasteride)
- Alpha blockers: (e.g., doxazosin, terazosin, tamsulosin, or alfuzosin)

If yes, **approve Cialis 2.5mg or 5mg (whichever strength is requested) for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #30 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of erectile dysfunction?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Is erectile dysfunction a covered benefit?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, guideline does not apply.

5. Has the patient tried generic sildenafil (Viagra)?

If yes, **approve tadalafil (Cialis) for 12 months by GPID for the requested strength with the following quantity limits:**

- **Cialis 2.5mg: #30 tablets per 30 days.**
- **Cialis 5mg: #30 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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TADALAFIL

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TADALAFIL (Cialis)** requires a diagnosis of benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) or a diagnosis of erectile dysfunction. The following criteria must also be met.

For the diagnosis of benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), approval requires a trial of at least two preferred formulary alternatives, including one agent from each of the following classes:

- 5-alpha-reductase inhibitors: (e.g., finasteride or dutasteride)
- Alpha blockers: (e.g., doxazosin, terazosin, tamsulosin, or alfuzosin)

For the diagnosis of erectile dysfunction, approval requires a trial of generic sildenafil (Viagra)

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization based on FDA approved indication for benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH). For plans that cover erectile dysfunction (ED), to ensure cost-effective treatment of erectile dysfunction.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Cialis is indicated for the treatment of ED, the signs and symptoms of BPH, and ED and the signs and symptoms of BPH. Cialis may be administered once daily or on an as needed basis for the treatment of ED. For the treatment of BPH, Cialis is recommended to be administered on a daily basis.

REFERENCES

- AUA practice guidelines Committee. AUA guideline on management of benign prostatic hyperplasia. Chapter 1: Guideline on the Management of Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia. 2010: American Urological Association Education and Research, Inc.
- Eli Lilly and Company. Cialis package insert. Indianapolis, IN. September 2015.
- MICROMEDEX® Healthcare Series [database online]. Greenwood Village, CO: Thomson Healthcare; Available at: <https://www.thomsonhc.com/hcs/librarian/PFDefaultActionId/pf.LoginAction>. [Accessed: October, 31, 2014].

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TAFAMIDIS

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TAFAMIDIS MEGLUMINE	VYNDAQEL	41631		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a documented diagnosis of cardiomyopathy associated with wild type or hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis (ATTR-CM) as confirmed by **ONE** of the following?
 - Bone scan (scintigraphy) strongly positive for myocardial uptake of 99mTcPYP/DPD
(Note: Strongly positive defined as heart to contralateral lung [H/CL] ratio of at least 1.5 or Grade 2 or greater localization to the heart using the Perugini Grade 1-3 scoring system)
 - Biopsy of tissue of affected organ(s) (cardiac and possibly non-cardiac sites) to confirm amyloid presence **AND** chemical typing to confirm presence of transthyretin (TTR) protein

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist, transthyretin amyloidosis (ATTR) specialist, or medical geneticist
 - The patient has New York Heart Association (NYHA) class I, II, or III heart failure

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (37584) with a quantity limit of #4 capsules per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires the physician attestation that the patient has not progressed to New York Heart Association (NYHA) Class IV heart failure.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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TAFAMIDIS

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TAFAMIDIS (Vyndaqel)** requires a documented diagnosis of cardiomyopathy associated with wild type or hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis (ATTR-CM). In addition, the following criteria must be met.

- Diagnosis confirmed by ONE of the following:
 - Bone scan (scintigraphy) strongly positive for myocardial uptake of 99mTcPYP/DPD (**Note: Strongly positive defined as heart to contralateral lung [H/CL] ratio of at least 1.5 or Grade 2 or greater localization to the heart using the Perugini Grade 1-3 scoring system**)
 - Biopsy of tissue of affected organ(s) (cardiac and possibly non-cardiac sites) to confirm amyloid presence **AND** chemical typing to confirm presence of transthyretin (TTR) protein
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist, transthyretin amyloidosis (ATTR) specialist, or medical geneticist
- The patient has New York Heart Association (NYHA) class I, II or III heart failure

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of cardiomyopathy associated with wild type or hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis (ATTR-CM) **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - Physician attestation that the patient has not progressed to New York Heart Association (NYHA) Class IV heart failure

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (37584) with a quantity limit of #4 capsules per day.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TAFAMIDIS (Vyndaqel)** requires a diagnosis of cardiomyopathy associated with wild type or hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis (ATTR-CM). In addition, the following must be met.

- Physician attestation that the patient has not progressed to New York Heart Association (NYHA) Class IV heart failure

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Vyndaqel.

REFERENCES

- Vyndaqel [Prescribing Information]. New York, NY: Pfizer Inc.; May 2019.

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TASIMELTEON

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TASIMELTEON	HETLIOZ	40927		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of non-24 hour sleep-wake disorder (N24HSWD)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 capsule (20mg) per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **TASIMELTEON** requires a diagnosis of non-24 hour sleep-wake disorder (N24HSWD).

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of Hetlioz based on FDA approved indication and dosage.

Hetlioz is the first FDA approved treatment for non-24 hour sleep-wake disorder (N24HSWD), a chronic circadian rhythm disorder in which a person's day length is not synchronized with the 24-hour day-night cycle. Hetlioz is a melatonin receptor agonist that has high affinity for MT1 and MT2 receptors in the suprachiasmatic nucleus of the brain, which are thought to synchronize the body's melatonin and cortisol circadian rhythms with the day-night cycle.

The majority of people with N24HSWD are completely blind due to the lack of light information received from the eyes, which normally regulates the 24-hour day-night cycle. Currently there are 1.3 million legally blind people in the United States (US); 130,000 are completely blind and approximately 70% of those people suffer from N24HSWD.

Treatments for N24HSWD are aimed at resynchronizing the patient's internal body clock to the 24-hour day-night cycle. Phototherapy and dietary melatonin are commonly used to help manage symptoms, as there is no permanent cure for the disorder. In sighted patients, exposure to bright light may counteract the tendency for circadian rhythms to delay. It involves 30-120 minutes of exposure to 3,000 to 10,000 lux light intensity upon awakening daily. Use of melatonin may also be successful in advancing a patient's circadian rhythm; however the dosage and time of administration need to be adjusted on an individual basis.

Aside from Hetlioz, branded Rozerem (ramelteon) is the only other melatonin receptor agonist approved in the US. However, Rozerem is not indicated for N24HSWD, but rather for the treatment of insomnia characterized by difficulty with sleep onset. Hetlioz offers another option for the treatment of N24HSWD in which there is FDA oversight and regulation, unlike over-the-counter dietary melatonin.

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TASIMELTEON

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

The most frequently reported adverse reactions in patients receiving Hetlioz include headache (17%), alanine aminotransferase increase (10%), nightmare/abnormal dreams (10%), upper respiratory tract infection (7%), and urinary tract infection (7%). In placebo-controlled studies, 6% of patients exposed to Hetlioz discontinued treatment due to an adverse event, compared with 4% of patients who received placebo.

There were no signs or symptoms indicative of abuse potential or physical dependence in clinical studies with Hetlioz. Discontinuation of Hetlioz following chronic administration did not produce withdrawal signs.

DOSAGE

The recommended dosage of Hetlioz is 20 mg per day taken before bedtime, at the same time every night. Because of individual differences in circadian rhythms, drug effect may not occur for weeks or months. Hetlioz should be taken without food.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Hetlioz is a melatonin receptor agonist indicated for the treatment of non-24-hour sleep-wake disorder.

REFERENCES

- Hetlioz [Prescribing Information]. Washington, D.C., Vanda Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Jan 2014.
- FDA News Release on Jan 31, 2014: FDA approves Hetlioz: first treatment for non-24 hour sleep-wake disorder in blind individuals.
- Available online at:
<http://www.fda.gov/newsevents/newsroom/pressannouncements/ucm384092.html>
- Circadian Sleep Disorders Network. <http://www.circadiansleepdisorders.org/index.php>

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TAVABOROLE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TAVABOROLE	KERYDIN	41353		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of onychomycosis (fungal infection) of the toenails?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of diabetes, peripheral vascular disease (PVD), or immunosuppression?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have pain surrounding the nail or soft tissue involvement?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Has the patient previously tried or have a contraindication to oral terbinafine **OR** oral itraconazole **AND** ciclopirox topical solution?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

5. Are five or less toenails affected?

If yes, **approve for 48 weeks by HICL with a quantity limit of 10mL (1 bottle) per 60 days.**

If no, **approve for 48 weeks by HICL with a quantity limit of 10mL (1 bottle) per 30 days.**

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TAVABOROLE (Kerydin)** requires the following: a diagnosis of onychomycosis of the toenails; presence of complicating factors such as diabetes, peripheral vascular disease, a suppressed immune system, or pain surrounding the nail or soft tissue; and previous trial or contraindication to oral terbinafine or oral itraconazole and ciclopirox topical solution.

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TAVABOROLE

RATIONALE

To promote clinically appropriate utilization of Kerydin (tavaborole) based on its FDA approved indication and dosing.

Kerydin is an oxaborole antifungal. Onychomycosis refers to nail infections caused by any fungus, including yeasts and non-dermatophyte molds. Although onychomycosis is usually a cosmetic concern to patients, it also causes physical discomfort for some, particularly with more severe or advanced disease. Patients may experience chronic pain or acute pain exacerbated by nail cutting, footwear, or pressure from bedclothes. Additionally, in patients with diabetes or other immunocompromised states, onychomycosis may increase the risk of bacterial infections such as cellulitis.

Kerydin may not be as efficacious as oral antifungals (e.g. terbinafine and itraconazole) in the treatment of onychomycosis, but its safety profile is improved. The most common adverse reactions associated with Kerydin are ingrown toenails, application site reactions (i.e. dermatitis, exfoliation, erythema). Additionally, Kerydin neither interacts with cytochrome P450 enzymes nor is associated with hepatotoxicity, as seen with oral antifungals.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Apply enough medication to cover the entire toenail surface and under the tip of each affected toenail once daily for 48 weeks. Use the dropper tip to gently spread Kerydin to the entire toenail up to the edges of the toenail as well as under the tip of the toenail.

For topical use only and not for oral, ophthalmic, or intravaginal use.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

For the topical treatment of onychomycosis of the toenails due to *Trichophyton rubrum* or *Trichophyton mentagrophytes*.

REFERENCES

- Kerydin [Prescribing Information]. Palo Alto, CA: Anacor Pharmaceuticals; July 2018.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

TEDUGLUTIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TEDUGLUTIDE	GATTEX	39890		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of short bowel syndrome (SBS)?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the patient dependent on intravenous parenteral nutrition, defined as requiring parenteral nutrition at least three times per week?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Is the patient at least 1 year old?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by NDC as follows:**

- **Gattex 5mg one vial kit with a quantity limit of #30 per 30 days OR,**
- **Gattex 5mg thirty vial kit with a quantity limit of #1 per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TEDUGLUTIDE (Gattex)** requires a diagnosis of short bowel syndrome (SBS). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is at least 1 year of age
- The patient is dependent on intravenous parenteral nutrition, defined as requiring parenteral nutrition at least three times per week

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Gattex.

REFERENCES

- Gattex [Prescribing Information]. Bedminister, NJ: NPS Pharmaceutical; May 2019.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TELAPREVIR

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TELAPREVIR	INCIVEK	37629		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization. All requests for hepatitis C medications require review by a pharmacist prior to final approval.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the requested medication being used with ribavirin **AND** peginterferon alfa; (**NOTE:** The patient must have an active prior authorization for ribavirin and peginterferon alfa before proceeding.)?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires that patient has no history of solid organ transplant, except in the case of liver transplant patients managed by a transplant center. Other approval criteria include: concurrent use of ribavirin and peginterferon alfa and a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, genotype 1 without a coinfection with hepatitis B for a patient with a minimum age of 18 years who is currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model and the patient has not failed therapy with telaprevir (Incivek), simeprevir (Olysio), or boceprevir (Victrelis) and is not currently taking rifampin.

2. Is the patient currently taking the requested medication as indicated on the MRF, claims history, or prior authorization history?

If yes, continue to #11.

If no, continue to #3.

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TELAPREVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, genotype 1?

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires that patient has no history of solid organ transplant, except in the case of liver transplant patients managed by a transplant center. Other approval criteria include: concurrent use of ribavirin and peginterferon alfa and a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, genotype 1 without a coinfection with hepatitis B for a patient with a minimum age of 18 years who is currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model and the patient has not failed therapy with telaprevir (Incivek), simeprevir (Olysio), or boceprevir (Victrelis) and is not currently taking rifampin.

4. Is the patient at least 18 years old?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires that patient has no history of solid organ transplant, except in the case of liver transplant patients managed by a transplant center. Other approval criteria include: concurrent use of ribavirin and peginterferon alfa and a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, genotype 1 without a coinfection with hepatitis B for a patient with a minimum age of 18 years who is currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model and the patient has not failed therapy with telaprevir (Incivek), simeprevir (Olysio), or boceprevir (Victrelis) and is not currently taking rifampin.

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TELAPREVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

5. Is the patient currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires that patient has no history of solid organ transplant, except in the case of liver transplant patients managed by a transplant center. Other approval criteria include: concurrent use of ribavirin and peginterferon alfa and a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, genotype 1 without a coinfection with hepatitis B for a patient with a minimum age of 18 years who is currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model and the patient has not failed therapy with telaprevir (Incivek), simeprevir (Olysio), or boceprevir (Victrelis) and is not currently taking rifampin.

6. Has the patient completed a prior course of therapy with a protease inhibitor (for example, telaprevir [Incivek], simeprevir [Olysio], or boceprevir [Victrelis]) and has not achieved a sustained virologic response (SVR)?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires that patient has no history of solid organ transplant, except in the case of liver transplant patients managed by a transplant center. Other approval criteria include: concurrent use of ribavirin and peginterferon alfa and a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, genotype 1 without a coinfection with hepatitis B for a patient with a minimum age of 18 years who is currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model and the patient has not failed therapy with telaprevir (Incivek), simeprevir (Olysio), simeprevir (Olysio), or boceprevir (Victrelis) and is not currently taking rifampin.

If no, continue to #7.

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TELAPREVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

7. Is the patient currently taking rifampin?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires that patient has no history of solid organ transplant, except in the case of liver transplant patients managed by a transplant center. Other approval criteria include: concurrent use of ribavirin and peginterferon alfa and a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, genotype 1 without a coinfection with hepatitis B for a patient with a minimum age of 18 years who is currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model and the patient has not failed therapy with telaprevir (Incivek), simeprevir (Olysio), or boceprevir (Victrelis) and is not currently taking rifampin.

If no, continue to #8.

8. Does the patient have a coinfection with hepatitis B?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires that patient has no history of solid organ transplant, except in the case of liver transplant patients managed by a transplant center. Other approval criteria include: concurrent use of ribavirin and peginterferon alfa and a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, genotype 1 without a coinfection with hepatitis B for a patient with a minimum age of 18 years who is currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model and the patient has not failed therapy with telaprevir (Incivek), simeprevir (Olysio), or boceprevir (Victrelis) and is not currently taking rifampin.

If no, continue to #9.

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TELAPREVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

9. Does the patient have a history of a previous organ transplant?

If yes, continue to #10.

If no, **approve #6 tablets per day for 8 weeks.**

PAC: The days supply is based on the benefit structure. Enter the Maximum Daily Dose (MDD) = 6 tablets and a duration of 56 days.

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires HCV RNA level at baseline and at 4 weeks of telaprevir therapy (level 1,000 IU/mL or less). Please also document if the patient is one of these treatment groups: prior relapse patient, prior partial responder, prior null responder patients, or a treatment-naïve patients with cirrhosis. Drugs that are contraindicated with Incivek include alfuzosin, rifampin, ergot derivatives, cisapride, St. John's wort, atorvastatin, lovastatin, simvastatin, pimozide, sildenafil or tadalafil (when used for pulmonary arterial hypertension [PAH]), orally administered midazolam and triazolam. Incivek may increase serum levels of immunosuppressants such as cyclosporine, sirolimus, and tacrolimus; anticipate significant dose reduction and prolongation of dosing interval of immunosuppressants for transplant patients that are taking Incivek.

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TELAPREVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

10. Is this a patient with a history of liver transplant and hepatitis C medications (triple therapy) being prescribed by a transplant center and transplant physician?

If yes, **approve #6 tablets per day for 8 weeks.**

PAC: The days supply is based on the benefit structure. Enter the Maximum Daily Dose (MDD) = 6 tablets and a duration of 56 days.

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires HCV RNA level at baseline and at 4 weeks of telaprevir therapy (level 1,000 IU/mL or less). Please also document if the patient is one of these treatment groups: prior relapse patient, prior partial responder, prior null responder patients, or a treatment-naïve patients with cirrhosis. Drugs that are contraindicated with Incivek include alfuzosin, rifampin, ergot derivatives, cisapride, St. John's wort, atorvastatin, lovastatin, simvastatin, pimozide, sildenafil or tadalafil (when used for pulmonary arterial hypertension [PAH]), orally administered midazolam and triazolam. Incivek may increase serum levels of immunosuppressants such as cyclosporine, sirolimus, and tacrolimus; anticipate significant dose reduction and prolongation of dosing interval of immunosuppressants for transplant patients that are taking Incivek.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires that patient has no history of solid organ transplant, except in the case of liver transplant patients managed by a transplant center. Other approval criteria include: concurrent use of ribavirin and peginterferon alfa and a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C, genotype 1 without a coinfection with hepatitis B for a patient with a minimum age of 18 years who is currently supervised by a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, physician specializing in the treatment of hepatitis (for example, hepatologist), or a specially trained group such as ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model and the patient has not failed therapy with telaprevir (Incivek), simeprevir (Olysio), or boceprevir (Victrelis) and is not currently taking rifampin.

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TELAPREVIR

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

11. **Renewal criteria for treatment week 9, the patient has an approved PA for telaprevir:** Did the patient have a HCV RNA level/viral load of 1,000 IU/mL or less at 4 weeks of telaprevir therapy?

If yes, **approve #6 tablets per day for 4 weeks. Maximum telaprevir therapy is not to exceed 12 weeks.**

PAC: The days supply is based on the benefit structure. Enter the Maximum Daily Dose (MDD) = 6 tablets and a duration of 28 days; total telaprevir therapy duration not to exceed 84 days (12 weeks).

APPROVAL TEXT: Drugs that are contraindicated with Incivek include alfuzosin, rifampin, ergot derivatives, cisapride, St. John's wort, atorvastatin, lovastatin, simvastatin, pimozone, sildenafil or tadalafil (when used for pulmonary arterial hypertension [PAH]), orally administered midazolam and triazolam. Incivek may increase serum levels of immunosuppressants such as cyclosporine, sirolimus, and tacrolimus; anticipate significant dose reduction and prolongation of dosing interval of immunosuppressants for transplant patients that are taking Incivek.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Renewal requires HCV RNA level/viral load of less than 1,000 IU/mL at 4 weeks of telaprevir therapy.

CLINICAL SPECIALISTS: If HCV RNA level greater than 1,000 IU/mL at week 4, triple therapy will be discontinued at this time. Review the prior authorization history and close peginterferon PA (and ribavirin PA, if applicable).

CLINICAL SPECIALISTS: Please review peginterferon/ribavirin dosing regimens:

- For treatment-naïve and prior relapse patients with undetectable HCV-RNA at weeks 4 and 12, dual therapy is for a total treatment duration of 24 weeks.
- For treatment-naïve and prior relapse patients with detectable (1,000 IU/mL or less) HCV-RNA at weeks 4 and/or 12, dual therapy is for a total duration of 48 weeks.
- For prior partial and null responder patients dual therapy is for a total duration of 48 weeks.
- For treatment-naïve patients with cirrhosis who have undetectable HCV-RNA levels at week 4 and 12, dual therapy for a total duration of 48 weeks would be beneficial.

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TELAPREVIR

From the Incivek package insert (Vertex):

Table 1: Recommend Treatment Duration (See also Table 2 for Treatment Futility Rules)

Treatment-Naïve and Prior Relapse Patients			
HCV RNA*	Triple Therapy INCIVEK, peginterferon alfa and ribavirin	Dual Therapy Peginterferon alfa and ribavirin	Total Treatment Duration
Undetectable (Target Not Detected) at Weeks 4 and 12	First 12 weeks	Additional 12 weeks	24 weeks
Detectable (1000 IU/mL or less) at Weeks 4 and/or 12	First 12 weeks	Additional 36 weeks	48 weeks
Prior Partial and Null Responder Patients			
	Triple Therapy INCIVEK, peginterferon alfa and ribavirin	Dual Therapy Peginterferon alfa and ribavirin	Total Treatment Duration
All Patients	First 12 weeks	Additional 36 weeks	478 weeks

*In clinical trials, HCV RNA in plasma was measured using a COBAS® TaqMan® assay with a lower limit of quantification of 25 IU/mL and a limit of detection of 10 IU/mL. See *Laboratory Tests (5.6)* for a description of HCV-RNA assay recommendations.

Table 2: Treatment Futility Rules: All Patients

HCV RNA	Action
Week 4 or Week 12: Greater than 1000 IU/mL	Discontinue INCIVEK and peginterferon alfa and ribavirin (INCIVEK treatment complete at 12 weeks)
Week 24: Detectable	Discontinue peginterferon alfa and ribavirin

If peginterferon alfa or ribavirin is discontinued for any reason, INCIVEK must also be discontinued.

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TELAPREVIR

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of telaprevir based on FDA approved indication.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Incivek, in combination with peginterferon alfa and ribavirin, is indicated for the treatment of genotype 1 chronic hepatitis C in adult patients with compensated liver disease, including cirrhosis, who are treatment-naïve (patients who have not received interferon-based drug therapy for their infection) or who have previously been treated with interferon-based treatment and not responded adequately, including prior null responders, partial responders, and relapsers.

FDA APPROVED DOSAGE

Incivek 1125mg (three 375mg tablets) orally twice daily is added to peginterferon alfa and ribavirin for the first twelve weeks of therapy.

OTHER INFORMATION

Currently AASLD treatment guidelines recommend that any use of telaprevir in HIV co-infected or transplant populations infected with HCV should be done with caution and under close clinical monitoring. A clinical trial evaluating use of telaprevir triple therapy in HCV/HIV co-infected patients showed significantly higher rates of SVR than in patients treated with peginterferon/ribavirin alone.

Note on HCV RNA levels defined by lab as undetectable versus detectable but not quantifiable: Commercially available quantitative HCV RNA assays may have differing limits for quantification and detection. The lower limit of detection is 10 or 50 IU/mL HCV RNA (depends on assay used by lab). The FDA suggests that labs testing HCV RNA levels for patients taking protease inhibitors must use an assay with a lower limit of quantification of 25 IU/mL or less, and a lower limit of detection of 10-15 IU/mL. Generally, patients with detectable but not quantifiable levels of HCV RNA will have lower SVR rates with triple therapy; a detectable but not quantifiable HCV RNA level should not be considered equivalent to an undetectable level. When the product package insert (or MedImpact PA guideline) specifies 'undetectable HCV RNA level', generally an undetectable HCV RNA result is required.

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TELAPREVIR

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TELOTRISTAT

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TELOTRISTAT	XERMELO	44132		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of carcinoid syndrome diarrhea and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The medication will be used in combination with a somatostatin analog (e.g., octreotide)
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The medication is being prescribed by or given in consultation with an oncologist or gastroenterologist
 - Documentation that the patient has been receiving or has a contraindication to a stable dose of long-acting somatostatin analog therapy [e.g., Sandostatin LAR (octreotide), Somatuline Depot (lanreotide)] for a minimum of 3 months
 - Physician attestation that the patient's diarrhea is inadequately controlled as defined by the presence of at least four bowel movements per day

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #3 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TELOTRISTAT (Xermelo)** requires a diagnosis of carcinoid syndrome diarrhea. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The medication will be used in combination with a somatostatin analog (e.g., octreotide)
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The medication is being prescribed by or given in consultation with an oncologist or gastroenterologist
- Documentation that the patient has been receiving or has a contraindication to a stable dose of long-acting somatostatin analog therapy [e.g., Sandostatin LAR (octreotide), Somatuline Depot (lanreotide)] for a minimum of 3 months
- Physician attestation that the patient's diarrhea is inadequately controlled as defined by the presence of at least four bowel movements per day

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **TELOTRISTAT (Xermelo)** based on FDA approved indication and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Indicated for the treatment of carcinoid syndrome diarrhea in combination with somatostatin analog (SSA) therapy in adults inadequately controlled by SSA therapy.

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TELOTRISTAT

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended dosage of Xermelo in adult patients is 250 mg three times daily for patients whose diarrhea is inadequately controlled by SSA therapy. Take Xermelo with food. When short-acting octreotide is used in combination with Xermelo, administer short-acting octreotide at least 30 minutes after administering Xermelo.

AVAILABLE STRENGTHS

Tablets: 250 mg

REFERENCES

- Xermelo [Prescribing Information]. The Woodlands, Texas. Lexicon Pharmaceuticals, Inc; February 2017.
- Kulke MH, Hörsch D, Caplin M, et al. Telotristat Ethyl, a Tryptophan Hydroxylase Inhibitor for the Treatment of Carcinoid Syndrome. *J Clin Oncol*. 2017 Jan; 35(1):14-23.
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Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TEMOZOLOMIDE - PO

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TEMOZOLOMIDE - PO	TEMODAR - PO		92903 92893 92933 92913 98310 98311	

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have one of the following diagnoses: metastatic melanoma, anaplastic astrocytoma, glioblastoma multiforme, or small cell lung cancer (SCLC)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of metastatic melanoma, anaplastic astrocytoma, glioblastoma multiforme, or small cell lung cancer (SCLC).

RATIONALE

Based on FDA approved indications and NCCN recommendations. Temodar is approved for the treatment of newly diagnosed glioblastoma multiforme concomitantly with radiotherapy and then as maintenance treatment; and refractory anaplastic astrocytoma patients who have experienced disease progression on a drug regimen containing nitrosourea and procarbazine. NCCN recommends Temodar for SCLC patients with relapse <2-3 months, performance status 0-2 or relapse >2-3 up to 6 months (most useful if brain metastases are present); and for the treatment of metastatic melanoma. NCCN considers temozolomide to be a systemic therapy option for advanced or metastatic melanoma. No quantity limit is included within this guideline since there are multiple dosing regimens available, all of which are based on body surface area.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Temodar is an alkylating drug indicated for the treatment of adult patients with:

- Newly diagnosed glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) concomitantly with radiotherapy and then as maintenance treatment.
- Refractory anaplastic astrocytoma patients who have experienced disease progression on a drug regimen containing nitrosourea and procarbazine.

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TEMOZOLOMIDE - PO

REFERENCES

- National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology Melanoma. (Version 3.2012).
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network. NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology Small Cell Lung Cancer Version 2.2014. [Online] September 17, 2013. [Cited: September 25, 2013.] http://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/sclc.pdf
- Schering Corporation, a subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc. Temodar package insert. Whitehouse Station, NJ. February 2011.
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Yes	Yes	No

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

TERIFLUNOMIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TERIFLUNOMIDE	AUBAGIO	39624		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of a relapsing form of multiple sclerosis **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - The patient had a previous trial of any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred agents for MS: Gilenya, Tecfidera, Avonex, Rebif, Plegridy, Betaseron, or glatiramer acetate (**Please note:** other MS agents may also require prior authorization)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1 tablet per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TERIFLUNOMIDE (Aubagio)** requires a diagnosis of a relapsing form of multiple sclerosis. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient had a previous trial of any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred agents for MS: Gilenya, Tecfidera, Avonex, Rebif, Plegridy, Betaseron, or glatiramer acetate (Please note: other MS agents may also require prior authorization)

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Review for Aubagio.

REFERENCES

- Aubagio [Prescribing Information]. Cambridge, MA: Genzyme Corporation; November 2016.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 04/01/19

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Client Approval: 03/19

P&T Approval: 01/19



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TERIPARATIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TERIPARATIDE	FORTEO	24700		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the medication being used for **ONE** of the following diagnoses?

- Postmenopausal osteoporosis
- Primary or hypogonadal osteoporosis in a male patient
- Glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient meet **ONE** of the following criteria?

- The patient is at high risk for fractures defined as **ONE** of the following:
 - History of osteoporotic (i.e., fragility, low trauma) fracture(s)
 - 2 or more risk factors for fracture (e.g., history of multiple recent low trauma fractures, BMD T-score less than or equal to -2.5, corticosteroid use, or use of GnRH analogs such as nafarelin, etc.)
 - No prior treatment for osteoporosis **AND** FRAX score $\geq 20\%$ for any major fracture OR $\geq 3\%$ for hip fracture
- The patient is unable to use oral therapy (i.e., upper gastrointestinal [GI] problems - unable to tolerate oral medication, lower GI problems - unable to absorb oral medications, trouble remembering to take oral medications or coordinating an oral bisphosphonate with other oral medications or their daily routine)
- The patient has an adequate trial of, intolerance to, or a contraindication to bisphosphonates (e.g., alendronate, risedronate, ibandronate)

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Has the patient received a total of 24 months of parathyroid hormone therapy (e.g., Forteo, Tymlos)?

If yes, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

If no, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of 2.4mL (#1 multi-dose pen) per 28 days.**

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TERIPARATIDE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TERIPARATIDE (Forteo)** requires that the patient has a diagnosis of postmenopausal osteoporosis, primary or hypogonadal osteoporosis in a male patient, or glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis, AND the patient has not received a total of 24 months or more of parathyroid hormone therapy with Forteo or Tymlos. In addition, one of the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is at high risk for fractures defined as **ONE** of the following:
 - History of osteoporotic (i.e., fragility, low trauma) fracture(s)
 - 2 or more risk factors for fracture (e.g., history of multiple recent low trauma fractures, BMD T-score less than or equal to -2.5, corticosteroid use, or use of GnRH analogs such as nafarelin, etc.)
 - No prior treatment for osteoporosis AND FRAX score $\geq 20\%$ for any major fracture OR $\geq 3\%$ for hip fracture
- The patient is unable to use oral therapy (i.e., upper gastrointestinal [GI] problems - unable to tolerate oral medication, lower GI problems - unable to absorb oral medications, trouble remembering to take oral medications or coordinating an oral bisphosphonate with other oral medications or their daily routine)
- The patient has an adequate trial of, intolerance to, or a contraindication to bisphosphonates (e.g., alendronate, risedronate, ibandronate)

RATIONALE

To ensure safe use of teriparatide for the treatment of osteoporosis in patients who have failed or are intolerant to anti-resorptive agents.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

- For the treatment of postmenopausal women with osteoporosis at high risk for fracture.
- To increase of bone mass in men with primary or hypogonadal osteoporosis at high risk for fracture.
- For the treatment of men and women with osteoporosis associated with sustained systemic glucocorticoid therapy (daily dosage equivalent to 5 mg or greater of prednisone) at high risk for fracture, defined as a history of osteoporotic fracture, multiple risk factors for fracture, or patients who have failed or are intolerant to other available osteoporosis therapy.

REFERENCE

- Eli Lilly and Company. Forteo package insert. Indianapolis, IN. October 2016.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TESAMORELIN

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TESAMORELIN	EGRIFTA	37268		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the requested drug being used for the reduction of excess abdominal fat in an HIV-infected patient who has lipodystrophy syndrome?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the patient currently receiving treatment with a protease inhibitor (PI), PI combination (i.e., saquinavir, ritonavir, indinavir, nelfinavir, lopinavir/ritonavir, atazanavir, fosamprenavir, or tipranavir), a nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NRTI), or an NRTI combination (i.e., zidovudine, didanosine, stavudine, lamivudine, abacavir, tenofovir, emtricitabine, lamivudine/zidovudine, or abacavir/lamivudine/zidovudine, efavirenz/emtricitabine/tenofovir, emtricitabine/tenofovir)?

If yes, **approve for 3 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #60 vials per month.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TESAMORELIN (Egrifta)** requires that the drug is being used for the reduction of excess abdominal fat in HIV-infected patients who have lipodystrophy syndrome. In addition, patients must be receiving treatment with a protease inhibitor (PI), PI combination (i.e., saquinavir, ritonavir, indinavir, nelfinavir, lopinavir/ritonavir, atazanavir, fosamprenavir, or tipranavir), a nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NRTI), or an NRTI combination (i.e., zidovudine, didanosine, stavudine, lamivudine, abacavir, tenofovir, emtricitabine, lamivudine/zidovudine, or abacavir/lamivudine/zidovudine, efavirenz/emtricitabine/tenofovir, emtricitabine/tenofovir).

RATIONALE

Ensure that tesamorelin is used solely for its FDA approved indication.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Tesamorelin is indicated for the reduction of excess abdominal fat in HIV-infected patients with lipodystrophy.

REFERENCES

- EMD Serono, Inc. Egrifta package insert. Rockland, MA. November 2010.

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TESAMORELIN

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TESTOSTERONE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TESTOSTERONE	ANDRODERM, ANDROGEL, AXIRON, FORTESTA, NATESTO, STRIANT, TESTIM, VOGELXO	01403		ROUTE ≠ MISCELL.
TESTOSTERONE CYPIONATE	DEPO- TESTOSTERONE	01400		ROUTE ≠ MISCELL. GCN ≠ 38586
TESTOSTERONE ENANTHATE	DELATESTRYL, TESTOSTERONE ENANTHATE, XYOSTED	01401		ROUTE ≠ MISCELL.
METHYLTESTOSTERONE	TESTRED, ANDROID, METHITEST		10380 10411	ROUTE ≠ MISCELL.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Is the request for a male patient with a diagnosis of primary or secondary hypogonadism (hypotestosteronism or low testosterone) who meets **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has a previously approved prior authorization for testosterone or has been receiving any form of testosterone replacement therapy as indicated per physician attestation or claims history **OR**
 - The patient has **AT LEAST ONE** of the following laboratory values confirming low testosterone levels:
 - At least two morning total serum testosterone levels of less than 300 ng/dL (10.4 nmol/L) taken on separate occasions while in a fasted state
 - Free serum testosterone level of less than 5 pg/mL (0.17 nmol/L)

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #6.

2. Is the request for Xyosted **AND** have the following criteria been met?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The requested medication is being used for testosterone replacement therapy

If yes, **approve the requested strength for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of #4 syringes per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #3.

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INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

3. Is the request for AndroGel 1%, Axiron, Testim, Vogelxo, Depo-Testosterone (testosterone cypionate), or Delatestryl (intramuscular testosterone enanthate)?

If yes, approve the requested agent for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:

- AndroGel 1% (testosterone): (2.5 gram packet): #5 grams per day per 30 days; (5 gram packet): #10 grams per day per 30 days; (75 gram pump): #300 grams (4 pumps) per 30 days.
- Axiron (testosterone): (90 mL pump): #180 mL per 30 days.
- Testim (testosterone): (5 gram gel tube): #10 grams per day per 30 days.
- Vogelxo (testosterone): (5 gram gel tube): #10 grams per day per 30 days; (5 gram gel packet): #10 grams per day per 30 days; (75 gram pump): #300 grams (4 pumps) per 30 days.
- Depo-Testosterone (testosterone cypionate): (100mg/mL, 200mg/mL [10mL vial]): up to #10mL per 30 days.
- Depo-Testosterone (testosterone cypionate): (200mg/mL [1mL vial]): up to #10mL per 30 days.
- Intramuscular testosterone enanthate (Delatestryl): (200mg/mL [5mL vial]): #1 vial per 30 days.

If no, continue to #4.

4. Is the request for Androderm patches, AndroGel 1.62%, Fortesta, Natesto, or Striant, **AND** has the following criterion been met?
- Trial of or contraindication to a generic lower cost agent (i.e., AndroGel 1%, Axiron, Testim, Vogelxo, Depo-Testosterone, intramuscular testosterone enanthate [Delatestryl])

If yes, approve the requested agent for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:

- Androderm (testosterone): (2mg, 2.5mg, 4mg, 5mg patches): #30 patches per 30 days.
- AndroGel 1.62% (testosterone): (1.25 gram packet): #1.25 grams per day per 30 days; (2.5 gram packet): #5 grams per day per 30 days; (75 gram pump): #150 grams (2 pumps) per 30 days.
- Fortesta (testosterone): (60 gram pump): #120 grams (2 pumps) per 30 days.
- Natesto (testosterone): (7.32 gram bottle): #21.96 grams (3 bottles) per 30 days.
- Striant (testosterone): #60 buccal systems per 30 days.

If no, continue to #5.

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INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

5. Is the request for Android, Methitest, or Testred, **AND** has the following criterion been met?
- Trial of or contraindication to **TWO** lower cost agents (i.e., AndroGel 1%, Axiron, Testim, Vogelxo, Depo-Testosterone, Delatestryl (intramuscular testosterone enanthate), Androderm, AndroGel 1.62%, Fortesta, Natesto, Striant)

If yes, **approve the requested agent for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Android (methyltestosterone): (10mg capsule): #5 capsules per day.**
- **Methitest (methyltestosterone): (10mg tablet): #5 tablets per day.**
- **Testred (methyltestosterone): (10mg capsule): #5 capsules per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

6. Is the request for a male patient with a diagnosis of delayed puberty not secondary to a pathological disorder who meets **ONE** of the following criteria?

- The request is for intramuscular testosterone enanthate (Delatestryl)
- The request is for methyltestosterone (Testred, Android, or Methitest) **AND** the patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to intramuscular Delatestryl (testosterone enanthate)

If yes, **approve the requested agent for lifetime by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Intramuscular Delatestryl (testosterone enanthate): (200mg/mL, 5mL vial): #1 vial per 30 days.**
- **Testred (methyltestosterone): (10mg capsule): #5 capsules per day.**
- **Android (methyltestosterone): (10mg capsule): #5 capsules per day.**
- **Methitest (methyltestosterone): (10mg tablet): #5 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #7.

7. Is the requested agent for gender dysphoria as supported by the compendia (e.g., DrugDex strength of recommendation Class I, IIa, or IIb) **AND** has the following criterion been met?

- The patient is at least 18 years of age

If yes, **approve the requested agent for 12 months by GPID and override quantity limits.**

If no, continue to #8.

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INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

8. Is the request for a female patient with a diagnosis of metastatic breast cancer who meets **ONE** of the following criteria?

- The request is for intramuscular testosterone enanthate (Delatestryl)
- The request is for methyltestosterone (Testred, Android, or Methitest) **AND** the patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to intramuscular Delatestryl (testosterone enanthate)

If yes, **approve the requested agent for lifetime by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Intramuscular Delatestryl (testosterone enanthate): (200mg/mL, 5mL vial): #1 vial per 30 days.**
- **Testred (methyltestosterone): (10mg capsule): #20 capsules per day.**
- **Android (methyltestosterone): (10mg capsule): #20 capsules per day.**
- **Methitest (methyltestosterone): (10mg tablet): #20 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TESTOSTERONE** requires a diagnosis of primary or secondary male hypogonadism (hypotestosteronism or low testosterone), delayed puberty in males not secondary to a pathological disorder, gender dysphoria, or metastatic female breast cancer. For a diagnosis of metastatic female breast cancer or delayed puberty in males not secondary to a pathological disorder, only intramuscular testosterone enanthate (Delatestryl) or methyltestosterone (Testred, Android, or Methitest) may be approved. For patients with gender dysphoria, only agents supported by the compendia (e.g., DrugDex strength of recommendation Class I, IIa, or IIb) may be approved. In addition, the following criteria must be met.

For male patients with a diagnosis of primary or secondary hypogonadism, approval requires:

- The patient has a previously approved prior authorization for testosterone or has been receiving any form of testosterone replacement therapy as indicated per physician attestation or claims history **OR**
- The patient has **AT LEAST ONE** of the following laboratory values confirming low testosterone levels:
 - At least two morning total serum testosterone levels of less than 300 ng/dL (10.4 nmol/L) taken on separate occasions while in a fasted state
 - Free serum testosterone level of less than 5 pg/mL (0.17 nmol/L)

For requests of Xyosted, approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The requested medication is being used for testosterone replacement therapy

For requests of Androderm patch, AndroGel 1.62%, Fortesta, Natesto, or Striant, approval requires:

- Trial of or contraindication to a generic lower cost agent (i.e., AndroGel 1%, Axiron, Testim, Vogelxo, Depo-Testosterone, intramuscular testosterone enanthate [Delatestryl])

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INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

For requests of Android, Methitest, or Testred, approval requires:

- Trial of or contraindication to **TWO** lower cost agents (i.e., AndroGel 1%, Axiron, Testim, Vogelxo, Depo-Testosterone, intramuscular testosterone enanthate [Delatestryl], Androderm, AndroGel 1.62%, Fortesta, Natesto, Striant)

For patients with a diagnosis of gender dysphoria, approval requires:

- The patient is at least 18 years old

For male patients requesting methyltestosterone (Testred, Android or Methitest) for a diagnosis of delayed puberty not secondary to a pathological disorder, approval requires:

- Previous trial of or contraindication to intramuscular testosterone enanthate (Delatestryl). Please note that Delatestryl requires a prior authorization.

For female patients requesting methyltestosterone (Testred, Android or Methitest) for a diagnosis of metastatic breast cancer, approval requires:

- Previous trial of or contraindication to intramuscular testosterone enanthate (Delatestryl). Please note that Delatestryl requires a prior authorization.

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Is the request for a male patient with a diagnosis of primary or secondary hypogonadism (hypotestosteronism or low testosterone) who meets **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Physician attestation of improved symptoms compared to baseline and tolerance to treatment
 - Documentation of normalized serum testosterone levels and hematocrit concentrations compared to baseline

If yes, **approve requested agent for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Xyosted (testosterone enanthate): (50mg/0.5mL, 75mg/0.5mL, 100mg/0.5mL subcutaneous auto-injectors): #4 syringes per 28 days.**
- **AndroGel 1% (testosterone): (2.5 gram packet): #5 grams per day per 30 days; (5 gram packet): #10 grams per day per 30 days; (75 gram pump): #300 grams (4 pumps) per 30 days.**
- **Axiron (testosterone): (90 mL pump): #180 mL per 30 days.**
- **Testim (testosterone): (5 gram gel tube): #10 grams per day per 30 days.**
- **Vogelxo (testosterone): (5 gram gel tube): #10 grams per day per 30 days; (5 gram gel packet): #10 grams per day per 30 days; (75 gram pump): #300 grams (4 pumps) per 30 days.**
- **Depo-Testosterone (testosterone cypionate): (100mg/mL, 200mg/mL [10mL vial]): up to #10mL per 30 days.**
- **Depo-Testosterone (testosterone cypionate): (200mg/mL [1mL vial]): up to #10mL per 30 days.**

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RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

- Intramuscular testosterone enanthate (Delatestryl): (200mg/mL [5mL vial]): #1 vial per 30 days.
- Androderm (testosterone): (2mg, 2.5mg, 4mg, 5mg patches): #30 patches per 30 days.
- AndroGel 1.62% (testosterone): (1.25 gram packet): #1.25 grams per day per 30 days; (2.5 gram packet): #5 grams per day per 30 days; (75 gram pump): #150 grams (2 pumps) per 30 days.
- Fortesta (testosterone): (60 gram pump): #120 grams (2 pumps) per 30 days.
- Natesto (testosterone): (7.32 gram bottle): #21.96 grams (3 bottles) per 30 days.
- Striant (testosterone): #60 buccal systems per 30 days.
- Android (methyltestosterone): (10mg capsule): #5 capsules per day.
- Methitest (methyltestosterone): (10mg tablet): #5 tablets per day.
- Testred (methyltestosterone): (10mg capsule): #5 capsules per day.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Is the requested agent for gender dysphoria as supported by the compendia (e.g. DrugDex strength of recommendation Class I, IIa, or IIb)?

If yes, **approve the requested agent for 12 months by GPID and override quantity limits.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TESTOSTERONE** requires a diagnosis of primary or secondary male hypogonadism (hypotestosteronism or low testosterone) or gender dysphoria for renewal. For patients with gender dysphoria, only agents sufficiently supported by the compendia (e.g., DrugDex strength of recommendation Class I, IIa, or IIb) may be approved. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For male patients with a diagnosis of primary or secondary hypogonadism, approval requires:

- Physician attestation of improved symptoms compared to baseline and tolerance to treatment
- Documentation of normalized serum testosterone levels and hematocrit concentrations compared to baseline

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TESTOSTERONE

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for the related testosterone formulation.

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- Methitest [Prescribing Information]. Hayward, CA: Impax Generics. November 2016.
- Natesto [Prescribing Information]. Englewood, CO: Aytu BioScience Inc. October 2016.
- Striant [Prescribing Information]. Malvern, PA: Actient Pharmaceuticals LLC. October 2016.
- Testim [Prescribing Information]. Malvern, PA: Auxilium Pharmaceuticals, Inc. October 2016.
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Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TETRABENAZINE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TETRABENAZINE	XENAZINE	07350		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the request for a tetrabenazine dosage that exceeds 50mg?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #3.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chorea (involuntary movements) associated with Huntington's disease and meets the following criteria?

- The prescription has been prescribed or recommended by a neurologist
- The patient has been genotyped for CYP2D6 and is identified as an extensive metabolizer (EM) or intermediate metabolizer (IM) of CYP2D6

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **12.5mg tablet: #3 tablets per day**
- **25mg tablet: #4 tablets per day**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chorea (involuntary movements) associated with Huntington's disease and meets the following criteria?

- The prescription has been prescribed or recommended by a neurologist

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **12.5mg tablet: #3 tablets per day**
- **25mg tablet: #2 tablets per day**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Our guideline for **TETRABENAZINE (Xenazine)** requires a diagnosis of chorea (involuntary movements) associated with Huntington's disease and that the medication has been prescribed or recommended by a neurologist. Request for a tetrabenazine dosage that exceeds 50mg requires that the patient has been genotyped for CYP2D6 and is identified as an extensive (EM) or intermediate metabolizer (IM) of CYP2D6.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TETRABENAZINE

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate diagnostic, utilization and safety criteria are used for tetrabenazine management.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Xenazine is indicated for the treatment of chorea associated with Huntington's disease.

DOSAGE

The dose of Xenazine should be individualized.

Dosing Recommendations Up to 50 mg per day

The starting dose should be 12.5 mg per day given once in the morning. After one week, the dose should be increased to 25 mg per day given as 12.5 mg twice a day. Xenazine should be titrated up slowly at weekly intervals by 12.5 mg daily, to allow the identification of a tolerated dose that reduces chorea. If a dose of 37.5 to 50 mg per day is needed, it should be given in a three times a day regimen. The maximum recommended single dose is 25 mg. If adverse reactions such as akathisia, restlessness, parkinsonism, depression, insomnia, anxiety or sedation occur, titration should be stopped and the dose should be reduced. If the adverse reaction does not resolve, consideration should be given to withdrawing Xenazine treatment or initiating other specific treatment.

Dosing Recommendations Above 50 mg per day

Patients who require doses of Xenazine greater than 50 mg per day should be first tested and genotyped to determine if they are poor metabolizers (PMs) or extensive metabolizers (EMs) by their ability to express the drug metabolizing enzyme, CYP2D6. The dose of Xenazine should then be individualized accordingly to their status as PMs or EMs.

- **Extensive and Intermediate CYP2D6 Metabolizers**

Genotyped patients who are identified as extensive (EMs) or intermediate metabolizers (IMs) of CYP2D6, who need doses of Xenazine above 50 mg per day, should be titrated up slowly at weekly intervals by 12.5 mg daily, to allow the identification of a tolerated dose that reduces chorea. Doses above 50 mg per day should be given in a three times a day regimen. The maximum recommended daily dose is 100 mg and the maximum recommended single dose is 37.5 mg. If adverse reactions such as akathisia, parkinsonism, depression, insomnia, anxiety or sedation occur, titration should be stopped and the dose should be reduced. If the adverse reaction does not resolve, consideration should be given to withdrawing Xenazine treatment or initiating other specific treatment (e.g., antidepressants).

- **Poor CYP2D6 Metabolizers**

In PMs, the initial dose and titration is similar to EMs except that the recommended maximum single dose is 25 mg, and the recommended daily dose should not exceed a maximum of 50 mg.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

TETRABENAZINE

REFERENCES

- Lundbeck Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Xenazine package insert. Deerfield, IL. June, 2015.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

TEZACAFTOR/IVACAFTOR

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TEZACAFTOR/IVACAFTOR	SYMDEKO	44771		

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GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA, SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis (CF) and is homozygous for the F508del-CFTR gene mutation (as documented by copy of lab report)?

If yes, continue to #3.
If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis (CF) and has at least one of the following mutations in the CFTR gene (as documented by copy of lab report)?

<i>2789+5G→A</i>	<i>D110E</i>	<i>E56K</i>	<i>P67L</i>	<i>S945L</i>
<i>3272-26A→G</i>	<i>D110H</i>	<i>E831X</i>	<i>R1070W</i>	<i>S977F</i>
<i>3849+10kbC→T</i>	<i>D1152H</i>	<i>F1052V</i>	<i>R117C</i>	
<i>711+3A→G</i>	<i>D1270N</i>	<i>F1074L</i>	<i>R347H</i>	
<i>A1067T</i>	<i>D579G</i>	<i>K1060T</i>	<i>R352Q</i>	
<i>A455E</i>	<i>E193K</i>	<i>L206W</i>	<i>R74W</i>	

If yes, continue to #3.
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

TEZACAFTOR/IVACAFTOR

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 12 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with a pulmonologist or cystic fibrosis (CF) expert
- Stable disease as defined by previous or current treatment with another agent used in the treatment of cystic fibrosis (CF) (e.g., oral/inhaled corticosteroid, bronchodilator, inhaled antibiotics, dornase alfa, or acetylcysteine)
- Baseline FEV1 (forced expiratory volume in one second) at least 40% or higher (as documented by lab report or chart notes)
- The patient is not on concurrent therapy with other ivacaftor-containing products (e.g., Kalydeco, Orkambi)
- The patient is not currently pregnant

If yes, **approve for 24 weeks by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires **ALL** of the following criteria (as documented by lab report or chart notes):

- The patient has demonstrated **ONE** of the following:
 - Maintenance or improvement in FEV1 (forced expiratory volume in 1 second)
 - Maintenance or improvement in BMI (body mass index)
 - Reduction in pulmonary exacerbations
- The patient is not currently pregnant

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TEZACAFTOR/IVACAFTOR (Symdeko)** requires a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis. In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- The patient is homozygous for the F508del-CFTR gene mutation (as documented by copy of lab report) **OR** has one of the following mutations in the CFTR gene (as documented by copy of lab report)

<i>2789+5G→A</i>	<i>D110E</i>	<i>E56K</i>	<i>P67L</i>	<i>S945L</i>
<i>3272-26A→G</i>	<i>D110H</i>	<i>E831X</i>	<i>R1070W</i>	<i>S977F</i>
<i>3849+10kbC→T</i>	<i>D1152H</i>	<i>F1052V</i>	<i>R117C</i>	
<i>711+3A→G</i>	<i>D1270N</i>	<i>F1074L</i>	<i>R347H</i>	
<i>A1067T</i>	<i>D579G</i>	<i>K1060T</i>	<i>R352Q</i>	
<i>A455E</i>	<i>E193K</i>	<i>L206W</i>	<i>R74W</i>	

- The patient is 12 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or in consultation with a pulmonologist or CF expert
- Stable disease as defined by previous or current treatment with another agent used in the treatment of cystic fibrosis (CF) (e.g., oral/inhaled corticosteroid, bronchodilator, inhaled antibiotics, dornase alfa, or acetylcysteine)

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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TEZACAFTOR/IVACAFTOR

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

- Baseline FEV1 (forced expiratory volume in one second) at least 40% or higher (as documented by lab report or chart notes)
- The patient is not on concurrent therapy with other ivacaftor-containing products (e.g., Kalydeco, Orkambi)
- The patient is not currently pregnant

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis (CF) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria (as documented by lab report or chart notes)?
 - The patient has demonstrated **ONE** of the following:
 - Maintenance or improvement in FEV1 (forced expiratory volume in 1 second)
 - Maintenance or improvement in BMI (body mass index)
 - Reduction in pulmonary exacerbations
 - Patient is not currently pregnant

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #2 tablets per day.**
If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TEZACAFTOR/IVACAFTOR (Symdeko)** requires a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis (CF) for renewal. In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- The patient has demonstrated **ONE** of the following (as documented by lab report or chart notes):
 - Maintenance or improvement in FEV1 (forced expiratory volume in 1 second)
 - Maintenance or improvement in BMI (body mass index)
 - Reduction in pulmonary exacerbations
- Patient is not currently pregnant

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Symdeko (tezacaftor-ivacaftor).

REFERENCES

- Symdeko (tezacaftor/ivacaftor) [Prescribing Information]. Boston, MA: Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc. February 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

THALIDOMIDE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
THALIDOMIDE	THALOMID	11465		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of multiple myeloma?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #3.

2. Is Thalomid being used in combination with dexamethasone or prednisone?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for #1 capsule per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of erythema nodosum leprosum (ENL)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for #2 capsules per day.**

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of anemia due to myelodysplastic syndrome that has been previously treated?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for #2 capsules per day.**

If no, continue to #5.

5. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL for #1 capsule per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of multiple myeloma and that Thalomid is being used in combination with dexamethasone or prednisone; or a diagnosis of erythema nodosum leprosum (ENL); or a diagnosis of anemia due to myelodysplastic syndrome that has been previously treated; or a diagnosis of Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

THALIDOMIDE

RATIONALE

To ensure appropriate use aligned with FDA approved indications and NCCN guidelines.

The FDA approved dose for multiple myeloma is 200mg once daily along with dexamethasone 40mg daily on days 1-4, 9-12, and 17-20 every 28 days. For cutaneous erythema nodosum leprosum the dosage is 100 to 300mg daily and up to 400mg daily for severe cases.

NCCN multiple myeloma treatment guidelines consider primary induction therapy for stem cell transplant candidates with lenalidomide in combination with dexamethasone, and thalidomide in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone to have the strongest evidence. Other combinations involving bortezomib, lenalidomide or thalidomide are also considered effective. For primary induction therapy for non-transplant candidates in patients with newly diagnosed multiple myeloma, NCCN considers thalidomide and melphalan in combination prednisone, melphalan in combination with prednisone and bortezomib, and lenalidomide in combination with low-dose dexamethasone to have the strongest evidence. Other combinations involving melphalan, lenalidomide or thalidomide are also considered effective. For maintenance therapy following disease response in patients with newly diagnosed multiple myeloma who undergo stem cell transplant, NCCN considers thalidomide monotherapy to have the strongest evidence. Lenalidomide monotherapy, thalidomide in combination with prednisone and interferon monotherapy are also considered effective. For salvage therapy in patients who did not respond to or were ineligible for stem cell transplant, re-induction with the same regimen can be considered if the relapse occurs at greater than 6 months after completion of the initial induction therapy. NCCN considers lenalidomide in combination with dexamethasone to have the best evidence. Other therapies involving lenalidomide, thalidomide or bortezomib may be considered.

The NCCN myelodysplastic syndrome guidelines recognize thalidomide as a non-chemotherapy, low-intensity agent that has demonstrated efficacy in a phase II trial.

NCCN guidelines for Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia state that primary treatment options include oral alkylators, nucleoside analogs, rituximab alone or in combination with cyclophosphamide, bortezomib, nucleoside analogues, thalidomide, or bendamustine.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Thalomid in combination with dexamethasone is indicated for the treatment of patients with newly diagnosed multiple myelomas. Thalomid is indicated for the acute treatment of the cutaneous manifestations of moderate to severe erythema nodosum leprosum (ENL). Thalomid is not indicated as monotherapy for such ENL treatment in the presence of moderate to severe neuritis. Thalomid is also indicated as maintenance therapy for prevention and suppression of the cutaneous manifestations of ENL recurrence.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

THALIDOMIDE

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- National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. The NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology. Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia / Lymphoplasmacytic Lymphoma. (Version 1.2012).

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

THIAZOLIDINEDIONE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
ROSIGLITAZONE	AVANDIA	20214		
ROSIGLITAZONE /METFORMIN	AVANDAMET	24353		
ROSIGLITAZONE /GLIMEPIRIDE	AVANDARYL	33371		
PIOGLITAZONE	ACTOS	20324		
PIOGLITAZONE /METFORMIN	ACTOPLUS MET ACTOPLUS MET XR	33202		
PIOGLITAZONE /GLIMEPIRIDE	DUETACT	33991		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the prescription for Avandia, Avandamet or Avandaryl?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #4.

2. Does the patient have type 2 diabetes?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes and a trial of, or contraindication to metformin (Glucophage), metformin ER, glyburide/metformin (Glucovance), glipizide/metformin (Metaglip), or a formulary oral sulfonylurea (such as glyburide, glipizide, chlorpropamide, glimepiride, tolazamide, tolbutamide), AND pioglitazone (such as Actos, pioglitazone/glimepiride [*Duetact*], pioglitazone/metformin [*ACTOplus Met*, *ACTOplus Met XR*]).

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

THIAZOLIDINEDIONE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

3. Has the patient tried, or does the patient have a contraindication to metformin (Glucophage), metformin ER, glyburide/metformin (Glucovance), glipizide/metformin (Metaglip), or a sulfonylurea (such as glyburide, glipizide, chlorpropamide, glimepiride, tolazamide, tolbutamide), AND pioglitazone (such as Actos, pioglitazone/glimepiride [*Duetact*], pioglitazone/metformin [*ACTOplus Met*, *ACTOplus Met XR*])?

If yes, continue to #6.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes and trial of, or contraindication to metformin (Glucophage), metformin ER, glyburide/metformin (Glucovance), glipizide/metformin (Metaglip), or a formulary oral sulfonylurea (such as glyburide, glipizide, chlorpropamide, glimepiride, tolazamide, tolbutamide), AND pioglitazone (such as Actos, pioglitazone/glimepiride [*Duetact*], pioglitazone/metformin [*ACTOplus Met*, *ACTOplus Met XR*]).

4. Does the patient have type 2 diabetes?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes and trial of, or contraindication to metformin (Glucophage), metformin ER, glyburide/metformin (Glucovance), glipizide/metformin (Metaglip), a formulary oral sulfonylurea (such as glyburide, glipizide, chlorpropamide, glimepiride, tolazamide, tolbutamide), or rosiglitazone (such as Avandia, rosiglitazone/glimepiride [*Avandaryl*], rosiglitazone/metformin [*Avandametf*]).

5. Has the patient tried, or does the patient have a contraindication to metformin (Glucophage), metformin ER, glyburide/metformin (Glucovance), glipizide/metformin (Metaglip), a formulary oral sulfonylurea (such as glyburide, glipizide, chlorpropamide, glimepiride, tolazamide, tolbutamide), or rosiglitazone (such as Avandia, rosiglitazone/glimepiride [*Avandaryl*], rosiglitazone/metformin [*Avandametf*])?

If yes, continue to #7.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes and trial, of or contraindication to metformin (Glucophage), metformin ER, glyburide/metformin (Glucovance), glipizide/metformin (Metaglip), a formulary oral sulfonylurea (such as glyburide, glipizide, chlorpropamide, glimepiride, tolazamide, tolbutamide), or rosiglitazone (such as Avandia, rosiglitazone/glimepiride [*Avandaryl*], rosiglitazone/metformin [*Avandametf*]).

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

THIAZOLIDINEDIONE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

6. Approve for 12 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:

- Avandia: #1 per day per month
- Avandamet : #2 per day per month
- Avandaryl: #1 per day per month

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that these drugs have important FDA safety warnings. For more information, please contact your doctor or pharmacist.

7. Approve for 12 months by HICL with the following quantity limits:

- ACTOplus Met: up to #3 per day per month (maximum daily dose 45mg/2,550mg)
- ACTOplus Met XR: up to #2 per day per month
- Actos: #1 per day per month
- Duetact: #1 per day per month

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that these drugs have important FDA safety warnings. For more information, please contact your doctor or pharmacist.

RATIONALE

Ensure that Avandia and Actos are not used for type 1 diabetics, ensure use as a second-line agent (after metformin) for type 2 diabetes, ensure that rosiglitazone containing products (Avandia, Avandaryl and Avandamet) are not approved for patients who are not already taking rosiglitazone or rosiglitazone containing products or have not tried/failed other diabetes medications including pioglitazone (Actos, Duetact, ACTOplus Met).

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

ACTOS is indicated for monotherapy as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus.

ACTOPLUS MET is a thiazolidinedione and biguanide combination product indicated as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus who are already treated with a thiazolidinedione and metformin or who have inadequate glycemic control on a thiazolidinedione alone or metformin alone.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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THIAZOLIDINEDIONE

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

ACTOPLUS MET XR is indicated as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus who are already treated with pioglitazone and metformin or who have inadequate glycemic control on pioglitazone alone or metformin alone. Management of type 2 diabetes should also include nutritional counseling, weight reduction as needed, and exercise. These efforts are important not only in the primary treatment of type 2 diabetes, but also to maintain the efficacy of drug therapy. Prior to initiation or escalation of oral antidiabetic therapy in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus, secondary causes of poor glycemic control, e.g., infection should be investigated and treated.

DUETACT is a thiazolidinedione and sulfonylurea combination product indicated as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus who are already treated with a thiazolidinedione and a sulfonylurea or who have inadequate glycemic control on a thiazolidinedione alone or a sulfonylurea alone.

AVANDIA is indicated after consultation with a healthcare professional who has considered and advised the patient of the risks and benefits of *AVANDIA*, this drug is indicated as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus who are already taking *AVANDIA*, or not already taking *AVANDIA* and are unable to achieve adequate glycemic control on other diabetes medications, and, in consultation with their healthcare provider, have decided not to take pioglitazone (*ACTOS*) for medical reasons.

Due to its mechanism of action, *Avandia* is active only in the presence of endogenous insulin. Therefore, *Avandia* should not be used in patients with type 1 diabetes mellitus or for the treatment of diabetic ketoacidosis. The coadministration of *Avandia* and insulin is not recommended. The use of *Avandia* with nitrates is not recommended.

AVANDAMET is indicated after consultation with a healthcare professional who has considered and advised the patient of the risks and benefits of *AVANDIA*, this drug is indicated as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus who are already taking *AVANDIA*, or not already taking *AVANDIA* and are unable to achieve adequate glycemic control on other diabetes medications, and, in consultation with their healthcare provider, have decided not to take pioglitazone (*ACTOS*) or pioglitazone-containing products (*ACTOSPLUS MET*, *ACTOPLUS MET XR*, *DUETACT*) for medical reasons. Due to its mechanism of action, rosiglitazone is active only in the presence of endogenous insulin. Therefore, *Avandamet* should not be used in patients with type 1 diabetes. The use of *Avandamet* with nitrates is not recommended. Coadministration of *Avandamet* with insulin is not recommended,

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

THIAZOLIDINEDIONE

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS (CONTINUED)

AVANDARYL is indicated after consultation with a healthcare professional who has considered and advised the patient of the risks and benefits of AVANDIA, this drug is indicated as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus who are already taking AVANDIA, or not already taking AVANDIA and are unable to achieve adequate glycemic control on other diabetes medications, and, in consultation with their healthcare provider, have decided not to take pioglitazone (ACTOS) or pioglitazone-containing products (ACTOSPLUS MET, ACTOPLUS MET XR, DUETACT) for medical reasons. Due to its mechanism of action, rosiglitazone is active only in the presence of endogenous insulin. Therefore, Avandaryl should not be used in patients with type 1 diabetes or for the treatment of diabetic ketoacidosis. The use of Avandaryl with nitrates is not recommended. The coadministration of Avandaryl and insulin is not recommended.

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P&T Approval: 08/12



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TILDRAKIZUMAB-ASMN (NSA)

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TILDRAKIZUMAB-ASMN	ILUMYA	44823		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
 - The patient has psoriatic lesions involving at least 10% of body surface area (BSA) **OR** psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
 - The patient has had a previous trial of at least one or more forms of preferred conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The patient has had a previous trial of any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Cosentyx, Enbrel, Humira, Stelara, or Otezla (**NOTE:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify)

If yes, approve for 6 months by entering **TWO** approvals by HICL as follows:

- **FIRST APPROVAL:** approve for 1 month with a quantity limit of #2mL (#2 100mg/mL syringes) per 28 days.
- **SECOND APPROVAL:** approve for 5 months with a quantity limit of #1mL (#1 100mg/mL syringe) per 84 days (Please enter a start date of 1 WEEK AFTER the END date of the first approval).

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe plaque psoriasis requires that the patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TILDRAKIZUMAB-ASMN (NSA)

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TILDRAKIZUMAB-ASMN (Ilumya)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
- The patient has psoriatic lesions involving at least 10% of body surface area (BSA) **OR** psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
- The patient has had a previous trial of at least one or more forms of preferred conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The patient has had a previous trial of any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Cosentyx, Enbrel, Humira, Stelara, or Otezla.

The use of pharmaceutical samples (from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program) will not be considered when evaluating the medical condition or prior prescription history for drugs that require prior authorization.

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - The patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #1mL (#1 100mg/mL syringe) per 84 days.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TILDRAKIZUMAB-ASMN (Ilumya)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) for renewal. The following criterion must also be met:

- The patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease or a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

TILDRAKIZUMAB-ASMN (NSA)

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate diagnostic, utilization and safety criteria are used for the management of requests for Ilumya.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Ilumya is an interleukin-23 antagonist indicated for the treatment of adults with moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis who are candidates for systemic therapy or phototherapy.

DOSING & ADMINISTRATION

Ilumya is administered by subcutaneous injection. Ilumya should only be administered by a healthcare provider. The recommended dose is 100 mg at Week 0, Week 4, and every 12 weeks thereafter.

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Single-dose prefilled syringes are available for subcutaneous administration: 100 mg per mL.

REFERENCES

- Ilumya [Prescribing Information]. Whitehouse Station, NJ: Merck & Co., Inc. March 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	Yes

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 11/01/18

Created: 08/18

Client Approval: 10/18

P&T Approval: 01/18



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TOBRAMYCIN INHALED

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TOBRAMYCIN	BETHKIS		16122	
TOBRAMYCIN IN 0.225% NACL	TOBI		61551	
TOBRAMYCIN	TOBI PODHALER		30025 34461	
TOBRAMYCIN/NEBULIZER	KITABIS PAK		37569	

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis?

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the patient at least 6 years old?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

3. Does the patient have a lung infection with a gram-negative species (such as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*; *Staphylococcus aureus* is not a gram-negative species)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID as follows:**

- **Tobi:** #280mL (=56 of 5mL ampules) per 56 days (fill count = 6).
- **Tobi Podhaler:** #224 capsules per 56 days (fill count = 6).
- **Bethkis:** #224mL (=56 of 4mL ampules) per 56 days (fill count = 6).
- **Kitabis Pak:** #280mL per 56 days (fill count = 6).

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis, patient age of at least 6 years, and lung infection with a gram-negative species.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
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TOBRAMYCIN INHALED

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of Tobi based on FDA approved indication.

TOBI Dosage: One ampule (300mg/5ml) every 12 hours in repeated cycles of 28 days on drug followed by 28 days off drug.

TOBI Podhaler Dosage: Inhalate four 28mg capsules twice daily for 28 days. After 28 days of therapy, patients should stop TOBI Podhaler therapy for the next 28 days, and then resume therapy for the next 28 day on and 28 day off cycle.

Bethkis Dosage: One ampule (300mg/4ml) twice daily by oral inhalation in repeated cycles of 28 days on drug, followed by 28 days off drug.

Kitabis Pak Dosage: One ampule (300mg/5ml) twice a day by oral inhalation in repeated cycles of 28 days on drug, followed by 28 days off drug.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

TOBI is indicated for the management of cystic fibrosis patients with *P. aeruginosa*. Safety and efficacy have not been demonstrated in patients under the age of 6 years, patients with FEV₁ <25% or >75% predicted, or patients colonized with *Burkholderia cepacia*.

TOBI Podhaler is an antibacterial aminoglycoside indicated for the management of cystic fibrosis patients with *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Safety and efficacy have not been demonstrated in patients under the age of 6 years, patients with forced expiratory volume in 1 second (FEV₁) <25% or >80% or patients colonized with *Burkholderia cepacia*.

BETHKIS is an inhaled aminoglycoside antibacterial indicated for the management of cystic fibrosis patients with *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Safety and efficacy have not been demonstrated in patients under the age of six years, patients with a forced expiratory volume in less than one second (FEV₁) less than 40% or greater than 80% predicted, or patients colonized with *Burkholderia cepacia*.

KITABIS PAK is a co-packaging of tobramycin inhalation solution with a PARI LC PLUS Reusable Nebulizer. Tobramycin is an aminoglycoside antibacterial drug indicated for the management of cystic fibrosis in adults and pediatric patients 6 years and older with *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Safety and efficacy have not been demonstrated in patients under the age of 6 years, patients with FEV₁ <25% or >75% predicted, or patients colonized with *Burkholderia cepacia*.

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TOBRAMYCIN INHALED

REFERENCES

- Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. Tobi package insert. East Hanover, NJ. November 2009.
- Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. Tobi Podhaler package insert. East Hanover, NJ. March 2013.
- Cornerstone Therapeutics Inc. Bethkis package insert. Woodstock, Illinois. October 2012.
- PARI Respiratory Equipment, Inc. Kitabis Pak package insert. Midlothian, VA. November 2014.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 04/01/15

Created: 05/12

Client Approval: 02/15

P&T Approval: 02/15



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TOCILIZUMAB - SQ

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TOCILIZUMAB - SQ	ACTEMRA - SQ		35486 45082	

PAC NOTE: For requests for the IV dosage form of Actemra, please see the Actemra IV PA Guideline.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID (35486 and 45082) with a quantity limit of 3.6mL per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of giant cell arteritis (GCA) **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID (35486 and 45082) with a quantity limit of 3.6mL per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires a diagnosis of giant cell arteritis (GCA).

If no, continue to #3

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TOCILIZUMAB - SQ

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 2 years of age or older
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to the following formulary preferred immunomodulator: Humira [**NOTE:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID (35486 and 45082) with a quantity limit of 1.8mL per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA) requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (SJIA) and meet the following criteria?

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 2 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID (35486 and 45082) with a quantity limit of 3.6mL per 28 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TOCILIZUMAB - SQ

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TOCILIZUMAB - SQ (Actemra - SQ)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA), giant cell arteritis (GCA), polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA), or systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (SJIA) for approval. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For patients with moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis, approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

For patients with giant cell arteritis, approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older

For patients with polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis, approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 2 years of age or older
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to the following formulary preferred immunomodulator: Humira

For patients with systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis, approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 2 years of age or older

The use of pharmaceutical samples (from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program) will not be considered when evaluating the medical condition or prior prescription history for drugs that require prior authorization.

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TOCILIZUMAB - SQ

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (35486 and 45082) with a quantity limit of 3.6mL per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of giant cell arteritis (GCA)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (35486 and 45082) with a quantity limit of 3.6mL per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (35486 and 45082) with a quantity limit of 1.8mL per 28 days.**

If no, continue to #4.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (SJIA) **AND** meet the following criterion?

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID (35486 and 45082) with a quantity limit of 3.6mL per 28 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

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TOCILIZUMAB - SQ

RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TOCILIZUMAB - SQ (Actemra - SQ)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA), giant cell arteritis (GCA), systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (SJIA), or polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (PJIA) for renewal. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For patients with moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis, polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis, or systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis, approval requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Actemra.

REFERENCE

- Actemra [Prescribing Information]. South San Francisco, CA: Genentech, Inc.; December 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 04/01/19

Created: 11/13

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P&T Approval: 10/18



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TOFACITINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TOFACITINIB CITRATE	XELJANZ, XELJANZ XR	39768		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine

If yes, **approve for 6 months for the requested strength by GPID as follows:**

- **Xeljanz 5mg (GPID 33617): #2 tablets per day.**
- **Xeljanz XR 11mg (GPID 38086): #1 tablet per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Enbrel, Humira, Cosentyx, Stelara [**Note:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, **approve for 6 months for the requested strength by GPID as follows:**

- **Xeljanz 5mg (GPID 33617): #2 tablets per day.**
- **Xeljanz XR 11mg (GPID 38086): #1 tablet per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for psoriatic arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #3.

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TOFACITINIB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis (UC) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following conventional agents, such as corticosteroids (i.e., budesonide, methylprednisolone), azathioprine, mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or mesalamine
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to the preferred formulary immunomodulator: Humira [**NOTE:** pharmaceutical samples acquired from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program do not qualify]

If yes, **approve for 6 months for the requested strength by GPID as follows:**

- **Xeljanz 5mg (GPID 33617): #2 tablets per day.**
- **Xeljanz 10mg (GPID 44882): #2 tablets per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TOFACITINIB (Xeljanz, Xeljanz XR)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, or moderate to severe ulcerative colitis. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For patients with moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA), approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine

For patients with psoriatic arthritis (PsA), approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least **ONE** of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to any **TWO** of the following formulary preferred immunomodulators: Enbrel, Humira, Cosentyx, Stelara

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TOFACITINIB

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

For patients with moderate to severe ulcerative colitis (UC), approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least ONE of the following conventional agents, such as corticosteroids (i.e., budesonide, methylprednisolone), azathioprine, mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or mesalamine
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to the preferred formulary immunomodulator: Humira

The use of pharmaceutical samples (from the prescriber or manufacturer assistance program) will not be considered when evaluating the medical condition or prior prescription history for drugs that require prior authorization.

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA) or psoriatic arthritis (PsA) and has the patient experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy?

If yes, **approve for 12 months for the requested strength by GPID as follows:**

- **Xeljanz 5mg (GPID 33617): #2 tablets per day**
- **Xeljanz XR 11mg (GPID 38086): #1 tablet per day**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis (UC)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months for the requested strength by GPID as follows:**

- **Xeljanz 5mg (GPID 33617): #2 tablets per day.**
- **Xeljanz 10mg (GPID 44882): #2 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TOFACITINIB (Xeljanz, Xeljanz XR)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis, moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis or psoriatic arthritis for renewal. In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

Renewal for the diagnosis of moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis or psoriatic arthritis, approval requires that:

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

TOFACITINIB

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Xeljanz/Xeljanz XR

REFERENCES

- Xeljanz, Xeljanz XR [Prescribing Information]. New York, NY: Pfizer Laboratories Div Pfizer Inc. June 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

Commercial Effective: 04/01/19

Created: 11/12

Client Approval: 03/19

P&T Approval: 07/18



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TOLVAPTAN

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TOLVAPTAN	JYNARQUE		39956 39957 39958 24294 24302	BRAND ≠ SAMSCA

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease (ADPKD) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - The requested medication is being prescribed by or in consultation with a nephrologist
 - The patient has confirmed polycystic kidney status via CT or MRI imaging **AND** one of the following:
 - The patient has a genotype causative of ADPKD **OR**
 - The patient has a family history of confirmed polycystic kidney disease in one or both parents
 - The patient does not have End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD; including no renal transplantation or dialysis)

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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TOLVAPTAN

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Is the patient at high risk of rapid progression of disease, per physician attestation?
Examples of risk factors which may predicate higher risk progression include:

- *PKD1* genotype
- Hypertension
- Early onset of symptoms including proteinuria and hematuria
- Male gender
- Increased kidney size
- Increased left ventricular mass index
- Dipstick detectable proteinuria
- Low birth weight
- Decreased renal blood flow
- Increased urinary sodium excretion
- Increased low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol
- Increased plasma copeptin
- Higher serum uric acid levels
- High concentration of fibroblast growth factor (FGF)

If yes, **approve for 6 months for the requested strength as follows:**

- **Jynarque 90mg-30mg (GPID 39956): #56 tablets per 28 days.**
- **Jynarque 45mg-15mg (GPID 39957): #56 tablets per 28 days.**
- **Jynarque 60mg-30mg (GPID 39958): #56 tablets per 28 days.**
- **Jynarque 15mg (NDC 59148-0082-13): #60 tablets per 30 days.**
- **Jynarque 30 mg (NDC 59148-0083-13): #30 tablets per 30 days.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires physician attestation that patient has not progressed to ESRD.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TOLVAPTAN (Jynarque)** requires a diagnosis of Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease (ADPKD). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The requested medication is being prescribed by or in consultation with a nephrologist
- The patient has confirmed polycystic kidney status via CT or MRI imaging **AND** one of the following:
 - The patient has a genotype causative of ADPKD **OR**
 - The patient has a family history of confirmed polycystic kidney disease in one or both parents
- The patient does not have End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD; including no renal transplantation or dialysis)
- The patient is at high risk of rapidly progressing ADPKD, per physician attestation

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TOLVAPTAN

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease (ADPKD) **AND** meet the following criterion?
 - Physician attestation that the patient has not progressed to End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)

If yes, **approve for 12 months for the requested strength as follows:**

- **Jynarque 90mg-30mg (GPID 39956): #56 tablets per 28 days.**
- **Jynarque 45mg-15mg (GPID 39957): #56 tablets per 28 days.**
- **Jynarque 60mg-30mg (GPID 39958): #56 tablets per 28 days.**
- **Jynarque 15mg (NDC 59148-0082-13): #60 tablets per 30 days.**
- **Jynarque 30 mg (NDC 59148-0083-13): #30 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TOLVAPTAN (Jynarque)** requires a diagnosis of Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease (ADPKD). In addition, the following criterion must be met:

- Physician attestation that the patient has not progressed to End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Jynarque.

REFERENCES

- Jynarque [Prescribing Information]. Rockville, MD: Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc.; February 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TOREMIFENE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TOREMIFENE CITRATE	FARESTON	11632		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic breast cancer and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is a postmenopausal female
- The patient has an estrogen-receptor positive or unknown tumor

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #30 tablets per 30 days.**
If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TOREMIFENE (Fareston)** requires a diagnosis of metastatic breast cancer. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- The patient is a postmenopausal female
- The patient has an estrogen-receptor positive or unknown tumor

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Fareston.

REFERENCES

- Fareston [Prescribing Information] Bedminster, NJ: Kyowa Kirin Inc. May 2017.

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Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TRAMETINIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TRAMETINIB DIMETHYL SULFOXIDE	MEKINIST	40361		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of unresectable or metastatic melanoma and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has BRAF V600E or V600K mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test
- The medication will be used as a single agent **OR** in combination with Tafenlar (dabrafenib)
- The patient has not experienced disease progression while on prior BRAF inhibitor therapy (e.g., Zelboraf, Tafenlar)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **2mg tablets (GPID 34727): #30 tablets per 30 days.**
- **0.5mg tablets (GPID 34726): #90 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has BRAF V600E mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test
- The medication will be used in combination with Tafenlar (dabrafenib)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **2mg tablets (GPID 34727): #30 tablets per 30 days.**
- **0.5mg tablets (GPID 34726): #90 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of melanoma and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has BRAF V600E or V600K mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test
- The medication has not previously been used for more than one year
- The medication will be used in combination with Tafenlar (dabrafenib) in the adjuvant setting
- There is involvement of lymph node(s), following complete resection
- The patient has not experienced disease progression while on prior BRAF inhibitor therapy (e.g., Zelboraf, Tafenlar)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **2mg tablets (GPID 34727): #30 tablets per 30 days.**
- **0.5mg tablets (GPID 34726): #90 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, continue to #4.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TRAMETINIB

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of locally advanced or metastatic anaplastic thyroid cancer (ATC) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
- The patient has BRAF V600E mutation
 - The medication will be used in combination with Tafinlar (dabrafenib)
 - The patient has no satisfactory locoregional treatment options available

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **2mg tablets (GPID 34727): #30 tablets per 30 days.**
- **0.5mg tablets (GPID 34726): #90 tablets per 30 days.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TRAMETINIB (Mekinist)** requires a diagnosis of unresectable or metastatic melanoma, metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), melanoma, or locally advanced or metastatic anaplastic thyroid cancer (ATC). In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For diagnosis of unresectable or metastatic melanoma, approval requires:

- The patient has BRAF V600E or V600K mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test
- The medication will be used as a single agent **OR** in combination with Tafinlar (dabrafenib)
- The patient has not experienced disease progression while on prior BRAF inhibitor therapy (e.g., Zelboraf, Tafinlar)

For diagnosis of metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), approval requires:

- The patient has BRAF V600E mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test
- The medication will be used in combination with Tafinlar (dabrafenib)

For diagnosis of melanoma, approval requires:

- The patient has BRAF V600E or V600K mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test
- The medication has not previously been used for more than one year
- The medication will be used in combination with Tafinlar (dabrafenib) in the adjuvant setting
- There is involvement of lymph node(s), following complete resection
- The patient has not experienced disease progression while on prior BRAF inhibitor therapy (e.g., Zelboraf, Tafinlar)

For diagnosis of locally advanced or metastatic anaplastic thyroid cancer, approval requires:

- The patient has BRAF V600E mutation
- The medication will be used in combination with Tafinlar (dabrafenib)
- The patient has no satisfactory locoregional treatment options available

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TRAMETINIB

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate use of Mekinist based on FDA-approved indications and dosing.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

- Mekinist is a kinase inhibitor indicated as a single agent or in combination with dabrafenib, for the treatment of patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with BRAF V600E or V600K mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test
- Mekinist is used in combination with dabrafenib, for the adjuvant treatment of patients with melanoma with BRAF V600E or V600K mutations as detected by an FDA-approved test, and involvement of lymph node(s), following complete resection
- Mekinist is used in combination with dabrafenib, for the treatment of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with BRAF V600E mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test
- Mekinist is used in combination with dabrafenib, for the treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic anaplastic thyroid cancer (ATC) with BRAF V600E mutation and with no satisfactory locoregional treatment options

Limitation of use: Mekinist is not indicated for treatment of patients with melanoma who have progressed on prior BRAF-inhibitor therapy.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Confirm the presence of BRAF V600E or BRAF V600K mutation in tumor specimens prior to initiation of treatment with Mekinist and dabrafenib.

Unresectable or Metastatic Melanoma: The recommended dose is 2 mg orally taken once daily as a single agent or in combination with dabrafenib, until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

NSCLC: The recommended dose is 2 mg orally taken once daily in combination with dabrafenib, until disease recurrence or unacceptable toxicity.

Melanoma: The recommended dose is 2 mg orally taken once daily in combination with dabrafenib, until disease recurrence or unacceptable toxicity for up to 1 year.

Locally advanced or metastatic ATC: The recommended dose is 2 mg orally taken once daily in combination with dabrafenib, until disease recurrence or unacceptable toxicity.

Recommended Dose Reductions For Adverse Reactions Associated with MEKINIST

Action	Recommended Dosage
First Dose Reduction	1.5 mg orally once daily
Second Dose Reduction	1 mg orally once daily
Subsequent Modification	Permanently discontinue if unable to tolerate MEKINIST 1 mg orally once daily

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

TRAMETINIB

REFERENCES

- Mekinist [Prescribing Information]. East Hanover, NJ: Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation; May 2018.

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

TREPROSTINIL

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TREPROSTINIL SODIUM	REMODULIN	23650		
TREPROSTINIL	TYVASO	36537 36539 36541		
TREPROSTINIL	ORENITRAM	40827		

****Please use the criteria for the specific drug requested****

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

REMODULIN

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group 1) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has New York Heart Association-World Health Organization (NYHA-WHO) Functional Class III to IV symptoms
 - The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to a phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitor (e.g., Adcirca or Revatio) **OR** an endothelin receptor antagonist (e.g., Tracleer, Letairis, Opsumit)
 - Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) > 3 Wood units

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TREPROSTINIL (Remodulin)** requires a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension. In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
- Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) > 3 Wood unit

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TREPROSTINIL

INITIAL CRITERIA - REMODULIN (CONTINUED)

- The patient has NYHA-WHO Functional Class III to IV symptoms
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to a phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitor (e.g., Adcirca or Revatio) or an endothelin receptor antagonist (e.g., Tracleer, Letairis, Opsumit)

TYVASO

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group 1) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
 - Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) > 3 Wood units
 - The patient has New York Heart Association-World Health Organization (NYHA-WHO) Functional Class III to IV symptoms

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TREPROSTINIL (Tyvaso)** requires a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension. In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
- Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) > 3 Wood units
- The patient has NYHA-WHO Functional Class III to IV symptoms

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TREPROSTINIL

INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

ORENITRAM

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group 1) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
 - Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) > 3 Wood units
 - The patient has New York Heart Association-World Health Organization (NYHA-WHO) Functional Class II to IV symptoms
 - The patient does not have severe hepatic impairment
 - The patient has tried a preferred formulary phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitor (e.g., sildenafil [generic for Revatio] or Adcirca [tadalafil]) **OR** an endothelin receptor antagonist (e.g., Tracleer [bosentan], Letairis [ambrisentan], or Opsumit [macitentan])

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TREPROSTINIL (Orenitram)** requires a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension. In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- The requested medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a cardiologist or pulmonologist
- Documented confirmatory PAH diagnosis based on right heart catheterization with the following parameters:
 - Mean pulmonary artery pressure (PAP) of ≥ 25 mmHg
 - Pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤ 15 mmHg
 - Pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) > 3 Wood units
- The patient has NYHA-WHO Functional Class II to IV symptoms
- The patient does not have severe hepatic impairment
- The patient has tried a preferred formulary phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitor (e.g., sildenafil [generic for Revatio] or Adcirca [tadalafil]) **OR** an endothelin receptor antagonist (e.g., Tracleer [bosentan], Letairis [ambrisentan], or Opsumit [macitentan])

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TREPROSTINIL

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group 1) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has shown improvement or has remained stable from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance test
 - The patient's World Health Organization (WHO) functional class has improved or remained stable

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Is the request for Tyvaso or Orenitram?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Is the request for Remodulin and the patient has New York Heart Association-World Health Organization (NYHA-WHO) Functional Class II-IV symptoms?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the renewal denial text at the end of the guideline.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TREPROSTINIL (Remodulin, Tyvaso, Orenitram)** requires for renewal a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension. In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- The patient has shown improvement or has remained stable from baseline in the 6-minute walk distance test
- The patient's World Health Organization (WHO) functional class has improved or remained stable

Requests for treprostinil (Remodulin) also require that the patient has New York Heart Association-World Health Organization (NYHA-WHO) Functional Class II-IV symptoms

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate use of Remodulin, Tyvaso and Orenitram.

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TREPROSTINIL

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Remodulin

Remodulin is indicated as a continuous subcutaneous infusion or intravenous infusion for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension in patients with NYHA Class II-IV symptoms to diminish symptoms associated with exercise. Although injectable treprostinil is FDA-approved for use in functional class II patients, it would rarely be recommended for these patients due to its complex administration, cost, safety concerns and adverse effects. Thus, a trial of an oral Phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitor or an Endothelin receptor antagonist is required prior to approval for functional class II PAH.

Tyvaso

Tyvaso is indicated to increase walk distance in patients with WHO Group I pulmonary arterial hypertension and NYHA Class III symptoms.

Orenitram

Orenitram is indicated for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group 1) to improve exercise capacity. The study that established effectiveness included predominately patients with WHO functional class II-III symptoms and etiologies of idiopathic or heritable PAH (75%) or PAH associated with connective tissue disease (19%).

When used as the sole vasodilator, the effect of Orenitram on exercise is about 10% of the deficit, and the effect, if any, on a background of another vasodilator is probably less than this. Orenitram is probably most useful to replace subcutaneous, intravenous, or inhaled treprostinil, but this use has not been studied.

Diagnosis of PAH involves a logical sequence of steps utilizing different diagnostic tests to assist in confirmation of PAH (chest x-ray, echocardiogram, electrocardiogram, CT angiogram, pulmonary function tests, VQ scan); however, right heart catheterization (RHC) remains the gold standard and is an essential component in the definitive diagnosis, prognosis, and evaluation of PAH. RHC is critical in distinguishing PH due to other etiologies, for example PH due to left heart disease (e.g. diastolic dysfunction) or severe lung disease, which may appear similar to PAH on an echocardiogram. In addition, RHC can be used to monitor the therapeutic and adverse effects of medical interventions, to assess the severity of hemodynamic impairment, and to test the vasoreactivity of the pulmonary circulation.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

TREPROSTINIL

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TRIENTINE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TRIENTINE	SYPRINE	01109		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a known family history of Wilson's disease or physical examination consistent with Wilson's disease and meet **ONE** of the following criteria?
 - Plasma copper-protein ceruloplasmin less than 20mg/dL
 - Liver biopsy positive for an abnormally high concentration of copper (greater than 250mcg/g dry weight) **OR** the presence of Kayser-Fleischer rings
 - Diagnosis has been confirmed by genetic testing for ATP7B mutations

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

2. Does the patient meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient has maintained a reduced copper dietary intake (less than 2mg copper per day)
 - The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a hepatologist
 - The patient has had a previous trial of or contraindication to Depen (penicillamine)

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #8 capsules per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires a diagnosis of Wilson's disease.

If no, do not approve.

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TRIENTINE (Syprine)** will allow for approval for patients with a known family history of Wilson's disease or physical examination consistent with Wilson's disease and who meet ONE of the following criteria:

- Plasma copper-protein ceruloplasmin less than 20mg/dL
- Liver biopsy positive for an abnormally high concentration of copper (greater than 250mcg/g dry weight) **OR** the presence of Kayser-Fleischer rings
- Diagnosis has been confirmed by genetic testing for ATP7B mutations

In addition, the following criteria must also be met:

- The patient has maintained a reduced copper dietary intake (less than 2mg copper per day)
- The medication is prescribed by or given in consultation with a hepatologist
- The patient has had a previous trial of or contraindication to Depen (penicillamine)

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TRIENTINE

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Wilson's disease?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by HICL with a quantity limit of #8 capsules per day.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TRIENTINE (Syprine)** will allow for renewal for patients with a diagnosis of Wilson's disease.

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Syprine.

REFERENCES

- Syprine [Prescribing Information]. Bridgewater, NJ: Valeant Pharmaceuticals. June 2014.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TRIFLURIDINE/TIPIRACIL

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
TRIFLURIDINE/TIPIRACIL	LONSURF	42544		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic colorectal cancer and meets the following criterion?

- Previous treatment with fluoropyrimidine-, oxaliplatin-, and irinotecan-based chemotherapy in combination with an anti-VEGF biological therapy [e.g., Avastin (bevacizumab), Zaltrap (ziv-aflibercept), or Cyramza (ramucirumab)]

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, continue to #4.

2. Does the patient also have RAS mutation negative (i.e., RAS wild-type)?

If yes, continue to #3.

If no, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested strength with the following quantity limits (PAC NOTE: Enter prior authorizations for all strengths):**

- Trifluridine/tipiracil 15/6.14mg tablet (GPID 39596): #100 tablets per 28 days.
- Trifluridine/tipiracil 20/8.19mg tablet (GPID 39597): #80 tablets per 28 days.

3. Has the patient had previous treatment with an anti-EGFR agent [e.g., Erbitux (cetuximab), Vectibix (panitumumab)]?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested strength with the following quantity limits (PAC Note: Enter prior authorizations for all strengths):**

- Trifluridine/tipiracil 15/6.14mg tablet (GPID 39596): #100 tablets per 28 days.
- Trifluridine/tipiracil 20/8.19mg tablet (GPID 39597): #80 tablets per 28 days.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

4. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic gastric or gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma and meet the following criterion?

- Previous treatment with at least two prior lines of chemotherapy that included a fluoropyrimidine, a platinum, either a taxane or irinotecan, and if appropriate, HER2/neu-targeted therapy

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for the requested strength with the following quantity limits (PAC NOTE: Enter prior authorizations for all strengths):**

- Trifluridine/tipiracil 15/6.14mg tablet (GPID 39596): #100 tablets per 28 days.
- Trifluridine/tipiracil 20/8.19mg tablet (GPID 39597): # 80 tablets per 28 days.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the denial text at the end of the guideline.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

TRIFLURIDINE/TIPIRACIL

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **TRIFLURIDINE/TIPIRACIL (Lonsurf)** requires a diagnosis of metastatic colorectal cancer, metastatic gastric or gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma. The following criteria must also be met:

For patients with a diagnosis of metastatic colorectal cancer, approval requires:

- The patient must have had previous treatment with fluoropyrimidine-, oxaliplatin-, and irinotecan-based chemotherapy, and an anti-VEGF biological therapy [e.g., Avastin (bevacizumab), Zaltrap (ziv-aflibercept), or Cyramza (ramucirumab)]
- For patients who are negative for the RAS mutation (e.g., patient is RAS wild-type), approval requires that the patient had a previous treatment with an anti-EGFR agent [e.g., Erbitux (cetuximab), Vectibix (panitumumab)]

For patients with a diagnosis of metastatic gastric or gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma, approval requires:

- Previous treatment with at least two prior lines of chemotherapy that included a fluoropyrimidine, a platinum, either a taxane or irinotecan, and if appropriate, HER2/neu-targeted therapy

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Lonsurf.

REFERENCES

- Lonsurf [Prescribing Information]; Princeton, NJ: Taiho Oncology, Inc; February 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

URIDINE TRIACETATE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
URIDINE TRIACETATE	XURIDEN		39481	

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a documented diagnosis of hereditary orotic aciduria as confirmed by **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Presence of a mutation in the uridine monophosphate synthase (UMPS) gene
 - Patient has an elevated urinary orotic acid level according to an age-specific reference range

If yes, continue to #2.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at end of the guideline.

2. Is this medication being prescribed by or given in consultation with a prescriber specializing in inherited metabolic diseases?

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID up to #4 packets per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal requires that the patient's age dependent hematologic parameters (e.g., neutrophil count, neutrophil percent, white blood cell count, mean corpuscular volume) has stabilized or improved from baseline while on treatment with uridine triacetate.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **URIDINE TRIACETATE (Xuriden)** requires a diagnosis of hereditary orotic aciduria as confirmed by the presence of a mutation in the uridine monophosphate synthase (UMPS) gene and elevated urinary orotic acid levels according to an age-specific reference range. In addition, the medication must be prescribed by or given in consultation with a prescriber specializing in inherited metabolic diseases.

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Has the patient's age dependent hematologic parameters (e.g., neutrophil count, neutrophil percent, white blood cell count, mean corpuscular volume) stabilized or improved from baseline while on treatment with uridine triacetate?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID up to #4 packets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **URIDINE TRIACETATE (Xuriden)** requires improvement from baseline or stabilized hematologic parameters while on treatment with uridine triacetate for renewal.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

URIDINE TRIACETATE

RATIONALE

Promote appropriate utilization of **URIDINE TRIACETATE** based on FDA approved indication.

Xuriden (uridine triacetate) is the first FDA-approved treatment for patients with hereditary orotic aciduria (HOA), an ultra-rare metabolic disorder affecting approximately 20 patients worldwide. HOA is caused by a defect in uridine-5'-monophosphate (UMP) synthase, an enzyme which converts orotic acid to UMP, a pyrimidine nucleotide. When patients lack UMP synthase, they are unable to synthesize pyrimidine nucleotides and accumulate orotic acid that otherwise would have been converted to UMP and excreted in the urine. Xuriden provides uridine for patients with HOA who cannot synthesize sufficient quantities of uridine. Prior to the approval of Xuriden, HOA was treated with oral uridine monophosphate, a similar pyrimidine analog.

Pyrimidines are heterocyclic organic compounds that are crucial for key functions in cell physiology. Pyrimidines form nucleotides that supply the building blocks for DNA (cytosine and thymine) and RNA (cytosine and uracil). Additionally, pyrimidine-activated sugars are involved in the synthesis of polysaccharides and phospholipids, glycosylation of proteins and lipids, and vasoregulation of novel endothelium-derived vasoactive compounds. Pyrimidine nucleotide synthesis occurs either by the de novo pathway (built from simple precursor molecules) or by the salvage pathway (recycled from the degradation of other compounds).

Signs and symptoms of HOA include the following:

- Blood abnormalities (e.g., anemia, decreased white blood cell and neutrophil counts) due to instability of red blood cells (RBC) and white blood cells (WBC) from lack of pyrimidine nucleotides
- Urinary tract obstruction due to the formation of orotic acid crystals in the urinary tract
- Developmental delays and failure to thrive
- Congenital malformations and immune deficiencies (in rare instances)

Disorders of pyrimidine metabolism are often misdiagnosed or remain undiagnosed due to limited clinical awareness and considerable variability in disease presentation. Unfortunately, there are no readily measurable end products that can be used to screen for HOA. Macrocytic hypochromic megaloblastic anemia refractory to standard therapies (e.g., iron, folic acid, B12) and elevated levels of urinary orotic acid and orotidine should alert providers to evaluate for HOA.

Xuriden is an acetylated prodrug of uridine. Following oral administration, esterase enzymes deacetylate Xuriden to yield uridine, which is then utilized for nucleotide synthesis, thereby reducing the accumulation and urinary excretion of orotic acid. Because of the lipophilic properties of its triacetate form, Xuriden crosses the gastrointestinal mucosa more readily than uridine monophosphate, resulting in eight-fold higher bioavailability.

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EFFICACY

The efficacy of Xuriden was evaluated in a single open-label study in four patients with HOA (3 males, 1 female; age range 3 – 19 years old). The study assessed changes in the patients' pre-specified hematologic parameters during the 6-week trial period. The primary endpoint was stability of a pre-specified hematologic parameter for the three patients who were previously receiving treatment with oral uridine (Patients 1, 2, and 3), whereas the primary endpoint was improvement in the hematologic parameter for the treatment-naïve patient (Patient 4). The pre-specified hematologic parameters were neutrophil count and percent neutrophils (Patient 1), WBC count (Patient 2), and mean corpuscular volume (Patients 3 and 4). Secondary endpoints were urine orotic acid and orotidine levels, and growth (height and weight) for all four patients.

After six weeks of treatment, Patients 1 and 3 met the pre-specified criteria for stability of the hematologic parameter. When Patient 2 was switched from uridine to Xuriden, the pre-specified criteria for WBC count remained stable; however documentation of a low WBC count prior to uridine initiation was not available. Patient 4 did not meet the pre-specified endpoint of improvement of the hematologic parameter. Table 1 summarizes the primary efficacy results from the study.

Table 1. Primary Efficacy Results [from Xuriden Prescribing Information]

Patient	Pre-specific hematologic parameter (age-specific reference range)	Primary endpoint	Baseline (day 0)	Week 6 (day 42)	% change from baseline
Patient 1	Neutrophil count (1.5-8.0 x 10 ³ /mm ³)	Stable hematologic value	0.95	0.81	-15%
	Neutrophil % (26-48%)		21	23	10%
Patient 2	White blood cell count (3.8-10.6 x 10 ⁹ /L)	Stable hematologic value	7.8	7.4	-5%
Patient 3	Mean corpuscular volume (75-91 fL)	Stable hematologic value	109.9	108.5	-1%
Patient 4	Mean corpuscular volume (72-90 fL)	Improved hematologic value	114.6	113.4	-2%

The treatment effect of Xuriden on growth was assessed in the three pediatric patients (Patients 1, 3, and 4). For Patients 1 and 4, weight and height measurements at baseline were at or below the lower limit of normal for age (below 5th percentile for age); height and weight measurements were within the normal range for age for Patient 3. After 6 months of treatment, Patients 1 and 3 experienced improved weight growth, as reflected in increases in their weight-for-age percentiles and weight velocity percentiles; Patient 4's weight growth remained stable (i.e., weight percentile for age and weight velocity percentile for age was unchanged). Height growth remained stable in all three patients (i.e., height percentiles for age and height velocity percentiles for age were unchanged).

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EFFICACY (CONTINUED)

During an extension phase of the trial, patients continued to receive Xuriden. Dosing during the extension phase ranged from 60 mg/kg to 120 mg/kg once daily. After six months of treatment, the neutrophil count and neutrophil percent values normalized in Patient 1; hematologic parameters for the other three patients remained stable. Orotic acid and orotidine levels also remained stable for all four patients.

SAFETY

There are no contraindications or warnings and precautions for Xuriden treatment.

The safety of Xuriden was assessed in four patients with HOA ranging in age from 3 to 19 years (3 male, 1 female) who received 60 mg/kg of Xuriden once daily for six weeks. The patients continued to receive Xuriden for at least nine months at dosages of up to 120 mg/kg once daily. No adverse reactions were reported with Xuriden.

There are no available data on Xuriden use in pregnant women. When administered orally to pregnant rats during the period of organogenesis, Xuriden at doses similar to the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) of 120 mg/kg per day was not teratogenic and did not produce adverse effects on embryo-fetal development. There are no data on the presence of Xuriden in human milk, the effect on the breastfed infant, or the effect on milk production. The development and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for Xuriden and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from Xuriden or from the underlying maternal condition.

DOSAGE

The recommended starting dose of Xuriden is 60 mg/kg once daily. The dose may be increased to 120 mg/kg once daily (not to exceed 8 grams per day) for insufficient efficacy, which may be evidenced by one of the following:

- Levels of orotic acid in urine remain above normal or increase above the usual or expected range
- Laboratory values (e.g., RBC or WBC indices) affected by HOA show evidence of worsening
- Worsening of other signs or symptoms of the disease

Each 2 gram packet of Xuriden contains approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon of Xuriden. Please refer to prescribing information for dosing tables. The tables provide gram and teaspoon dosing guidance with regards to the 60 mg/kg and 120 mg/kg daily doses.

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DOSAGE (CONTINUED)

Doses should be measured using either a scale accurate to at least 0.1 gram or a graduated teaspoon accurate to the fraction of the dose to be administered. Xuriden should be mixed with soft food (e.g., applesauce, pudding, yogurt), but the granules should not be chewed. Xuriden may also be mixed with milk or infant formula. Any unused granules from an opened packet should be discarded after the dose has been measured. If a patient requires a dose in multiples of 2 grams ($\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon), an entire packet(s) may be administered without weighing or measuring.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Xuriden (uridine triacetate) is a pyrimidine analog for uridine replacement indicated for the treatment of hereditary orotic aciduria.

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

USTEKINUMAB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
USTEKINUMAB	STELARA	36187		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

INITIAL CRITERIA (NOTE: FOR RENEWAL CRITERIA SEE BELOW)

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) **OR** moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) with co-existent psoriatic arthritis (PsA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
 - The patient has plaque psoriasis involving at least 10% body surface area (BSA) or psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
 - The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one or more forms of conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine
 - The patient is 12 years of age or older
 - Documentation of the patient's current weight

If yes, **approve for a total of 6 months by GPID as follows:**

Patients weighing 100kg (220 lbs) or less:

Enter both of the following approvals:

- **Loading dose: Approve for 1 month with a quantity limit of 0.5mL (one 45mg/0.5mL prefilled syringe or one 45mg/0.5mL vial) per 28 days for 1 fill.**
- **Maintenance dose: Approve for 5 months with a quantity limit of 0.5mL (one 45mg/0.5mL prefilled syringe or one 45mg/0.5mL vial) per 84 days for 2 fills with a start date after the end date of the previous fill.**

Patients weighing over 100kg (220 lbs):

Enter both of the following approvals:

- **Loading dose: Approve for 1 month with a quantity limit of 1mL (two 45mg/0.5mL prefilled syringes, two 45mg/0.5mL vials, or one 90mg/mL prefilled syringe) per 28 days for 1 fill.**
- **Maintenance dose: Approve for 5 months with a quantity limit of 1mL (two 45mg/0.5mL prefilled syringes, two 45mg/0.5mL vials, or one 90mg/mL prefilled syringe) per 84 days for 2 fills with a start date after the end date of the previous fill.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for moderate to severe plaque psoriasis **OR** moderate to severe PsO with co-existent psoriatic arthritis requires that the patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease **OR** a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more **AND** documentation of the patient's current weight.

If no, continue to #2.

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INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) without co-existent plaque psoriasis (PsO) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for a total of 6 months by GPID as follows:**

- **Loading dose: Approve for 1 month with a quantity limit of 0.5mL (one 45mg/0.5mL prefilled syringe or one 45mg/0.5mL vial) per 28 days for 1 fill.**
- **Maintenance dose: Approve for 5 months with a quantity limit of 0.5mL (one 45mg/0.5mL prefilled syringe or one 45mg/0.5mL vial) per 84 days for 2 fills with a start date after the end date of the previous fill.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Renewal for psoriatic arthritis requires that the patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe Crohn's disease (CD) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following conventional agents such as corticosteroids (i.e., budesonide, methylprednisolone), azathioprine, mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or mesalamine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Documentation of the patient's current weight

If yes, continue to #4.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: See the initial denial text at the end of the guideline.

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INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

4. Does the patient have non-self-administered (NSA) drug benefit coverage?

If yes, continue to #5.

If no, **approve maintenance dose for 6 months by GPID with a quantity limit of 1mL (two 45mg/0.5mL prefilled syringes, two 45mg/0.5mL vials, or one 90mg/mL prefilled syringe) per 56 days for 3 fills.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Stelara subcutaneous has been approved for 6 months for maintenance treatment. Stelara intravenous loading dose is excluded from your pharmacy benefit coverage.

5. Has the patient **already received** the intravenous loading dose of Stelara for the treatment of moderate to severe Crohn's disease (CD)?

If yes, **approve for 6 months by GPID with a quantity limit of 1mL (two 45mg/0.5mL prefilled syringes, two 45mg/0.5mL vials, or one 90mg/mL prefilled syringe) per 56 days for 3 fills.**

If no, **enter two approvals for a total of 6 months by GPID as follows:**

First approval - Please enter one of the following loading doses based on the patient's weight (NOTE: Do not enter a loading dose if the member does not have coverage for non-self-administered drug benefit. Please deny for benefit exclusion.):

Patients weighing 55kg (121 lbs.) or less:

- **Loading dose: Approve for 2 months by GPID with a quantity limit of 52mL (two 130mg/26mL vials) per 56 days for 1 fill.**

Patients weighing over 55kg up to 85kg (122 lbs. up to 187 lbs.):

- **Loading dose: Approve for 2 months by GPID with a quantity limit of 78mL (three 130mg/26mL vials) per 56 days for 1 fill.**

Patients weighing over 85kg (187 lbs.):

- **Loading dose: Approve for 2 months by GPID with a quantity limit of 104mL (four 130mg/26mL vials) per 56 days for 1 fill.**

Second approval:

- **Maintenance dose: Approve for 4 months by GPID with a quantity limit of 1mL (two 45mg/0.5mL prefilled syringes, two 45mg/0.5mL vials, or one 90mg/mL prefilled syringe) per 56 days for 2 fills with a start date after the end date of the previous fill.**

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INITIAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

INITIAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **USTEKINUMAB (Stelara)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis, moderate to severe plaque psoriasis with co-existent psoriatic arthritis, psoriatic arthritis without co-existent plaque psoriasis, or moderate to severe Crohn's disease. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

For patients with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) OR moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) with co-existent psoriatic arthritis (PsA), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a dermatologist
- The patient has plaque psoriasis involving at least 10% body surface area (BSA) or psoriatic lesions affecting the hands, feet, genital area, or face
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one or more forms of conventional therapies such as PUVA (Phototherapy Ultraviolet Light A), UVB (Ultraviolet Light B), topical corticosteroids, calcipotriene, acitretin, methotrexate, or cyclosporine
- The patient is 12 years of age or older
- Documentation of the patient's current weight

For patients with psoriatic arthritis (PsA) without co-existent plaque psoriasis (PsO), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a rheumatologist or dermatologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following DMARDs (disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs) such as methotrexate, leflunomide, hydroxychloroquine, or sulfasalazine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older

For patients with moderate to severe Crohn's disease (CD), approval requires:

- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a gastroenterologist
- The patient had a previous trial of or contraindication to at least one of the following conventional agents such as corticosteroids (i.e., budesonide, methylprednisolone), azathioprine, mercaptopurine, methotrexate, or mesalamine
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Documentation of the patient's current weight

RENEWAL CRITERIA

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) without co-existent plaque psoriasis (PsO) and experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of 0.5mL (one 45mg/0.5mL prefilled syringe or one 45mg/0.5mL vial) per 84 days.**

If no, continue to #2.

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RENEWAL CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) **OR** moderate to severe plaque psoriasis (PsO) with co-existent psoriatic arthritis (PsA) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease **OR** a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more
- Documentation of the patient's current weight

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID as follows:**

Patients weighing 100kg (220 lbs.) or less:

- **Approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of 0.5mL (one 45mg/0.5mL prefilled syringe or one 45mg/0.5mL vial) per 84 days.**

Patients weighing over 100kg (220 lbs.):

- **Approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of 1mL (two 45mg/0.5mL prefilled syringes, two 45mg/0.5mL vials, or one 90mg/mL prefilled syringe) per 84 days.**

If no, continue to #3.

3. Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe Crohn's disease (CD)?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID with a quantity limit of 1mL (two 45mg/0.5mL prefilled syringes, two 45mg/0.5mL vials, or one 90mg/mL prefilled syringe) per 56 days.**

If no, do not approve.

RENEWAL DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **USTEKINUMAB (Stelara)** requires a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis without co-existent plaque psoriasis, moderate to severe plaque psoriasis **OR** moderate to severe plaque psoriasis with co-existent psoriatic arthritis, or moderate to severe Crohn's disease. The following criteria must also be met:

For the diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis without co-existent plaque psoriasis, approval requires:

- The patient has experienced or maintained a 20% or greater improvement in tender joint count or swollen joint count while on therapy.

For the diagnosis of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis or moderate to severe plaque psoriasis with co-existent psoriatic arthritis, approval requires:

- The patient has achieved or maintained clear or minimal disease **OR** a decrease in PASI (Psoriasis Area and Severity Index) of at least 50% or more
- Documentation of the patient's current weight.

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USTEKINUMAB

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Stelara.

REFERENCES

- Stelara [Prescribing Information]. Horsham, PA: Janssen Biotech, Inc. February 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	Yes

Part D Effective: N/A

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**STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

VALBENAZINE

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
VALBENAZINE	INGREZZA	44202		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

- Does the patient have a diagnosis of moderate to severe tardive dyskinesia and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - Moderate to severe tardive dyskinesia has been present for at least 3 months
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older
 - Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a neurologist, movement disorder specialist, or psychiatrist
 - The patient has a prior history of using antipsychotic medications or metoclopramide for at least 3 months (or at least 1 month if patient is 60 years of age or older) as documented in the prescription claims history

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID for all strengths as follows:**

- Ingrezza 40mg (GPID 43266): #1 capsule per day.**
- Ingrezza 80mg (GPID 43934): #1 capsule per day.**
- Ingrezza Initiation pack (GPID 46216): 1 pack (#28 capsules) per fill.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **VALBENAZINE (Ingrezza)** requires a diagnosis of moderate to severe tardive dyskinesia. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- Moderate to severe tardive dyskinesia has been present for at least 3 months
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- Therapy is prescribed by or given in consultation with a neurologist, movement disorder specialist, or psychiatrist
- The patient has a prior history of using antipsychotic medications or metoclopramide for at least 3 months (or at least 1 month if patient is 60 years of age or older) as documented in the prescription claims history

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Ingrezza.

REFERENCES

- Ingrezza [Prescribing Information]. San Diego, CA. Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc; December 2018.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

VANDETANIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
VANDETANIB	CAPRELSA	37531		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Is the patient currently stable on the requested medication?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID as follows:**

- **If the request is for 300mg tablets: #1 tablet per day.**
- **If the request is for 100mg tablets: for up to #2 tablets per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have diagnosis of symptomatic or progressive medullary thyroid cancer with unresectable locally advanced or metastatic disease?

If yes, **approve for 12 months by GPID as follows:**

- **If the request is for 300mg tablets: #1 tablet per day.**
- **If the request is for 100mg tablets: for up to #2 tablets per day.**

APPROVAL TEXT: Please note that this drug has an important FDA safety warning. For more information, please ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of symptomatic or progressive medullary thyroid cancer with unresectable locally advanced or metastatic disease.

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate utilization of vandetanib based on FDA approved indication and NCCN guidelines. Vandetanib is recommended as an option for the treatment of recurrent or persistent medullary thyroid carcinoma.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Vandetanib is indicated for the treatment of symptomatic or progressive medullary thyroid cancer in patients with unresectable locally advanced or metastatic disease.

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VANDETANIB

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Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

VEMURAFENIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
VEMURAFENIB	ZELBORAF	37837		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of unresectable or metastatic melanoma and meet the following criterion?

- The patient has a genetic mutation called BRAF V600E as detected by an FDA-approved test

If yes, **approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of #8 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of Erdheim-Chester Disease and meet the following criterion?

- The patient has a genetic mutation called BRAF V600

If yes, **approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of #8 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **VEMURAFENIB (Zelboraf)** requires a diagnosis of unresectable or metastatic melanoma with a BRAF V600E mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test or Erdheim-Chester Disease with a BRAF V600 mutation.

RATIONALE

Ensure appropriate use of vemurafenib based on FDA approved indication.

FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS

Zelboraf is a kinase inhibitor indicated for:

- Treatment of patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with BRAF V600E mutation as detected by an FDA-approved test
- Treatment of patients with Erdheim-Chester Disease with BRAF V600 mutation

Limitation of Use: Zelboraf is not recommended for use in patients with wild-type BRAF melanoma.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Confirm the presence of BRAF V600E mutation in tumor specimens prior to initiation of treatment with ZELBORAF.

Recommended dose: 960 mg orally twice daily taken approximately 12 hours apart with or without a meal.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES**

VEMURAFENIB

REFERENCES

- Genentech, Inc. Zelboraf package insert. South San Francisco, CA. November 2017.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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P&T Approval: 01/18



STANDARD COMMERCIAL DRUG FORMULARY
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION GUIDELINES

VENETOCLAX

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
VENETOCLAX	VENCLEXTA	43284		

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) **OR** small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL) and meet the following criterion?
 - The patient is 18 years of age or older

If yes, **approve for 12 months for the requested strength by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **Venclexta Starting pack (GPID 41048): #42 tablets (1 pack) per 28 days.**
- **10mg tablet (GPID 41049): #2 tablets per day.**
- **50mg tablet (GPID 41051): #1 tablet per day.**
- **100mg tablet (GPID 41052): #4 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have newly-diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?
 - The patient is 75 years of age or older, **OR** the patient is 18 years of age or older with comorbidities that preclude the use of intensive induction chemotherapy
 - The requested medication will be used in combination with azacitidine or decitabine

If yes, **approve for 12 months for the requested strength by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **10mg tablet (GPID 41049): #2 tablets per day.**
- **50mg tablet (GPID 41051): #1 tablet per day.**
- **100mg tablet (GPID 41052): #4 tablets per day.**

If no, continue to #3.

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VENETOCLAX

GUIDELINES FOR USE (CONTINUED)

3. Does the patient have newly-diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and meet **ALL** of the following criteria?

- The patient is 75 years of age or older, **OR** the patient is 18 years of age or older with comorbidities that preclude the use of intensive induction chemotherapy
- The requested medication will be used in combination with low-dose cytarabine

If yes, **approve for 12 months for the requested strength by GPID with the following quantity limits:**

- **10mg tablet (GPID 41049): #2 tablets per day.**
- **50mg tablet (GPID 41051): #1 tablet per day.**
- **100mg tablet (GPID 41052): #6 tablets per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: The guideline named **VENETOCLAX (Venclexta)** requires a diagnosis of chronic lymphocytic leukemia, small lymphocytic lymphoma, or newly-diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia (AML). In addition, the following must be met:

For patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) or small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL), approval requires:

- The patient is 18 years of age or older

For patients with newly-diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia (AML), approval requires:

- The patient is 75 years of age or older, **OR** the patient is 18 years of age or older with comorbidities that preclude the use of intensive induction chemotherapy
- The requested medication will be used in combination with azacitidine or decitabine or low-dose cytarabine

RATIONALE

For further information, please refer to the Prescribing Information and/or Drug Monograph for Venclexta.

REFERENCES

- Venclexta [Prescribing Information]. North Chicago, IL: Abbvie Inc.; May 2019.

Library	Commercial	NSA
Yes	Yes	No

Part D Effective: N/A

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VISMODEGIB

Generic	Brand	HICL	GCN	Exception/Other
VISMODEGIB	ERIVEDGE	38455		

This drug requires a written request for prior authorization.

GUIDELINES FOR USE

1. Does the patient have a diagnosis of metastatic basal cell carcinoma?

If yes, **approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of #1 capsule per day.**

If no, continue to #2.

2. Does the patient have a diagnosis of locally advanced basal cell carcinoma that has recurred following surgery or is the patient not a candidate for surgery or radiation?

If yes, **approve for 12 months with a quantity limit of #1 capsule per day.**

If no, do not approve.

DENIAL TEXT: Approval requires a diagnosis of metastatic basal cell carcinoma or locally advanced basal cell carcinoma that has recurred following surgery or the patient is not a candidate for surgery or radiation.

RATIONALE

To promote appropriate utilization of Erivedge based on its FDA approved indication.

Vismodegib is an inhibitor of the Hedgehog signaling pathway. This pathway is important in embryonic development and becomes reactivated in cancer. Because this pathway is not required in most adult tissues, inhibitors selectively attack tumor cells. Vismodegib is the first drug approved for advanced BCC. BCC is the most common type of skin cancer and is typically localized, slow-growing and painless. Localized disease is usually curable by surgery and radiation treatment. Advanced disease is more deadly and has no other FDA approved treatment options.

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VISMODEGIB

RATIONALE (CONTINUED)

A single-arm, open-label trial was conducted in patients with either mBCC (n=33) or laBCC (n=71) who received 150mg vismodegib daily until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Objective response rates were 30.3% for mBCC and 42.9% for laBCC. No mBCC patients achieved complete response, while 20.6% of laBCC patients had a complete response. Median response duration was 7.6 months for both mBCC and laBCC.

The common adverse reactions are muscle spasms, alopecia, dysgeusia, weight loss, fatigue, nausea, diarrhea, decreased appetite, constipation, arthralgias, vomiting, and ageusia.

There is a **black box warning** for embryo-fetal death and severe birth defects. Pregnancy Category D.

Dosage: One 150mg capsule once daily with or without food.

FDA APPROVED INDICATION

Erivedge is indicated for the treatment of adults with metastatic basal cell carcinoma, or with locally advanced basal cell carcinoma that has recurred following surgery or who are not candidates for surgery, and who are not candidates for radiation.

REFERENCES

- Genentech, Inc. Erivedge package insert. South San Francisco, CA. January 2012.

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