

# 2025 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

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**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Actimmune PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Actimmune

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
2. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing or supported in CMS approved compendia dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Alcohol Swabs PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Alcohol Swabs

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

This program will be implemented as a dynamic PA.

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. The requested medical supply product will be used in the delivery of insulin to the body AND
2. Patient's medication history includes use of insulin within the past 180 days

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Alosetron PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Alosetron Hcl

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome with severe diarrhea (IBS-D) AND
2. Patient's sex is female AND
3. Patient exhibits at least ONE of the following:
  - a. Frequent and severe abdominal pain/discomfort OR
  - b. Frequent bowel urgency or fecal incontinence OR
  - c. Disability or restriction of daily activities due to IBS AND
4. Prescriber has ruled out anatomic or biochemical abnormalities of the gastrointestinal tract

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Alpha-1-Proteinase Inhibitor PA – Prolastin-C

**Drug Name(s)**

Prolastin-C

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency (AATD) with clinically evident emphysema AND
2. Patient has a pre-treatment serum alpha-1 antitrypsin (AAT) level less than 11 micromol/L (80 mg/dL by immunodiffusion or 57 mg/dL using nephelometry) AND
3. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency (AATD) with clinically evident emphysema AND
3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Anabolic Steroid PA – Danazol

**Drug Name(s)**

Danazol

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has ONE of the following diagnoses:

A. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent OR

B. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND

2. ONE of the following:

A. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another androgen or anabolic steroid OR

B. Prescriber has provided information in support of therapy with more than one agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Androgen Injectable PA - testosterone cypionate

**Drug Name(s)**

Depo-Testosterone

Testosterone Cypionate

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has ONE of the following diagnoses:

A. Patient's sex is male with AIDS/HIV-associated wasting syndrome AND BOTH of the following:

i. ONE of the following:

a. Unexplained involuntary weight loss (greater than 10% baseline body weight within 12 months, or 7.5% within 6 months) OR

b. Body mass index less than 20 kg/m<sup>2</sup> OR

c. At least 5% total body cell mass (BCM) loss within 6 months OR

d. BCM less than 35% of total body weight and BMI less than 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup> AND

ii. All other causes of weight loss have been ruled out OR

B. Patient's sex is female with metastatic/inoperable breast cancer OR

C. Patient's sex is male with primary or secondary (hypogonadotropic) hypogonadism OR

D. Patient's sex is male and is an adolescent with delayed puberty AND

2. If the patient's sex is a male, ONE of the following:

A. Patient is NOT currently receiving testosterone replacement therapy AND has ONE of the following pretreatment levels:

i. Total serum testosterone level that is below the testing laboratory's lower limit of the normal range or is less than 300 ng/dL OR

ii. Free serum testosterone level that is below the testing laboratory's lower limit of the normal range OR

B. Patient is currently receiving testosterone replacement therapy AND has ONE of the following current levels:

i. Total serum testosterone level that is within the testing laboratory's normal range OR below the testing laboratory's lower limit of the normal range OR is less than 300 ng/dL OR

ii. Free serum testosterone level is within the testing laboratory's normal range OR below the testing laboratory's normal range AND

3. ONE of the following:

A. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another androgen or anabolic steroid OR

B. Prescriber has provided information in support of therapy with more than one agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be 6 months for delayed puberty, 12 months for all other indications

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Androgen Injectable PA - testosterone enanthate

**Drug Name(s)**

Testosterone Enanthate

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has ONE of the following diagnoses:

A. Patient's sex is male with AIDS/HIV-associated wasting syndrome AND BOTH of the following:

i. ONE of the following:

- a. Unexplained involuntary weight loss (greater than 10% baseline body weight within 12 months, or 7.5% within 6 months) OR
- b. Body mass index less than 20 kg/m<sup>2</sup> OR
- c. At least 5% total body cell mass (BCM) loss within 6 months OR
- d. BCM less than 35% of total body weight and BMI less than 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup> AND

ii. All other causes of weight loss have been ruled out OR

B. Patient's sex is female with metastatic/inoperable breast cancer OR

C. Patient's sex is male with primary or secondary (hypogonadotropic) hypogonadism OR

D. Patient's sex is male and is an adolescent with delayed puberty AND

2. If the patient's sex is a male, ONE of the following:

A. Patient is NOT currently receiving testosterone replacement therapy AND has ONE of the following pretreatment levels:

- i. Total serum testosterone level that is below the testing laboratory's lower limit of the normal range or is less than 300 ng/dL OR
- ii. Free serum testosterone level that is below the testing laboratory's lower limit of the normal range OR

B. Patient is currently receiving testosterone replacement therapy AND has ONE of the following current levels:

- i. Total serum testosterone level that is within the testing laboratory's normal range OR below the testing laboratory's lower limit of the normal range OR is less than 300 ng/dL OR
- ii. Free serum testosterone level is within the testing laboratory's normal range OR below the testing laboratory's normal range AND

3. ONE of the following:

A. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another androgen or anabolic steroid OR

B. Prescriber has provided information in support of therapy with more than one agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**



Approval will be 6 months for delayed puberty, 12 months for all other indications

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Androgen Topical PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Testosterone

Testosterone Pump

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has ONE of the following diagnoses:

A. Patient has AIDS/HIV-associated wasting syndrome AND BOTH of the following:

i. ONE of the following:

- a. Unexplained involuntary weight loss (greater than 10% baseline body weight within 12 months, or 7.5% within 6 months) OR
- b. Body mass index less than 20 kg/m<sup>2</sup> OR
- c. At least 5% total body cell mass (BCM) loss within 6 months OR
- d. In men: BCM less than 35% of total body weight and BMI less than 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup> OR
- e. In women: BCM less than 23% of total body weight and BMI less than 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup> AND

ii. All other causes of weight loss have been ruled out OR

B. Patient's sex is male with primary or secondary (hypogonadotropic) hypogonadism AND

2. If the patient's sex is male, ONE of the following:

A. Patient is NOT currently receiving testosterone replacement therapy AND has ONE of the following pretreatment levels:

- i. Total serum testosterone level that is below the testing laboratory's lower limit of the normal range or is less than 300 ng/dL OR
- ii. Free serum testosterone level that is below the testing laboratory's lower limit of the normal range OR

B. Patient is currently receiving testosterone replacement therapy AND has ONE of the following current levels:

- i. Total serum testosterone level that is within the testing laboratory's normal range OR below the testing laboratory's lower limit of the normal range OR is less than 300 ng/dL OR
- ii. Free serum testosterone level is within the testing laboratory's normal range OR below the testing laboratory's normal range AND

3. ONE of the following:

A. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another androgen or anabolic steroid OR

B. Prescriber has submitted information in support of therapy with more than one agent

**Age Restriction:**

**Prescriber Restrictions:**

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Antipsychotics PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Aripiprazole  
Aripiprazole Odt  
Asenapine Maleate Sl  
Chlorpromazine Hcl  
Clozapine  
Clozapine Odt  
Fanapt  
Fanapt Titration Pack  
Fluphenazine Decanoate  
Fluphenazine Hcl  
Haloperidol  
Haloperidol Decanoate  
Haloperidol Lactate  
Loxapine  
Lurasidone Hcl  
Lybalvi  
Molindone Hcl  
Olanzapine  
Olanzapine Odt  
Opipza  
Paliperidone Er  
Perphenazine  
Pimozide  
Quetiapine Fumarate  
Rexulti  
Risperidone Odt  
Secuado  
Thioridazine Hcl  
Thiothixene  
Trifluoperazine Hcl  
Versacloz  
Ziprasidone Mesylate  
Zyprexa Relprevv

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:**

**Exclusion Criteria:**

**Required Medical Information:**

PA does NOT apply to patients less than 65 years of age.

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - a. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
  - b. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent OR
  - c. ONE of the following:
    - i. Patient has a diagnosis other than dementia-related psychosis or dementia related behavioral symptoms OR
    - ii. Patient has dementia-related psychosis or dementia related behavioral symptoms AND BOTH of the following:
      1. Dementia-related psychosis is determined to be severe or the associated behavior puts the patient or others in danger AND
      2. Prescriber has documented that s/he has discussed the risk of increased mortality with the patient and/or the patient's surrogate decision maker

Approval authorizations will apply to the requested medication only.

**Age Restriction:**

**Prescriber Restrictions:**

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Apomorphine Inj PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Apokyn

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ALL of the following:

1. The requested agent will be used to treat acute, intermittent hypomobility, “off” episodes (“end of dose wearing off” and unpredictable “on/off” episodes) associated with advanced Parkinson’s disease AND
2. The requested agent will be used in combination with agents used for therapy in Parkinson’s disease (e.g., levodopa, dopamine agonist, monoamine oxidase B inhibitor) AND
3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with a 5-HT3 antagonist (e.g., ondansetron, granisetron, dolasetron, palonosetron, alosetron)

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient’s diagnosis (e.g., neurologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient’s diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Arcalyst PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Arcalyst

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. Patient has been diagnosed with Cryopyrin-Associated Periodic Syndromes (CAPS) including Familial Cold Auto-inflammatory Syndrome (FCAS) or Muckle-Wells Syndrome (MWS) OR

B. BOTH of the following:

i. Patient has a diagnosis of deficiency of interleukin-1 receptor antagonist AND

ii. The requested agent is being used for maintenance of remission OR

C. BOTH of the following:

i. Patient has a diagnosis of recurrent pericarditis AND

ii. The requested agent is being used to reduce the risk of recurrence AND

2. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic agent

**Age Restriction:**

For diagnosis of CAPS including FCAS or MWS, patient is 12 years of age or over

For diagnosis of recurrent pericarditis and reduction in risk of recurrence, patient is 12 years of age or over

**Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Arikayce PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Arikayce

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of Mycobacterium avium complex (MAC) lung disease AND
2. Patient has not achieved negative sputum cultures despite at least 6 consecutive months of treatment with standard combination antibiotic therapy for MAC lung disease [e.g., standard combination may include a macrolide (clarithromycin, azithromycin), a rifamycin (rifampin, rifabutin), and ethambutol] AND
3. Patient will continue treatment with a combination antibiotic therapy for MAC lung disease with the requested agent [e.g., combination may include a macrolide (clarithromycin, azithromycin), a rifamycin (rifampin, rifabutin), and ethambutol]

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of Mycobacterium avium complex (MAC) lung disease AND
3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
4. Patient will continue treatment with a combination antibiotic therapy for MAC lung disease with the requested agent [e.g., combination may include a macrolide (clarithromycin, azithromycin), a rifamycin (rifampin, rifabutin), and ethambutol]

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., infectious disease, immunologist, pulmonologist, thoracic specialist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Armodafinil PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Armodafinil

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
2. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another target agent (i.e., modafinil)

**Age Restriction:**

Patient is 17 years of age or over

**Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Atopic Dermatitis PA – Tacrolimus

**Drug Name(s)**

Tacrolimus

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ONE of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of atopic dermatitis AND ONE of the following:
  - A. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to a topical corticosteroid or topical corticosteroid combination preparation (e.g., hydrocortisone, triamcinolone) OR
  - B. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to a topical corticosteroid or topical corticosteroid combination preparation OR
  - C. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to a topical corticosteroid or topical corticosteroid combination preparation OR
2. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Atovaquone PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Atovaquone

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. BOTH of the following:

i. ONE of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of mild-to-moderate *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia OR
2. Patient is using the requested agent for prevention of *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia AND

ii. ONE of the following:

1. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole (TMP/SMX) OR
2. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole (TMP/SMX) OR

B. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia PA – Tadalafil

**Drug Name(s)**

Tadalafil 2.5Mg, 5Mg

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

Requested agent will be used to treat erectile dysfunction AND FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) AND
2. Patient has tried and had an insufficient response, intolerance or hypersensitivity, or FDA labeled contraindication to TWO alpha blocker agents (e.g., terazosin, doxazosin, tamsulosin)

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Benlysta SC PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Benlysta SC

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. ONE of the following:
  - a. Patient has a diagnosis of active systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) disease AND the following:
    - i. Patient will continue standard SLE therapy [corticosteroids (e.g., methylprednisolone, prednisone), hydroxychloroquine, immunosuppressives (e.g., azathioprine, methotrexate, oral cyclophosphamide)] in combination with the requested agent OR
  - b. Patient has a diagnosis of active lupus nephritis (LN) AND the following:
    - i. Patient will continue standard LN therapy [corticosteroids (e.g., methylprednisolone, prednisone), immunosuppressives (e.g., azathioprine, mycophenolate)] in combination with the requested agent AND
2. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic agent AND
3. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - a. Patient has diagnosis of active systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) disease AND the following:
    - i. Patient will continue standard SLE therapy [corticosteroids (e.g., methylprednisolone, prednisone), hydroxychloroquine, immunosuppressives (e.g., azathioprine, methotrexate, oral cyclophosphamide)] in combination with the requested agent OR
  - b. Patient has a diagnosis of active lupus nephritis (LN) AND the following:
    - i. Patient will continue standard LN therapy [corticosteroids (e.g., methylprednisolone, prednisone), immunosuppressives (e.g., azathioprine, mycophenolate)] in combination with the requested agent AND
3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic agent AND
5. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:**

Patient is 5 years of age or over

**Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Benzodiazepines PA – Clobazam

**Drug Name(s)**

Clobazam

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

PA does NOT apply to patients less than 65 years of age.

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. BOTH of the following:

i. ONE of the following:

- a. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
- b. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND

ii. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent OR

B. BOTH of the following:

i. Patient has ONE of the following diagnoses:

- a. Seizure disorder OR
- b. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND

ii. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Benzodiazepines PA – Clorazepate

**Drug Name(s)**

Clorazepate Dipotassium

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

PA does NOT apply to patients less than 65 years of age.

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. BOTH of the following:

i. ONE of the following:

- a. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
- b. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND

ii. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent OR

B. BOTH of the following:

i. Patient has ONE of the following diagnoses:

- a. Seizure disorder OR
- b. Anxiety disorder AND ONE of the following:
  - 1) Patient has tried and has an inadequate response to a formulary selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) or serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (SNRI) OR
  - 2) Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to a formulary SSRI or SNRI OR
  - 3) Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to a formulary SSRI or SNRI OR
- c. Alcohol withdrawal OR
- d. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND

ii. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Benzodiazepines PA – Diazepam

**Drug Name(s)**

Diazepam

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

PA does NOT apply to patients less than 65 years of age.

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. BOTH of the following:

i. ONE of the following:

- a. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
- b. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND

ii. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent OR

B. BOTH of the following:

i. Patient has ONE of the following diagnoses:

- a. Seizure disorder OR
- b. Anxiety disorder AND ONE of the following:
  - 1) Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to a formulary selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) or serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (SNRI) OR
  - 2) Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to a formulary SSRI or SNRI OR
  - 3) Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to a formulary SSRI or SNRI OR
- c. Skeletal muscle spasms OR
- d. Alcohol withdrawal OR
- e. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND

ii. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Benzodiazepines PA – Lorazepam

**Drug Name(s)**

Lorazepam

Lorazepam Intensol

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

PA does NOT apply to patients less than 65 years of age.

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. BOTH of the following:

i. ONE of the following:

a. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR

b. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND

ii. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent OR

B. BOTH of the following:

i. Patient has ONE of the following diagnoses:

a. Anxiety disorder AND ONE of the following:

1) Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to a formulary selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) or serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (SNRI) OR

2) Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to a formulary SSRI or SNRI OR

3) Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to a formulary SSRI or SNRI OR

b. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND

ii. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Benzodiazepines PA – Sympazan

**Drug Name(s)**

Sympazan

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

PA does NOT apply to patients less than 65 years of age.

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. BOTH of the following:

i. ONE of the following:

a. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR

b. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND

ii. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent OR

B. BOTH of the following:

i. Patient has ONE of the following diagnoses:

a. Seizure disorder OR

b. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND

ii. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Bexarotene Gel PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Bexarotene Gel

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent OR
  - C. ALL of the following:
    - i. ONE of the following:
      1. BOTH of the following:
        - a. Patient has a diagnosis of stage IA or IB cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) with cutaneous lesions AND
        - b. ONE of the following:
          - i. Patient has refractory or persistent disease despite a previous treatment trial with a skin-directed therapy (e.g., topical corticosteroid, topical imiquimod) OR
          - ii. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to a previous treatment trial with a skin-directed therapy (e.g., topical corticosteroid, topical imiquimod) OR
          - iii. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to a previous treatment trial with a skin-directed therapy (e.g., topical corticosteroid, topical imiquimod) OR
        2. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
      - ii. Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., dermatologist, oncologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis AND
      - iii. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
3. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent OR
  - C. ALL of the following:
    - i. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
    - ii. Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., dermatologist, oncologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis AND
    - iii. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Biologic Immunomodulators PA – Actemra

**Drug Name(s)**

Actemra

Actemra Actpen

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND provided clinical justification to support that the patient is at risk if therapy is changed OR
  - C. ONE of the following:
    - i. Patient's diagnosis is indicated for preferred biologic immunomodulator agent(s) AND ONE of the following:
      - a. Patient's medication history indicates use of preferred biologic immunomodulator agent(s) OR
      - b. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to preferred biologic immunomodulator agent(s) OR
      - c. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to preferred biologic immunomodulator agent(s) OR
    - ii. The request is for an FDA labeled indication that is not covered by preferred biologic immunomodulator agent(s) AND
3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
3. Patient has had clinical improvement (slowing of disease progression or decrease in symptom severity and/or frequency) AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
5. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

Use of TWO preferred agents (Enbrel, Hadlima, Rinvoq tablets, Rinvoq solution, or Simlandi) is required for diagnosis of polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis

Use of TWO preferred agents (Enbrel, Hadlima, Rinvoq tablets, or Simlandi) is required for diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis

Use of ONE preferred agent (Rinvoq tablets) is required for diagnosis of giant cell arteritis

NO preferred agent is required for diagnoses of systemic sclerosis-associated interstitial lung disease (SSc-ILD), cytokine release syndrome, or systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Biologic Immunomodulators PA – Cosentyx

**Drug Name(s)**

Cosentyx

Cosentyx Sensoready Pen

Cosentyx Unoready

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND provided clinical justification to support that the patient is at risk if therapy is changed OR
  - C. Patient's medication history indicates use of another biologic immunomodulator agent for the same FDA labeled indication OR
  - D. Patient's diagnosis does NOT require a conventional prerequisite agent OR
  - E. Patient's medication history indicates use of ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
  - F. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to at least ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
  - G. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to at least ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication AND
3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
3. Patient has had clinical improvement (slowing of disease progression or decrease in symptom severity and/or frequency) AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
5. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

Use of ONE conventional prerequisite agent is required for diagnosis of plaque psoriasis

NO prerequisites are required for diagnoses of ankylosing spondylitis, enthesitis related arthritis, hidradenitis suppurativa, non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis, or psoriatic arthritis

Formulary conventional agents (topical or systemic) for plaque psoriasis include acitretin, calcipotriene, methotrexate, tazarotene, or topical corticosteroids



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Biologic Immunomodulators PA – Enbrel

**Drug Name(s)**

Enbrel

Enbrel Mini

Enbrel Sureclick

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND provided clinical justification to support that the patient is at risk if therapy is changed OR
  - C. Patient's medication history indicates use of another biologic immunomodulator agent for the same FDA labeled indication OR
  - D. Patient's diagnosis does NOT require a conventional prerequisite agent OR
  - E. Patient's medication history indicates use of ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
  - F. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to at least ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
  - G. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to at least ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication AND
3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
3. Patient has had clinical improvement (slowing of disease progression or decrease in symptom severity and/or frequency) AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
5. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

Use of ONE conventional prerequisite agent is required for diagnoses of plaque psoriasis, rheumatoid arthritis, or juvenile idiopathic arthritis

NO prerequisites are required for a diagnoses of ankylosing spondylitis, juvenile psoriatic arthritis, or psoriatic arthritis

Formulary conventional agents for rheumatoid arthritis or juvenile idiopathic arthritis include leflunomide, methotrexate, or sulfasalazine

Formulary conventional agents (topical or systemic) for plaque psoriasis include acitretin, calcipotriene, methotrexate, tazarotene, or topical corticosteroids

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Biologic Immunomodulators PA – Entyvio SC

**Drug Name(s)**

Entyvio Pen

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND provided clinical justification to support that the patient is at risk if therapy is changed OR
  - C. Patient's medication history indicates use of another biologic immunomodulator agent for the same FDA labeled indication OR
  - D. Patient's diagnosis does NOT require a conventional prerequisite agent OR
  - E. Patient's medication history indicates use of ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
  - F. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to at least ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
  - G. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to at least ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication AND
3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
3. Patient has had clinical improvement (slowing of disease progression or decrease in symptom severity and/or frequency) AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
5. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be 14 weeks for initial, 12 months for renewal

**Other Criteria:**

Use of ONE conventional prerequisite agent is required for diagnosis of Crohn's disease

NO prerequisites are required for diagnoses of moderate ulcerative colitis or severe ulcerative colitis

Formulary conventional agents for Crohn's disease include methotrexate, sulfasalazine, corticosteroids, azathioprine, or mercaptopurine

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Biologic Immunomodulators PA – Hadlima

**Drug Name(s)**

Hadlima

Hadlima Pushtouch

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND provided clinical justification to support that the patient is at risk if therapy is changed OR
  - C. Patient's medication history indicates use of another biologic immunomodulator agent for the same FDA labeled indication OR
  - D. Patient's diagnosis does NOT require a conventional prerequisite agent OR
  - E. Patient's medication history indicates use of ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
  - F. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to at least ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
  - G. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to at least ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication AND
3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
3. Patient has had clinical improvement (slowing of disease progression or decrease in symptom severity and/or frequency) AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
5. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be 12 weeks for initial use for ulcerative colitis, 12 months for all others

**Other Criteria:**

Use of ONE conventional prerequisite agent is required for diagnoses of plaque psoriasis, rheumatoid arthritis, juvenile idiopathic arthritis, or Crohn's disease

NO prerequisites are required for diagnoses of ankylosing spondylitis, hidradenitis suppurativa, psoriatic arthritis, moderate ulcerative colitis, severe ulcerative colitis, or uveitis

Formulary conventional agents for rheumatoid arthritis or juvenile idiopathic arthritis include leflunomide, methotrexate, or sulfasalazine

Formulary conventional agents (topical or systemic) for plaque psoriasis include acitretin, calcipotriene, methotrexate, tazarotene, or topical corticosteroids

Formulary conventional agents for Crohn's disease include methotrexate, sulfasalazine, corticosteroids, azathioprine, or mercaptopurine

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Biologic Immunomodulators PA – Rinvoq Solution

**Drug Name(s)**

Rinvoq Lq

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND provided clinical justification to support that the patient is at risk if therapy is changed OR
  - C. ONE of the following:
    - i. Patient's medication history indicates use of preferred TNF agent(s) OR
    - ii. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to preferred TNF agent(s) OR
    - iii. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to preferred TNF agent(s) OR
    - iv. The request is for an FDA labeled indication that is not covered by preferred TNF agent(s) AND
3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
3. Patient has had clinical improvement (slowing of disease progression or decrease in symptom severity and/or frequency) AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
5. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

Use of ONE preferred TNF (Enbrel, Hadlima, or Simlandi) is required for diagnoses of adult psoriatic arthritis or juvenile idiopathic arthritis

NO preferred TNF agent is required for diagnosis of pediatric psoriatic arthritis



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Biologic Immunomodulators PA – Rinvoq Tablet

**Drug Name(s)**

Rinvoq Tablet

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND provided clinical justification to support that the patient is at risk if therapy is changed OR
  - C. ONE of the following:
    - i. BOTH of the following:
      - a. Patient has an FDA labeled indication other than moderate to severe atopic dermatitis for the requested agent AND
      - b. ONE of the following:
        1. Patient's medication history indicates use of preferred TNF agent(s) OR
        2. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to preferred TNF agent(s) OR
        3. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to preferred TNF agent(s) OR
        4. The request is for an FDA labeled indication that is not covered by preferred TNF agent(s) OR
    - ii. Patient has a diagnosis of moderate to severe atopic dermatitis AND ONE of the following:
      - a. Patient's medication history indicates use of TWO conventional prerequisite agents (i.e., ONE formulary topical corticosteroid AND ONE formulary topical calcineurin inhibitor) for the requested indication OR
      - b. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to TWO conventional prerequisite agents (i.e., ONE formulary topical corticosteroid AND ONE formulary topical calcineurin inhibitor) for the requested indication OR
      - c. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to TWO conventional prerequisite agents (i.e., ONE formulary topical corticosteroid AND ONE formulary topical calcineurin inhibitor) for the requested indication AND
3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:**

**Prescriber Restrictions:**

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
3. Patient has had clinical improvement (slowing of disease progression or decrease in symptom severity and/or frequency) AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
5. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Use of ONE preferred TNF (Enbrel, Hadlima, or Simlandi) is required for diagnoses of ankylosing spondylitis, rheumatoid arthritis, adult psoriatic arthritis, or juvenile idiopathic arthritis

Use of ONE preferred TNF (Hadlima or Simlandi) is required for diagnosis of Crohn's disease

Use of TWO conventional prerequisite agents are required for diagnosis of moderate to severe atopic dermatitis [ONE formulary topical corticosteroid (e.g., triamcinolone) AND ONE formulary topical calcineurin inhibitor (e.g., tacrolimus)]

NO preferred TNF agents are required for diagnoses of giant cell arteritis, pediatric psoriatic arthritis, non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis, or ulcerative colitis

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Biologic Immunomodulators PA - Simlandi

**Drug Name(s)**

Simlandi Kit

Simlandi 2Pn Inj

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND provided clinical justification to support that the patient is at risk if therapy is changed OR
  - C. Patient's medication history indicates use of another biologic immunomodulator agent for the same FDA labeled indication OR
  - D. Patient's diagnosis does NOT require a conventional prerequisite agent OR
  - E. Patient's medication history indicates use of ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
  - F. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to at least ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
  - G. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to at least ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication AND
3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
3. Patient has had clinical improvement (slowing of disease progression or decrease in symptom severity and/or frequency) AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
5. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be 12 weeks for initial use for ulcerative colitis, 12 months for all others

**Other Criteria:**

Use of ONE conventional prerequisite agent is required for diagnoses of plaque psoriasis, rheumatoid arthritis, juvenile idiopathic arthritis, or Crohn's disease

NO prerequisites are required for diagnoses of ankylosing spondylitis, hidradenitis suppurativa, psoriatic arthritis, moderate ulcerative colitis, severe ulcerative colitis, or uveitis

Formulary conventional agents for rheumatoid arthritis or juvenile idiopathic arthritis include leflunomide, methotrexate, or sulfasalazine

Formulary conventional agents (topical or systemic) for plaque psoriasis include acitretin, calcipotriene, methotrexate, tazarotene, or topical corticosteroids

Formulary conventional agents for Crohn's disease include methotrexate, sulfasalazine, corticosteroids, azathioprine, or mercaptopurine

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Biologic Immunomodulators PA – Skyrizi

**Drug Name(s)**

Skyrizi

Skyrizi Pen

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND provided clinical justification to support that the patient is at risk if therapy is changed OR
  - C. Patient's medication history indicates use of another biologic immunomodulator agent for the same FDA labeled indication OR
  - D. Patient's diagnosis does NOT require a conventional prerequisite agent OR
  - E. Patient's medication history indicates use of ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
  - F. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to at least ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
  - G. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to at least ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication AND
3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
3. Patient has had clinical improvement (slowing of disease progression or decrease in symptom severity and/or frequency) AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
5. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

Use of ONE conventional prerequisite agent is required for diagnoses of Crohn's disease or plaque psoriasis

NO prerequisites are required for diagnoses of psoriatic arthritis, moderate ulcerative colitis, or severe ulcerative colitis

Formulary conventional agents for Crohn's disease include methotrexate, sulfasalazine, corticosteroids, azathioprine, or mercaptopurine

Formulary conventional agents (topical or systemic) for plaque psoriasis include acitretin, calcipotriene, methotrexate, tazarotene, or topical corticosteroids

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Biologic Immunomodulators PA – Stelara

**Drug Name(s)**

Stelara

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND provided clinical justification to support that the patient is at risk if therapy is changed OR
  - C. Patient's medication history indicates use of another biologic immunomodulator agent for the same FDA labeled indication OR
  - D. Patient's diagnosis does NOT require a conventional prerequisite agent OR
  - E. Patient's medication history indicates use of ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
  - F. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to at least ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
  - G. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to at least ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication AND
3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
3. Patient has had clinical improvement (slowing of disease progression or decrease in symptom severity and/or frequency) AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
5. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

Use of ONE conventional prerequisite agent is required for diagnoses of plaque psoriasis or Crohn's disease

NO prerequisites are required for diagnoses of psoriatic arthritis, moderate ulcerative colitis, or severe ulcerative colitis

Formulary conventional agents (topical or systemic) for plaque psoriasis include acitretin, calcipotriene, methotrexate, tazarotene, or topical corticosteroids

Formulary conventional agents for Crohn's disease include methotrexate, sulfasalazine, corticosteroids, azathioprine, mercaptopurine



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Biologic Immunomodulators PA – Steqeyma

**Drug Name(s)**

Steqeyma

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND provided clinical justification to support that the patient is at risk if therapy is changed OR
  - C. Patient's medication history indicates use of another biologic immunomodulator agent for the same FDA labeled indication OR
  - D. Patient's diagnosis does NOT require a conventional prerequisite agent OR
  - E. Patient's medication history indicates use of ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
  - F. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to at least ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
  - G. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to at least ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication AND
3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
3. Patient has had clinical improvement (slowing of disease progression or decrease in symptom severity and/or frequency) AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
5. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

Use of ONE conventional prerequisite agent is required for diagnoses of plaque psoriasis or Crohn's disease

NO prerequisites are required for diagnoses of psoriatic arthritis, moderate ulcerative colitis, or severe ulcerative colitis

Formulary conventional agents (topical or systemic) for plaque psoriasis include acitretin, calcipotriene, methotrexate, tazarotene, or topical corticosteroids

Formulary conventional agents for Crohn's disease include methotrexate, sulfasalazine, corticosteroids, azathioprine, mercaptopurine

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Biologic Immunomodulators PA – Tremfya

**Drug Name(s)**

Tremfya

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND provided clinical justification to support that the patient is at risk if therapy is changed OR
  - C. Patient's medication history indicates use of another biologic immunomodulator agent for the same FDA labeled indication OR
  - D. Patient's diagnosis does NOT require a conventional prerequisite agent OR
  - E. Patient's medication history indicates use of ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
  - F. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to at least ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
  - G. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to at least ONE formulary conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication AND
3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
3. Patient has had clinical improvement (slowing of disease progression or decrease in symptom severity and/or frequency) AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
5. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

Use of ONE conventional prerequisite agent is required for diagnoses of plaque psoriasis or Crohn's disease

NO prerequisites are required for diagnoses of psoriatic arthritis, moderate ulcerative colitis, or severe ulcerative colitis

Formulary conventional agents (topical or systemic) for plaque psoriasis include acitretin, calcipotriene, methotrexate, tazarotene, or topical corticosteroids

Formulary conventional agents for Crohn's disease include methotrexate, sulfasalazine, corticosteroids, azathioprine, or mercaptopurine

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Biologic Immunomodulators PA – Tyenne

**Drug Name(s)**

Tyenne

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND provided clinical justification to support that the patient is at risk if therapy is changed OR
  - C. ONE of the following:
    - i. Patient's diagnosis is indicated for preferred biologic immunomodulator agent(s) AND ONE of the following:
      - a. Patient's medication history indicates use of preferred biologic immunomodulator agent(s) OR
      - b. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to preferred biologic immunomodulator agent(s) OR
      - c. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to preferred biologic immunomodulator agent(s) OR
    - ii. The request is for an FDA labeled indication that is not covered by preferred biologic immunomodulator agent(s) AND
3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
3. Patient has had clinical improvement (slowing of disease progression or decrease in symptom severity and/or frequency) AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic immunomodulator AND
5. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

Use of TWO preferred agents (Enbrel, Hadlima, Rinvoq tablets, Rinvoq solution, or Simlandi) is required for diagnosis of polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis

Use of TWO preferred agents (Enbrel, Hadlima, Rinvoq tablets, or Simlandi) is required for diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis

Use of ONE preferred agent (Rinvoq tablets) is required for diagnosis of giant cell arteritis

NO preferred agent is required for diagnoses of cytokine release syndrome or systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Bivigam/Flebogamma/Gammaplex/Octagam/Privigen PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Gammaplex

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ONE of the following:

1. Patient has ONE of the following diagnoses:

- A. Primary immunodeficiency [e.g., congenital agammaglobulinemia, common variable immunodeficiency (CVID), severe combined immunodeficiency, Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome, X-linked agammaglobulinemia (XLA), humoral immunodeficiency, IgG subclass deficiency with or without IgA deficiency] OR
- B. B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia OR multiple myeloma AND ONE of the following:
  - i. Patient has a history of infections OR
  - ii. Patient has evidence of specific antibody deficiency OR
  - iii. Patient has hypogammaglobulinemia OR
- C. Idiopathic thrombocytopenia purpura AND ONE of the following:
  - i. Patient has failed ONE conventional therapy [e.g., corticosteroids (e.g., methylprednisolone), or immunosuppressants (e.g., azathioprine)] OR
  - ii. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to ONE conventional therapy OR
- D. Dermatomyositis AND ONE of the following:
  - i. Patient has failed ONE conventional therapy [e.g., corticosteroids (e.g., methylprednisolone) or immunosuppressants (e.g., azathioprine)] OR
  - ii. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to ONE conventional therapy OR
- E. Polymyositis AND ONE of the following:
  - i. Patient has failed ONE conventional therapy [e.g., corticosteroids (e.g., methylprednisolone) or immunosuppressants (e.g., azathioprine)] OR
  - ii. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to ONE conventional therapy OR
- F. Severe rheumatoid arthritis AND ONE of the following:
  - i. Patient has failed ONE conventional therapy [e.g., tumor necrosis factor antagonists (e.g., Enbrel), DMARDS (e.g., methotrexate)] OR
  - ii. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to ONE conventional therapy OR

Criteria continues: see Other Criteria

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 6 months for indications in Other Criteria, 12 months for all others

**Other Criteria:**

G. Myasthenia gravis (MG) AND ONE of the following:

- i. Patient is in acute myasthenic crisis OR
- ii. Patient has severe refractory MG (e.g., major functional disability/weakness) AND ONE of the following:
  - a) Patient has failed ONE immunomodulator therapy (i.e., corticosteroid, pyridostigmine, or azathioprine) OR
  - b) Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to ONE immunomodulator therapy OR

H. Multiple sclerosis (MS) AND BOTH of the following:

- i. Patient has a diagnosis of relapsing remitting MS (RRMS) AND
- ii. Patient has had an insufficient response, documented failure, or FDA labeled contraindication to TWO MS agents (e.g., Betaseron, Copaxone, dimethyl fumarate, Kesimpta) OR

I. Acquired von Willebrand hemophilia AND ONE of the following:

- i. Patient has failed ONE conventional therapy (e.g., desmopressin, von Willebrand factor replacement therapy, corticosteroids, cyclophosphamide, FEIBA, or recombinant factor VIIa) OR
- ii. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to ONE conventional therapy OR

J. Refractory pemphigus vulgaris AND ONE of the following:

- i. Patient has failed ONE conventional immunosuppressive therapy (e.g., azathioprine, cyclophosphamide, mycophenolate, corticosteroids) OR
- ii. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to ONE conventional immunosuppressive therapy OR

2. ONE of the following:

- A. Patient has another FDA labeled indication for the requested agent OR
- B. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

Indications with 6 months approval duration: Acquired von Willebrand hemophilia, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, Lambert-Eaton myasthenia syndrome, Kawasaki disease, CMV induced pneumonitis in solid organ transplant, Toxic shock syndrome due to invasive group A streptococcus, Toxic epidermal necrolysis and Stevens-Johnson syndrome

Drug is also subject to Part B versus Part D review.



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Budesonide Oral ER PA – Entocort

**Drug Name(s)**

Budesonide Dr (Entocort)

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Budesonide Oral ER PA – Uceris

**Drug Name(s)**

Budesonide Er (Uceris)

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Bydureon PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Bydureon Bcise

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

Requested agent will be used for weight loss alone

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes mellitus AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
  - C. ALL of the following:
    - i. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent AND
    - ii. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another GLP-1 agonist agent, or an agent containing a GLP-1 agonist AND
    - iii. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with an agent containing a dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4) inhibitor

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Carglumic PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Carglumic Acid

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications, Some Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:**

Acute hyperammonemia due to propionic acidemia (PA) or methylmalonic acidemia (MMA)

**Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of ONE of the following:
  - a. Acute hyperammonemia due to the deficiency of the hepatic enzyme N-acetylglutamate synthase (NAGS) OR
  - b. Chronic hyperammonemia due to the deficiency of the hepatic enzyme N-acetylglutamate synthase (NAGS) OR
  - c. Acute hyperammonemia due to propionic acidemia (PA) or methylmalonic acidemia (MMA)AND
2. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., geneticist, nephrologist, metabolic disorders) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Cayston PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Cayston

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis AND
2. Documentation has been provided that indicates the patient has a *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* respiratory infection AND
3. ONE of the following:
  - a. Patient is NOT currently (within the past 60 days) being treated with another inhaled antibiotic (e.g., inhaled tobramycin) OR
  - b. Patient is currently (within the past 60 days) being treated with another inhaled antibiotic (e.g., inhaled tobramycin) AND ONE of the following:
    - i. Prescriber has confirmed that the other inhaled antibiotic will be discontinued, and that therapy will be continued only with the requested agent OR
    - ii. Prescriber has provided information in support of another inhaled antibiotic therapy used concurrently with or alternating with (i.e., continuous alternating therapy) the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Chenodal PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Chenodal

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of radiolucent stones in a well-opacifying gallbladder AND
2. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Cinacalcet PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Cinacalcet Hcl

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. Patient has ONE of the following:

A. A diagnosis of hypercalcemia due to parathyroid carcinoma OR

B. A diagnosis of primary hyperparathyroidism (HPT) AND BOTH of the following:

i. Patient has a pretreatment serum calcium level that is above the testing laboratory's upper limit of normal AND

ii. Patient is unable to undergo parathyroidectomy OR

C. Another indication that is FDA approved or supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent not otherwise excluded from Part D [i.e., secondary hyperparathyroidism due to end-stage renal disease (ESRD) on dialysis]

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Cobenfy PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Cobenfy

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent OR
  - C. ALL of the following:
    - i. Prescriber has assessed the patient's liver enzymes and bilirubin prior to starting therapy with the requested agent AND
    - ii. Prescriber has assessed the patient's heart rate prior to starting therapy with the requested agent AND
    - iii. ONE of the following:
      - a. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to TWO antipsychotic agents (e.g., aripiprazole, olanzapine, quetiapine, risperidone) for the requested indication OR
      - b. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to TWO antipsychotic agents (e.g., aripiprazole, olanzapine, quetiapine, risperidone) OR
      - c. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to TWO antipsychotic agents (e.g., aripiprazole, olanzapine, quetiapine, risperidone) AND
    - iv. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
3. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent OR
  - C. ALL of the following:



- i. Prescriber has assessed the patient's liver enzymes and bilirubin as clinically indicated during treatment with the requested agent AND
- ii. Prescriber has assessed the patient's heart rate as clinically indicated during treatment with the requested agent AND
- iii. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent AND
- iv. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Colony Stimulating Factors PA – Granix

**Drug Name(s)**

Granix

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., oncologist, hematologist, infectious disease) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 6 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Corlanor PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Corlanor Sol

Ivabradine

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has stable, symptomatic chronic heart failure (e.g., NYHA Class II, III, IV: ACCF/AHA Class C, D)  
AND

2. ONE of following:

A. ALL of the following:

- i. The requested agent is for a pediatric patient, 6 months of age or over AND
- ii. Patient has heart failure due to dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) AND
- iii. Patient is in sinus rhythm with an elevated heart rate OR

B. ALL of the following:

- i. The requested agent is for an adult patient AND
- ii. Patient has a baseline OR current left ventricular ejection fraction of 35% or less AND
- iii. Patient is in sinus rhythm with a resting heart rate of 70 beats or greater per minute prior to initiating therapy with the requested agent AND
- iv. ONE of the following:
  - a. Patient is on a maximally tolerated dose of beta blocker (e.g., bisoprolol, carvedilol, metoprolol) OR
  - b. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindications, or hypersensitivity to a beta blocker

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Cystadrops PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Cystadrops

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., ophthalmologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Cystaran PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Cystaran

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., ophthalmologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Cystinosis Agents PA – Cystagon

**Drug Name(s)**

Cystagon

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of nephropathic cystinosis AND
2. Prescriber has performed a baseline white blood cell (WBC) cystine level test AND
3. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of nephropathic cystinosis AND
3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent (e.g., decrease in WBC cystine levels from baseline) AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Dalfampridine PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Dalfampridine Er

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis (MS) AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. The requested agent will be used in combination with a disease modifying agent [e.g., dimethyl fumarate, glatiramer (e.g., Copaxone)] OR
  - B. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to a disease modifying agent OR
  - C. Prescriber has provided information indicating that a disease modifying agent is not clinically appropriate for the patient

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis (MS) AND
3. ONE of the following:
  - A. The requested agent will be used in combination with a disease modifying agent [e.g., dimethyl fumarate, glatiramer (e.g., Copaxone)] OR
  - B. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to a disease modifying agent OR
  - C. Prescriber has provided information indicating that a disease modifying agent is not clinically appropriate for the patient AND
4. Patient has had improvements or stabilization from baseline in timed walking speed (timed 25-foot walk)

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., neurologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Initial approval will be for 3 months, renewal approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Droxidopa PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Droxidopa

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of neurogenic orthostatic hypotension (nOH) AND
2. Prescriber has performed baseline blood pressure readings while the patient is sitting or supine (lying face up), AND also within three minutes of standing from a supine position AND
3. Patient has a decrease of at least 20 mmHg in systolic blood pressure or 10 mmHg diastolic blood pressure within three minutes after standing AND
4. Patient has persistent and consistent symptoms of neurogenic orthostatic hypotension (nOH) caused by ONE of the following:
  - A. Primary autonomic failure [Parkinson's disease (PD), multiple system atrophy, or pure autonomic failure] OR
  - B. Dopamine beta-hydroxylase deficiency OR
  - C. Non-diabetic autonomic neuropathy AND
5. Prescriber has assessed the severity of the patient's baseline symptoms of dizziness, lightheadedness, feeling faint, or feeling like the patient may black out AND
6. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of neurogenic orthostatic hypotension (nOH) AND
3. Patient has had improvements or stabilization with the requested agent as indicated by improvement in severity from baseline symptoms of ONE of the following:
  - A. Dizziness
  - B. Lightheadedness
  - C. Feeling faint
  - D. Feeling like the patient may black out AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., cardiologist, neurologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be 1 month for initial, 3 months for renewal

**Other Criteria:**



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Dupixent PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Dupixent

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require BOTH of the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. Patient (pt) has a diagnosis of moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis AND ALL of the following:

i. ONE of the following:

a. Pt has tried and failed a topical steroid (e.g., triamcinolone) OR

b. Pt has an intolerance, hypersensitivity, or an FDA labeled contraindication to a topical steroid AND

ii. For pts 2 years of age or over, ONE of the following:

a. Pt has tried and failed a topical calcineurin inhibitor (e.g., tacrolimus) OR

b. Pt has an intolerance, hypersensitivity, or an FDA labeled contraindication to a topical calcineurin inhibitor AND

iii. Pt will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic agent or a JAK inhibitor for the requested indication OR

B. Pt has a diagnosis of moderate-to-severe asthma with an eosinophilic phenotype or oral corticosteroid dependent asthma AND BOTH of the following:

i. Pt is currently being treated with AND will continue asthma control therapy (e.g., ICS, ICS/LABA, LTRA, LAMA, theophylline) in combination with the requested agent AND

ii. Pt will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with Xolair or with an injectable interleukin 5 (IL-5) inhibitor (e.g., Cinqair, Fasenra, Nucala) for the requested indication OR

C. Pt has a diagnosis of chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps (CRSwNP) AND the following:

i. BOTH of the following:

a. ONE of the following:

1. Pt has tried and had an inadequate response to an oral systemic corticosteroid AND an intranasal corticosteroid (e.g., fluticasone) OR

2. Pt has an intolerance, hypersensitivity, or an FDA labeled contraindication to an oral systemic corticosteroid AND an intranasal corticosteroid AND

b. Pt will continue standard maintenance therapy (e.g., intranasal corticosteroid) in combination with the requested agent OR

D. Pt has a diagnosis of eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE) confirmed by esophageal biopsy OR

Initial criteria continues: see Other Criteria

**Age Restriction:**

For diagnosis of moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis, patient (pt) is 6 months of age or over. For diagnosis of moderate-to-severe asthma with an eosinophilic phenotype or oral corticosteroid dependent asthma, pt is 6 years of age or over. For diagnosis of CRSwNP OR CSU, pt is 12 years of age or over. For diagnosis of EoE, pt is 1 year of age or over. For diagnosis of PN, pt is 18 years of age or over. For diagnosis of COPD with an eosinophilic phenotype, pt is 18 years of age or over.

**Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., allergist, dermatologist, immunologist, gastroenterologist, otolaryngologist, pulmonologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

- E. Pt has a diagnosis of prurigo nodularis (PN) OR
  - F. Pt has a diagnosis of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) with an eosinophilic phenotype AND BOTH of the following:
    - i. Pt is currently being treated with AND will continue COPD control therapy (e.g., ICS, LABA, LAMA) in combination with the requested agent AND
    - ii. Pt will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with Xolair or with an injectable interleukin 5 (IL-5) inhibitor (e.g., Cinqair, Fasenra, Nucala) for the requested indication OR
  - G. Pt has a diagnosis of chronic spontaneous urticaria (CSU) AND BOTH of the following:
    - i. Pt has had over 6 weeks of hives and itching AND
    - ii. ONE of the following:
      - a. Pt has tried and had an inadequate response to a maximum tolerable H1 antihistamine therapy OR
      - b. Pt has an intolerance, hypersensitivity, or an FDA labeled contraindication to a maximum tolerable H1 antihistamine therapy AND
2. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

- 1. Pt has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
- 2. ONE of the following:
  - A. Pt has a diagnosis of moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis AND the following:
    - i. Pt will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another biologic agent or a JAK inhibitor for the requested indication OR
  - B. Pt has a diagnosis of moderate-to-severe asthma with an eosinophilic phenotype or oral corticosteroid dependent asthma AND BOTH of the following:
    - i. Pt is currently being treated with AND will continue asthma control therapy (e.g., ICS, ICS/LABA, LTRA, LAMA, theophylline) in combination with the requested agent AND
    - ii. Pt will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with Xolair or with an injectable interleukin 5 (IL-5) inhibitor (e.g., Cinqair, Fasenra, Nucala) for the requested indication OR
  - C. Pt has a diagnosis of chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps (CRSwNP) AND the following:

- i. Pt will continue standard maintenance therapy (e.g., intranasal corticosteroid) in combination with the requested agent OR
  - D. Pt has a diagnosis of eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE) OR
  - E. Pt has a diagnosis of prurigo nodularis (PN) OR
  - F. Pt has a diagnosis of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) with an eosinophilic phenotype AND BOTH of the following:
    - i. Pt is currently being treated with AND will continue COPD control therapy (e.g., ICS, LABA, LAMA) in combination with the requested agent AND
    - ii. Pt will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with Xolair or with an injectable interleukin 5 (IL-5) inhibitor (e.g., Cinqair, Fasenra, Nucala) for the requested indication OR
  - G. Pt has a diagnosis of chronic spontaneous urticaria (CSU) AND
- 3. Pt has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
  - 4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Emgality PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Emgality

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:
  - A. Patient has a diagnosis of migraine AND ALL of the following:
    - i. The requested agent is being used for migraine prophylaxis AND
    - ii. Patient has 4 or more migraine headache days per month AND
    - iii. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) agent for migraine prophylaxis OR
  - B. Patient has a diagnosis of episodic cluster headache AND BOTH of the following:
    - i. Patient has had at least 5 cluster headache attacks AND
    - ii. Patient has had at least two cluster periods lasting 7 days to one year and separated by pain-free remission periods of 3 months or more

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. ALL of the following:
    - i. Patient has a diagnosis of migraine AND
    - ii. The requested agent is being used for migraine prophylaxis AND
    - iii. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) agent for migraine prophylaxis OR
  - B. Patient has a diagnosis of episodic cluster headache AND
3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Emsam PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Emsam

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require BOTH of the following:

1. ONE of the following:
  - A. Patient has a diagnosis of major depressive disorder (MDD) OR
  - B. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent OR
  - C. BOTH of the following:
    - i. ONE of the following:
      - a. BOTH of the following:
        - i. Patient has a diagnosis of major depressive disorder (MDD) AND
        - ii. ONE of the following:
          1. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to at least two different oral antidepressants (e.g., SSRIs, SNRIs, mirtazapine, bupropion) OR
          2. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to at least two different oral antidepressants (e.g., SSRIs, SNRIs, mirtazapine, bupropion) OR
          3. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to at least two different oral antidepressants (e.g., SSRIs, SNRIs, mirtazapine, bupropion) OR
        - b. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
      - ii. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. ONE of the following:

- A. Patient has a diagnosis of major depressive disorder (MDD) OR
  - B. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
3. ONE of the following:
- A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent OR
  - C. BOTH of the following:
    - i. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
    - ii. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Endari PA

**Drug Name(s)**

L-Glutamine

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of sickle cell disease AND
2. Patient is using the requested agent to reduce the acute complications of sickle cell disease AND
3. ONE of the following:
  - A. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to maximally tolerated dose of hydroxyurea OR
  - B. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to hydroxyurea OR
  - C. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to hydroxyurea AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of sickle cell disease AND
3. Patient is using the requested agent to reduce the acute complications of sickle cell disease AND
4. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
5. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:**

Patient is within the FDA labeled age for the requested agent

**Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Epidiolex PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Epidiolex

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of seizures associated with ONE of the following:

- A. Lennox-Gastaut syndrome OR
- B. Dravet syndrome OR
- C. Tuberous sclerosis complex AND

2. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:**

Patient is within the FDA labeled age for the requested agent

**Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Erythropoietin Stimulating Agents PA – Retacrit

**Drug Name(s)**

Retacrit

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. The requested agent is being prescribed for ONE of the following:

A. To reduce the possibility of allogeneic blood transfusion in a surgery patient AND the patient's hemoglobin level is greater than 10 g/dL but less than or equal to 13 g/dL OR

B. Anemia due to myelosuppressive chemotherapy for a non-myeloid malignancy AND ALL of the following:

i. Patient's hemoglobin level is less than 10 g/dL for patients initiating ESA therapy OR less than 12 g/dL for patients stabilized on therapy (measured within the previous 4 weeks) AND

ii. Patient is being concurrently treated with chemotherapy with or without radiation (there must be a minimum of 2 additional months of planned chemotherapy) AND

iii. The intent of chemotherapy is non-curative OR

C. Anemia associated with chronic kidney disease in a patient NOT on dialysis AND ALL of the following:

i. Patient's hemoglobin level is less than 10 g/dL for patients initiating ESA therapy OR 11 g/dL or less for patients stabilized on therapy (measured within the previous 4 weeks) AND

ii. The rate of hemoglobin decline indicates the likelihood of requiring a RBC transfusion AND

iii. The intent of therapy is to reduce the risk of alloimmunization and/or other RBC transfusion related risks OR

D. Anemia resulting from zidovudine treatment of HIV infection AND the patient's hemoglobin level is less than 12 g/dL for patients initiating ESA therapy OR less than or equal to 12 g/dL for patients stabilized on therapy (measured within the previous 4 weeks) OR

E. Another indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND the patient's hemoglobin level is less than 12 g/dL for patients initiating ESA therapy OR less than or equal to 12 g/dL for patients stabilized on therapy (measured within the previous 4 weeks) AND

2. Patient's transferrin saturation and serum ferritin have been evaluated

Drug is also subject to Part B versus Part D review.

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

1 month for surgery (reduce transfusion possibility), 6 months for chemo, 12 months for other  
**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Fentanyl Oral PA - Fentanyl lozenge

**Drug Name(s)**

Fentanyl Citrate Oral Transmucosal

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. ONE of the following:

a. Patient has a documented diagnosis (i.e., medical records) of chronic cancer pain due to an active malignancy AND BOTH of the following:

i. Prescriber has provided the patient's type of cancer AND

ii. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with a long-acting opioid with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR

b. Patient has a diagnosis that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND

2. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with any other oral or nasal fentanyl agent

**Age Restriction:**

Patient is 16 years of age or over

**Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Fintepla PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Fintepla

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of seizures associated with Dravet syndrome (DS) or Lennox-Gastaut syndrome (LGS) AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent OR
  - C. ALL of the following:
    - i. An echocardiogram assessment will be obtained before and during treatment with the requested agent, to evaluate for valvular heart disease and pulmonary arterial hypertension AND
    - ii. Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., neurologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis AND
    - iii. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Age Restriction:**

Patient is within the FDA labeled age for the requested agent

**Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Flucytosine PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Flucytosine

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. The requested agent will be used in combination with amphotericin B OR
  - B. Prescriber has provided information in support of therapy without concurrent amphotericin B for the requested indication AND
3. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing or supported in CMS approved compendia dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., infectious disease) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 10 weeks

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Focalin PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Dexmethylphenidate Hcl (Focalin)

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Gammagard/Gammaked/Gamunex-C PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Gamunex-C

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ONE of the following:

1. Patient has ONE of the following diagnoses:

- A. Primary immunodeficiency [e.g., congenital agammaglobulinemia, common variable immunodeficiency (CVID), severe combined immunodeficiency, Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome, X-linked agammaglobulinemia (XLA), humoral immunodeficiency, IgG subclass deficiency with or without IgA deficiency] OR
- B. B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia OR multiple myeloma AND ONE of the following:
  - i. Patient has a history of infections OR
  - ii. Patient has evidence of specific antibody deficiency OR
  - iii. Patient has hypogammaglobulinemia OR
- C. Idiopathic thrombocytopenia purpura AND ONE of the following:
  - i. Patient has failed ONE conventional therapy [e.g., corticosteroids (e.g., methylprednisolone), or immunosuppressants (e.g., azathioprine)] OR
  - ii. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to ONE conventional therapy OR
- D. Dermatomyositis AND ONE of the following:
  - i. Patient has failed ONE conventional therapy [e.g., corticosteroids (e.g., methylprednisolone) or immunosuppressants (e.g., azathioprine)] OR
  - ii. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to ONE conventional therapy OR
- E. Polymyositis AND ONE of the following:
  - i. Patient has failed ONE conventional therapy [e.g., corticosteroids (e.g., methylprednisolone) or immunosuppressants (e.g., azathioprine)] OR
  - ii. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to ONE conventional therapy OR
- F. Severe rheumatoid arthritis AND ONE of the following:
  - i. Patient has failed ONE conventional therapy [e.g., tumor necrosis factor antagonists (e.g., Enbrel), DMARDS (e.g., methotrexate)] OR
  - ii. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to ONE conventional therapy OR

Criteria continues: see Other Criteria

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 6 months for indications in Other Criteria, 12 months for all others

**Other Criteria:**

G. Myasthenia gravis (MG) AND ONE of the following:

- i. Patient is in acute myasthenic crisis OR
- ii. Patient has severe refractory MG (e.g., major functional disability/weakness) AND ONE of the following:
  - a) Patient has failed ONE immunomodulator therapy (i.e., corticosteroid, pyridostigmine, or azathioprine) OR
  - b) Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to ONE immunomodulator therapy OR

H. Multiple sclerosis (MS) AND BOTH of the following:

- i. Patient has a diagnosis of relapsing remitting MS (RRMS) AND
- ii. Patient has had an insufficient response, documented failure, or FDA labeled contraindication to TWO MS agents (e.g., Betaseron, Copaxone, dimethyl fumarate, Kesimpta) OR

I. Acquired von Willebrand hemophilia AND ONE of the following:

- i. Patient has failed ONE conventional therapy (e.g., desmopressin, von Willebrand factor replacement therapy, corticosteroids, cyclophosphamide, FEIBA, or recombinant factor VIIa) OR
- ii. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to ONE conventional therapy OR

J. Refractory pemphigus vulgaris AND ONE of the following:

- i. Patient has failed ONE conventional immunosuppressive therapy (e.g., azathioprine, cyclophosphamide, mycophenolate, corticosteroids) OR
- ii. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to ONE conventional immunosuppressive therapy OR

2. ONE of the following:

- A. Patient has another FDA labeled indication for the requested agent OR
- B. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

Indications with 6 months approval duration: Acquired von Willebrand hemophilia, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, Lambert-Eaton myasthenia syndrome, Kawasaki disease, CMV induced pneumonitis in solid organ transplant, Toxic shock syndrome due to invasive group A streptococcus, Toxic epidermal necrolysis and Stevens-Johnson syndrome

Drug is also subject to Part B versus Part D review.



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Gattex PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Gattex

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of short bowel syndrome (SBS) AND
2. Patient is dependent on parenteral nutrition OR intravenous (PN/IV) fluids AND
3. ONE of the following:
  - A. Patient is aged 1 year to 17 years AND BOTH of the following:
    - i. A fecal occult blood test has been performed within 6 months prior to initiating treatment with the requested agent AND
    - ii. ONE of the following:
      - a. There was no unexplained blood in the stool OR
      - b. There was unexplained blood in the stool AND a colonoscopy or a sigmoidoscopy was performed OR
  - B. Patient is 18 years of age or over AND BOTH of the following:
    - i. Patient has had a colonoscopy within 6 months prior to initiating treatment with the requested agent AND
    - ii. If polyps were present at this colonoscopy, the polyps were removed AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of short bowel syndrome (SBS) AND
3. Patient has had a reduction from baseline in parenteral nutrition OR intravenous (PN/IV) fluids AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., gastroenterologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be 6 months for initial, 12 months for renewal

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Gauze Pads PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Gauze Pads

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

This program will be implemented as a dynamic PA.

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. The requested medical supply product will be used in the delivery of insulin to the body AND
2. Patient's medication history includes use of insulin within the past 180 days

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Growth Hormone PA – Omnitrope

**Drug Name(s)**

Omnitrope

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

For Children – Criteria for initial approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

- A. Patient has a diagnosis of Turner Syndrome OR
- B. Patient has a diagnosis of Prader-Willi Syndrome OR
- C. Patient has a diagnosis of panhypopituitarism AND BOTH of the following:
  - i. Deficiencies in 3 or more pituitary axes AND
  - ii. Measured serum IGF-1 (insulin-like growth factor-1) levels are below the age and sex-appropriate reference range when off GH therapy OR
- D. Patient has a diagnosis of growth hormone deficiency (GHD) or short stature AND BOTH of the following:
  - i. Patient has ONE of the following:
    - a. Height more than 2 standard deviations (SD) below the mean for age and sex OR
    - b. Height more than 1.5 SD below the midparental height OR
    - c. A decrease in height SD of more than 0.5 over one year in children at least 2 years of age OR
    - d. Height velocity more than 2 SD below the mean over one year or more than 1.5 SD sustained over two years AND
  - ii. Failure of at least 2 growth hormone (GH) stimulation tests (e.g., peak GH value of less than 10 mcg/L after stimulation, or otherwise considered abnormal as determined by testing lab) OR
- E. Patient has a diagnosis of small for gestational age (SGA) AND ALL of the following:
  - i. Patient is at least 2 years of age AND
  - ii. Documented birth weight and/or length that is 2 or more SD below the mean for gestational age AND
  - iii. At 24 months of age, the patient fails to manifest catch-up growth evidenced by a height that remains 2 or more SD below the mean for age and sex

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

For Children – Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the preferred agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has been diagnosed with ONE of the following:
  - A. Growth Hormone Deficiency, Short Stature OR
  - B. Panhypopituitarism OR
  - C. Prader-Willi Syndrome OR
  - D. Small for Gestational Age (SGA) OR
  - E. Turner Syndrome AND
3. ALL of the following:
  - A. Patient does NOT have closed epiphyses AND
  - B. Patient is being monitored for adverse effects of therapy with the requested agent AND
  - C. Patient's height has increased or height velocity has improved since initiation or last approval of the requested agent

For Adults – Criteria for initial approval require the following:

1. Patient has been diagnosed with ONE of the following:
  - A. Childhood growth hormone deficiency (GHD) with genetic or organic origin AND ONE of the following:
    - i. Low IGF-1 (insulin-like growth factor-1) level without GH replacement therapy OR
    - ii. Failure of at least one growth hormone (GH) stimulation test as an adult (e.g., peak GH value of 5 mcg/L or lower after stimulation, or otherwise considered abnormal as determined by testing lab) OR
  - B. Acquired adult GHD secondary to structural lesions or trauma AND ONE of the following:
    - i. Patient has a diagnosis of panhypopituitarism AND BOTH of the following:
      - a. Deficiencies in 3 or more pituitary axes AND
      - b. Low IGF-1 level without GH replacement therapy OR
    - ii. Patient has failed at least one growth hormone (GH) stimulation test as an adult OR
  - C. Idiopathic GHD (adult or childhood onset) AND the patient has failed at least two growth hormone (GH) stimulation tests as an adult

For Adults – Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the preferred agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has been diagnosed with ONE of the following:
  - A. Childhood growth hormone deficiency (GHD) with genetic or organic origin OR
  - B. Acquired adult GHD secondary to structural lesions or trauma OR
  - C. Idiopathic GHD (adult or childhood onset) AND
3. Patient is being monitored for adverse effects of therapy with the requested agent AND
4. Patient's IGF-1 level has been evaluated to confirm the appropriateness of the current dose AND
5. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent (i.e., body composition, hip-to-waist ratio, cardiovascular health, bone mineral density, serum cholesterol, physical strength, or quality of life)

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

HAE PA – Haegarda

**Drug Name(s)**

Haegarda

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema (HAE) which has been confirmed via two confirmatory tests of C1-INH antigenic level, C1-INH functional level, and C4 level as follows:
  - a. Hereditary angioedema (HAE) due to C1INH deficiency [HAE-C1INH (Type I)]: decreased quantities of C4 and C1-INH (antigenic and functional level) OR
  - b. Hereditary angioedema (HAE) due to C1INH deficiency [HAE-C1INH (Type II)]: decreased quantities of C4 and C1-INH function (C1-INH protein level may be normal) OR
  - c. Hereditary angioedema (HAE) with normal C1INH [HAE-nI-C1INH (Type III)]: Normal levels of C4 and C1-INH [antigenic and functional level (at baseline and during an attack)] AND ONE of the following:
    - i. BOTH of the following:
      1. Family history of angioedema AND
      2. ALL other causes of angioedema have been ruled out OR
    - ii. Patient demonstrates a Factor XII mutation, angiopoietin-1 (ANGPT1) mutation, plasminogen (PLG) mutation, kininogen1 mutation, heparan sulfate 3-O-sulfotransferase 6 gene mutation, or myoferlin gene mutation that is associated with the disease AND
2. Medications known to cause angioedema (e.g., ACE-Inhibitors, estrogens, angiotensin II receptor blockers) have been evaluated and discontinued when appropriate AND
3. The requested agent will be used for prophylaxis against HAE attacks AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another HAE agent indicated for prophylaxis against HAE attacks

**Age Restriction:**

Patient is within the FDA labeled age for the requested agent

**Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema (HAE) AND
3. The requested agent is being used for prophylaxis against HAE attacks AND
4. Patient has had a decrease in the frequency or severity of acute attacks or has had stabilization of disease from use of the requested agent AND

5. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another HAE agent indicated for prophylaxis against HAE attacks

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

HAE PA – Icatibant

**Drug Name(s)**

Icatibant Acetate

Sajazir

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema (HAE) which has been confirmed via two confirmatory tests of C1-INH antigenic level, C1-INH functional level, and C4 level as follows:
  - a. Hereditary angioedema (HAE) due to C1INH deficiency [HAE-C1INH (Type I)]: decreased quantities of C4 and C1-INH (antigenic and functional level) OR
  - b. Hereditary angioedema (HAE) due to C1INH deficiency [HAE-C1INH (Type II)]: decreased quantities of C4 and C1-INH function (C1-INH protein level may be normal) OR
  - c. Hereditary angioedema (HAE) with normal C1INH [HAE-nI-C1INH (Type III)]: Normal levels of C4 and C1-INH [antigenic and functional level (at baseline and during an attack)] AND ONE of the following:
    - i. BOTH of the following:
      1. Family history of angioedema AND
      2. ALL other causes of angioedema have been ruled out OR
    - ii. Patient demonstrates a Factor XII mutation, angiopoietin-1 (ANGPT1) mutation, plasminogen (PLG) mutation, kininogen1 mutation, heparan sulfate 3-O-sulfotransferase 6 gene mutation, or myoferlin gene mutation that is associated with the disease AND
2. Medications known to cause angioedema (e.g., ACE-Inhibitors, estrogens, angiotensin II receptor blockers) have been evaluated and discontinued when appropriate AND
3. The requested agent will be used to treat acute HAE attacks AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another HAE agent indicated for treatment of acute HAE attacks

**Age Restriction:**

Patient is within the FDA labeled age for the requested agent

**Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of hereditary angioedema (HAE) AND
3. The requested agent will be used to treat acute HAE attacks AND

4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another HAE agent indicated for treatment of acute HAE attacks AND
5. Patient has had a decrease in the frequency or severity of acute attacks or stabilization of disease from use of the requested agent



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

High Risk Medication PA - All Starts

**Drug Name(s)**

Benztrapine Mesylate

Cyproheptadine Hcl

Dicyclomine Hcl

Diphenoxylate Hcl/Atropine Sulfate

Hydroxyzine Hcl

Promethazine Hcl

Scopolamine

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

PA does NOT apply to patients less than 65 years of age.

Criteria for approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested high-risk medication AND
2. Prescriber has indicated that the benefits of the requested high-risk medication outweigh the risks for the patient AND
3. Prescriber has indicated that the risks and potential side effects of the requested high-risk medication have been discussed with the patient

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Imiquimod PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Imiquimod

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. Patient has ONE of the following diagnoses:

- A. Actinic keratosis OR
- B. Superficial basal cell carcinoma OR
- C. External genital and/or perianal warts/condyloma acuminata OR
- D. Squamous cell carcinoma OR
- E. Basal cell carcinoma OR
- F. Another indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

4 months for Actinic keratosis, other diagnoses - see Other Criteria

**Other Criteria:**

2 months for Superficial basal cell carcinoma, Squamous cell carcinoma, or Basal cell carcinoma

4 months for External genital and/or perianal warts/condyloma acuminata

12 months for All other diagnoses

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Inbrija PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Inbrija

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. The requested agent will be used for intermittent treatment of OFF episodes in patients with Parkinson's disease AND
2. The requested agent will be used in combination with carbidopa/levodopa

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., neurologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Ingrezza PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Ingrezza

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. Patient has a diagnosis of chorea associated with Huntington's disease AND BOTH of the following:

i. ONE of the following:

1. Patient does NOT have a current diagnosis of depression OR
2. Patient has a current diagnosis of depression and is being treated for depression AND

ii. ONE of the following:

1. Patient does NOT have a diagnosis of passive suicidal ideation and/or behavior OR
2. Patient has a diagnosis of passive suicidal ideation and/or behavior and must NOT be actively suicidal OR

B. Patient has a diagnosis of tardive dyskinesia AND ONE of the following:

i. Prescriber has reduced the dose of or discontinued any medications known to cause tardive dyskinesia (i.e., dopamine receptor blocking agents) OR

ii. Prescriber has provided clinical rationale indicating that a reduced dose or discontinuation of any medications known to cause tardive dyskinesia is not appropriate

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Insulin Pen Needle PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Insulin Pen Needle

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

This program will be implemented as a dynamic PA.

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. The requested medical supply product will be used in the delivery of insulin to the body AND
2. Patient's medication history includes use of insulin within the past 180 days

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Insulin Syringe\_Needle PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Insulin Syringe/Needle

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

This program will be implemented as a dynamic PA.

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. The requested medical supply product will be used in the delivery of insulin to the body AND
2. Patient's medication history includes use of insulin within the past 180 days

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Iron Chelating Agents PA – Exjade

**Drug Name(s)**

Deferasirox (Exjade)

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require BOTH of the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic iron overload due to a non-transfusion dependent thalassemia syndrome AND ONE of the following:

- i. A liver iron (Fe) concentration (LIC) of at least 5 mg Fe per gram of dry weight OR
- ii. A serum ferritin greater than 300 mcg/L OR
- iii. MRI confirmation of iron deposition OR

B. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic iron overload due to blood transfusions AND

2. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another iron chelating agent (e.g., deferiprone) for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND

2. ONE of the following:

A. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic iron overload due to a non-transfusion dependent thalassemia syndrome OR

B. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic iron overload due to blood transfusions AND

3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND

4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another iron chelating agent (e.g., deferiprone) for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:**

Patient is within the FDA labeled age for the requested agent for the requested indication

**Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Iron Chelating Agents PA – Jadenu

**Drug Name(s)**

Deferasirox (Jadenu)

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require BOTH of the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic iron overload due to a non-transfusion dependent thalassemia syndrome AND ONE of the following:

- i. A liver iron (Fe) concentration (LIC) of at least 5 mg Fe per gram of dry weight OR
- ii. A serum ferritin greater than 300 mcg/L OR
- iii. MRI confirmation of iron deposition OR

B. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic iron overload due to blood transfusions AND

2. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another iron chelating agent (e.g., deferiprone) for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND

2. ONE of the following:

A. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic iron overload due to a non-transfusion dependent thalassemia syndrome OR

B. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic iron overload due to blood transfusions AND

3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND

4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another iron chelating agent (e.g., deferiprone) for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:**

Patient is within the FDA labeled age for the requested agent for the requested indication

**Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Ivermectin Tablet PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Ivermectin Tablet

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
2. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing or supported in CMS approved compendia dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 4 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Kalydeco PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Kalydeco

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. Patient has ONE of the CFTR gene mutations or a mutation in the CFTR gene that is responsive based on in vitro data, as indicated in the FDA label, confirmed by genetic testing OR
  - B. Patient has another CFTR gene mutation(s) that is responsive to the requested agent, as indicated in the FDA label, confirmed by genetic testing AND
3. Patient is NOT homozygous for the F508del mutation AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another CFTR modulator agent for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis AND
3. Patient has had improvement or stabilization with the requested agent [e.g., improvement in FEV1 from baseline, increase in weight/BMI, improvement from baseline Cystic Fibrosis Questionnaire-Revised (CFQ-R) Respiratory Domain score, improvements in respiratory symptoms (cough, sputum production, and difficulty breathing), and/or reduced number of pulmonary exacerbations] AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another CFTR modulator agent for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:**

Patient is within the FDA labeled age for the requested agent

**Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., cystic fibrosis, pulmonologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Kerendia PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Kerendia

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Leuprolide PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Eligard

Leuprolide Acetate

Lupron Depot (1-Month)

Lupron Depot (4-Month)

Lupron Depot-Ped (1-Month)

Lupron Depot-Ped (3-Month)

Lupron Depot-Ped (6-Month)

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent OR
  - C. BOTH of the following:
    - i. Patient is NOT currently being treated with the requested agent AND
    - ii. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent AND
3. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing or supported in CMS approved compendia dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Lidocaine Topical PA - Lidocaine Patch

**Drug Name(s)**

Lidocan

Lidocaine Patch

Tridacaine II

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has ONE of the following diagnoses:

- A. Pain associated with postherpetic neuralgia (PHN) OR
  - B. Pain associated with diabetic neuropathy OR
  - C. Neuropathic pain associated with cancer, or cancer treatment OR
  - D. Another diagnosis that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent
- AND

2. ONE of the following:

- A. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to a conventional therapy [e.g., gabapentin, pregabalin, oral prescription NSAID (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug)] for the requested indication OR
- B. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to a conventional therapy OR
- C. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to a conventional therapy

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Lidocaine Topical PA - Lidocaine/prilocaine Cream

**Drug Name(s)**

Lidocaine/Prilocaine

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. The requested agent will be used for ONE of the following:
  - A. Local analgesia on normal intact skin OR
  - B. Topical anesthetic for dermal procedures OR
  - C. Adjunctive anesthesia prior to local anesthetic infiltration in adult male genital skin OR
  - D. Anesthesia for minor procedures on female external genitalia OR
  - E. Another indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Linezolid PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Linezolid

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND ONE of the following:

- a. The requested agent is prescribed by an infectious disease specialist or the prescriber has consulted with an infectious disease specialist on treatment of this patient OR
- b. Patient has a documented infection due to vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus faecium* OR
- c. Patient has a diagnosis of pneumonia caused by *Staphylococcus aureus* or *Streptococcus pneumoniae* AND ONE of the following:
  - i. Patient has a documented infection that is resistant to TWO of the following: beta-lactams, macrolides, clindamycin, tetracyclines, or co-trimoxazole, OR that is resistant to vancomycin OR
  - ii. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to TWO of the following: beta-lactams, macrolides, clindamycin, tetracyclines, or co-trimoxazole OR
  - iii. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to TWO of the following: beta-lactams, macrolides, clindamycin, tetracyclines, or co-trimoxazole OR
  - iv. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to vancomycin OR
  - v. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to vancomycin OR
- d. Patient has a documented skin and skin structure infection, including diabetic foot infections, caused by *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or *Streptococcus agalactiae* AND ONE of the following:
  - i. Patient has a documented infection that is resistant to TWO of the following: beta-lactams, macrolides, clindamycin, tetracyclines, or co-trimoxazole, OR that is resistant to vancomycin at the site of infection OR
  - ii. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to TWO of the following: beta-lactams, macrolides, clindamycin, tetracyclines, or co-trimoxazole OR
  - iii. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to TWO of the following: beta-lactams, macrolides, clindamycin, tetracyclines, or co-trimoxazole OR

Criteria continues: see Other Criteria

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 3 months

**Other Criteria:**

- iv. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to vancomycin OR

- v. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to vancomycin AND
- 2. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with Sivextro (tedizolid) for the same infection AND
- 3. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Mavyret PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Mavyret

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ALL of the following:

1. ONE of the following:

- A. Patient has a diagnosis of hepatitis C confirmed by serological markers OR
- B. Patient is a hepatitis C virus (HCV) - uninfected solid organ transplant recipient AND BOTH of the following:
  - i. Patient received an HCV - viremic donor organ AND
  - ii. The requested agent is being used for prophylaxis AND

2. Prescriber has screened the patient for current or prior hepatitis B viral (HBV) infection and if positive, will monitor the patient for HBV flare-up or reactivation during and after treatment with the requested agent AND

3. The requested agent will be used in a treatment regimen and length of therapy that is supported in FDA approved labeling or AASLD/IDSA guidelines for the patient's diagnosis and genotype AND

4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing or supported in AASLD/IDSA guideline dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., gastroenterologist, hepatologist or infectious disease) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Duration of therapy: Based on FDA approved labeling or AASLD/IDSA guideline supported

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Memantine PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Memantine Hcl Titration Pak

Memantine Hcl

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

PA does NOT apply to patients greater than or equal to 30 years of age

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. Patient is younger than 30 years of age AND ONE of the following:
  - A. Patient has a diagnosis of moderate to severe dementia of the Alzheimer's type OR
  - B. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Methylphenidate ER Tablet PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Methylphenidate Hcl Er Tablet

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Miebo PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Miebo

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Mifepristone PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Mifepristone

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of Cushing's syndrome AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. Patient has type 2 diabetes mellitus OR
  - B. Patient has glucose intolerance as defined by a 2-hour glucose tolerance test plasma glucose value of 140-199 mg/dL AND
3. ONE of the following:
  - A. Patient had an inadequate response to surgical resection OR
  - B. Patient is NOT a candidate for surgical resection

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of Cushing's syndrome AND
3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Migranal PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Dihydroergotamine Mesylate Spray

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. The requested agent will be used for the treatment of acute migraine with or without aura AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to TWO triptan agents with differing active ingredients (e.g., sumatriptan, rizatriptan) OR
  - B. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to TWO triptan agents with differing active ingredients OR
  - C. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to TWO triptan agents with differing active ingredients AND
3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another acute migraine agent (e.g., triptan, 5HT-1F, acute CGRP)

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. The requested agent will be used for the treatment of acute migraine with or without aura AND
3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another acute migraine agent (e.g., triptan, 5HT-1F, acute CGRP)

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Modafinil PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Modafinil

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
2. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another target agent (i.e., armodafinil)

**Age Restriction:**

Patient is 17 years of age or over

**Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Mounjaro PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Mounjaro

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

Requested agent will be used for weight loss alone

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes mellitus AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
  - C. ALL of the following:
    - i. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent AND
    - ii. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another GLP-1 agonist agent, or an agent containing a GLP-1 agonist AND
    - iii. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with an agent containing a dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4) inhibitor

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

MS PA – Betaseron

**Drug Name(s)**

Betaseron

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
2. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another disease modifying agent (DMA) or a biologic immunomodulator for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another disease modifying agent (DMA) or a biologic immunomodulator for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

MS PA - Dimethyl Fumarate

**Drug Name(s)**

Dimethyl Fumarate

Dimethyl Fumarate Starterpack

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
2. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another disease modifying agent (DMA) or a biologic immunomodulator for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another disease modifying agent (DMA) or a biologic immunomodulator for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

MS PA – Glatiramer

**Drug Name(s)**

Copaxone

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
2. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another disease modifying agent (DMA) or a biologic immunomodulator for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another disease modifying agent (DMA) or a biologic immunomodulator for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

MS PA – Kesimpta

**Drug Name(s)**

Kesimpta

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
2. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another disease modifying agent (DMA) or a biologic immunomodulator for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another disease modifying agent (DMA) or a biologic immunomodulator for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Nuedexta PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Nuedexta

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. Patient has a diagnosis of pseudobulbar affect OR

B. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Nuplazid PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Nuplazid

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Nurtec PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Nurtec

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of migraine AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. The requested agent is being used for the treatment of acute migraine with or without aura AND BOTH of the following:
    - i. ONE of the following:
      - a. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to a triptan (e.g., sumatriptan, rizatriptan) agent OR
      - b. Patient has an intolerance, or hypersensitivity to a triptan OR
      - c. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to a triptan AND
    - ii. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another acute migraine agent (e.g., triptan, 5HT-1F, ergotamine, acute CGRP) OR
  - B. The requested agent is being used for migraine prophylaxis AND BOTH of the following:
    - i. Patient has 4 or more migraine headache days per month AND
    - ii. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) agent for migraine prophylaxis

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of migraine AND
3. ONE of the following:
  - A. The requested agent is being used for the treatment of acute migraine with or without aura AND BOTH of the following:
    - i. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
    - ii. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another acute migraine agent (e.g., triptan, 5HT-1F, ergotamine, acute CGRP) OR
  - B. The requested agent is being used for migraine prophylaxis AND BOTH of the following:
    - i. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
    - ii. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) agent for migraine prophylaxis

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 Months

**Other Criteria:**



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Ofev PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Ofev

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:
  - A. BOTH of the following:
    - i. Patient has a diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) AND
    - ii. Patient has no known explanation for interstitial lung disease (ILD) or pulmonary fibrosis (e.g., radiation, drugs, metal dusts, sarcoidosis, or any connective tissue disease known to cause ILD) OR
  - B. BOTH of the following:
    - i. Patient has a diagnosis of systemic sclerosis-associated interstitial lung disease (SSc-ILD) AND
    - ii. Patient's diagnosis has been confirmed on high-resolution computed tomography (HRCT) or chest radiography scans OR
  - C. BOTH of the following:
    - i. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic fibrosing interstitial lung disease (ILD) with a progressive phenotype AND
    - ii. Patient's diagnosis has been confirmed on high-resolution computed tomography (HRCT)

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of ONE of the following:
  - A. Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) OR
  - B. Systemic sclerosis-associated interstitial lung disease (SSc-ILD) OR
  - C. Chronic fibrosing interstitial lung disease (ILD) with a progressive phenotype AND
3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., pathologist, pulmonologist, radiologist, rheumatologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Ophthalmic Immunomodulators PA – Xiidra

**Drug Name(s)**

Xiidra

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Opioids ER PA - Fentanyl Patch

**Drug Name(s)**

Fentanyl

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

- A. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic cancer-related pain OR
- B. Patient has a diagnosis of pain due to sickle cell disease OR
- C. Patient is undergoing treatment of chronic non-cancer pain AND ONE of the following:
  - i. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
  - ii. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
  - iii. ALL of the following:
    - a. Prescriber has completed a formal, consultative evaluation including BOTH of the following:
      - 1. Diagnosis AND
      - 2. A medical history which includes previous and current pharmacological and non-pharmacological therapy for the requested diagnosis AND
    - b. The requested agent is NOT prescribed as an as-needed (prn) analgesic AND
    - c. Prescriber has confirmed that a patient-specific pain management plan is on file for the patient AND
    - d. ONE of the following:
      - 1. Patient's medication history includes use of an immediate-acting opioid OR
      - 2. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to an immediate-acting opioid OR
      - 3. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to an immediate-acting opioid AND
    - e. Prescriber has reviewed the patient's records in the state's prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) AND has determined that the opioid dosages and combinations of opioids and other controlled substances within the patient's records do NOT indicate the patient is at high risk for overdose AND
    - f. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Opioids ER PA – Morphine

**Drug Name(s)**

Morphine Sulfate Er

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

- A. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic cancer-related pain OR
- B. Patient has a diagnosis of pain due to sickle cell disease OR
- C. Patient is undergoing treatment of chronic non-cancer pain AND ONE of the following:
  - i. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
  - ii. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
  - iii. ALL of the following:
    - a. Prescriber has completed a formal, consultative evaluation including BOTH of the following:
      - 1. Diagnosis AND
      - 2. A medical history which includes previous and current pharmacological and non-pharmacological therapy for the requested diagnosis AND
    - b. The requested agent is NOT prescribed as an as-needed (prn) analgesic AND
    - c. Prescriber has confirmed that a patient-specific pain management plan is on file for the patient AND
    - d. ONE of the following:
      - 1. Patient's medication history includes use of an immediate-acting opioid OR
      - 2. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to an immediate-acting opioid OR
      - 3. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to an immediate-acting opioid AND
    - e. Prescriber has reviewed the patient's records in the state's prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) AND has determined that the opioid dosages and combinations of opioids and other controlled substances within the patient's records do NOT indicate the patient is at high risk for overdose AND
    - f. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Opioids ER PA – Tramadol

**Drug Name(s)**

Tramadol Hcl Er

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

- A. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic cancer-related pain OR
- B. Patient has a diagnosis of pain due to sickle cell disease OR
- C. Patient is undergoing treatment of chronic non-cancer pain AND ONE of the following:
  - i. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
  - ii. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
  - iii. ALL of the following:
    - a. Prescriber has completed a formal, consultative evaluation including BOTH of the following:
      - 1. Diagnosis AND
      - 2. A medical history which includes previous and current pharmacological and non-pharmacological therapy for the requested diagnosis AND
    - b. The requested agent is NOT prescribed as an as-needed (prn) analgesic AND
    - c. Prescriber has confirmed that a patient-specific pain management plan is on file for the patient AND
    - d. ONE of the following:
      - 1. Patient's medication history includes use of an immediate-acting opioid OR
      - 2. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to an immediate-acting opioid OR
      - 3. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to an immediate-acting opioid AND
    - e. Prescriber has reviewed the patient's records in the state's prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) AND has determined that the opioid dosages and combinations of opioids and other controlled substances within the patient's records do NOT indicate the patient is at high risk for overdose AND
    - f. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Orkambi PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Orkambi

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. Patient has the presence of the F508del mutation on both alleles (homozygous) of the CFTR gene confirmed by genetic testing OR
  - B. Patient has another CFTR gene mutation(s) that is responsive to the requested agent, as indicated in the FDA label, confirmed by genetic testing AND
3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another CFTR modulator agent for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis AND
3. Patient has had improvement or stabilization with the requested agent [e.g., improvement in FEV1 from baseline, increase in weight/BMI, improvement from baseline Cystic Fibrosis Questionnaire-Revised (CFQ-R) Respiratory Domain score, improvements in respiratory symptoms (cough, sputum production, and difficulty breathing), and/or reduced number of pulmonary exacerbations] AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another CFTR modulator agent for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:**

Patient is within the FDA labeled age for the requested agent

**Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., cystic fibrosis, pulmonologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Otezla PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Otezla

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require BOTH of the following:

1. ONE of the following:
  - A. BOTH of the following:
    - i. Patient has ONE of the following diagnoses:
      1. Plaque psoriasis OR
      2. Active psoriatic arthritis AND
    - ii. ONE of the following:
      1. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
      2. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND provided clinical justification to support that the patient is at risk if therapy is changed OR
      3. Patient's medication history indicates use of a biologic immunomodulator agent for the same FDA labeled indication OR
      4. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to at least ONE conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
      5. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to at least ONE conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
      6. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to at least ONE conventional prerequisite agent for the requested indication OR
  - B. Patient has a diagnosis of oral ulcers associated with Behcet's disease (BD) AND
2. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has ONE of the following diagnoses:
  - A. Plaque psoriasis OR
  - B. Active psoriatic arthritis OR
  - C. Oral ulcers associated with Behcet's disease (BD) AND
3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent (slowing of disease progression or decrease in symptom severity and/or frequency) AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

Formulary conventional agent required for diagnoses of plaque psoriasis or active psoriatic arthritis

Formulary conventional agents for plaque psoriasis include cyclosporine, methotrexate, tazarotene, topical calcitriol, or topical corticosteroids

Formulary conventional agents for active psoriatic arthritis include cyclosporine, leflunomide, methotrexate, or sulfasalazine

NO prerequisites are required for a diagnosis of oral ulcers associated with Behcet's disease (BD)

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Ozempic PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Ozempic

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

Requested agent will be used for weight loss alone

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. Patient has a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes mellitus OR

B. BOTH of the following:

i. Patient has a diagnosis of established cardiovascular disease [e.g., myocardial infarction, stroke, any revascularization procedure, transient ischemic attack, unstable angina, amputation, symptomatic or asymptomatic coronary artery disease] with type 2 diabetes mellitus AND

ii. The requested agent will be used to reduce the risk of major adverse cardiovascular events (cardiovascular death, non-fatal myocardial infarction, or non-fatal stroke) OR

C. BOTH of the following:

i. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic kidney disease with type 2 diabetes mellitus AND

ii. The requested agent will be used to reduce the risk of sustained eGFR decline, end-stage kidney disease, and cardiovascular death AND

2. ONE of the following:

A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR

B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR

C. ALL of the following:

i. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent AND

ii. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another GLP-1 agonist agent, or an agent containing a GLP-1 agonist AND

iii. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with an agent containing a dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4) inhibitor

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Panretin PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Panretin

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. ONE of the following:

- A. Patient has a diagnosis of cutaneous lesions associated with AIDS-related Kaposi's sarcoma (KS) OR
- B. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND

2. ONE of the following:

- A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
- B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent OR
- C. ALL of the following:
  - i. ONE of the following:
    - 1. BOTH of the following:
      - a. Patient has a diagnosis of cutaneous lesions associated with AIDS-related Kaposi's sarcoma (KS) AND
      - b. Patient does NOT require systemic anti-Kaposi's sarcoma therapy OR
    - 2. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
  - ii. Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., oncologist, dermatologist, infectious disease) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis AND
  - iii. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Pegylated Interferon PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Pegasys

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis B AND BOTH of the following:

- i. The chronic hepatitis B infection has been confirmed by serological markers AND
- ii. Patient has NOT been administered the requested agent for more than 48 weeks for the treatment of chronic hepatitis B OR

B. BOTH of the following:

- i. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C confirmed by serological markers AND
- ii. The requested agent will be used in a treatment regimen and length of therapy that is supported in FDA approved labeling for the patient's diagnosis and genotype OR

C. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

12 months for all other diagnoses. For hep B, hep C see Other Criteria

**Other Criteria:**

No prior peginterferon alfa use, approve 48 weeks for hepatitis B infection. Prior peginterferon alfa use, approve remainder of 48 weeks of total therapy for hepatitis B infection

Duration of therapy for hepatitis C: Based on FDA approved labeling

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Pirfenidone PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Pirfenidone

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) AND
2. Patient has no known explanation for interstitial lung disease (ILD) or pulmonary fibrosis (e.g., radiation, drugs, metal dusts, sarcoidosis, or any connective tissue disease known to cause ILD)

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) AND
3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., pathologist, pulmonologist, radiologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Posaconazole PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Noxafil Pak

Posaconazole Dr

Posaconazole Susp

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. Patient has a diagnosis of oropharyngeal candidiasis AND ONE of the following:

- i. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to fluconazole or an alternative antifungal agent OR
- ii. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to fluconazole or an alternative antifungal agent OR
- iii. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to fluconazole or an alternative antifungal agent OR

B. The requested agent is being prescribed for prophylaxis of invasive Aspergillus or Candida AND patient is severely immunocompromised, such as a hematopoietic stem cell transplant [HSCT] recipient, or hematologic malignancy with prolonged neutropenia from chemotherapy, or is a high-risk solid organ (lung, heart-lung, liver, pancreas, small bowel) transplant patient, or long term use of high dose corticosteroids (greater than 1 mg/kg/day of prednisone or equivalent) OR

C. Patient has a diagnosis of invasive Aspergillus AND ONE of the following:

- i. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to an alternative antifungal agent OR
- ii. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to an alternative antifungal agent OR
- iii. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to an alternative antifungal agent OR

D. Patient has another indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

One month for oropharyngeal candidiasis, 6 months for all other indications

**Other Criteria:**

Criteria for renewal approval require BOTH of the following:

- 1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
- 2. ONE of the following:

- A. The requested agent is being prescribed for prophylaxis of invasive *Aspergillus* or *Candida* and patient continues to be severely immunocompromised, such as a hematopoietic stem cell transplant [HSCT] recipient, or hematologic malignancy with prolonged neutropenia from chemotherapy, or is a high-risk solid organ (lung, heart-lung, liver, pancreas, small bowel) transplant patient, or long term use of high dose corticosteroids (greater than 1 mg/kg/day of prednisone or equivalent) OR
- B. Patient has a diagnosis of invasive *Aspergillus* AND patient has continued indicators of active disease (e.g., continued radiologic findings, positive cultures, positive serum galactomannan assay for *Aspergillus*) OR
- C. BOTH of the following:
  - i. Patient has a diagnosis of oropharyngeal candidiasis AND
  - ii. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent OR
- D. BOTH of the following:
  - i. Patient has another indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
  - ii. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Prolia PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Prolia

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications, Some Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:**

Osteopenia (osteoporosis prophylaxis)

**Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ALL of:

1. ONE of:

A. Patient's (pt) sex is male or the pt is postmenopausal with a diagnosis of osteoporosis AND BOTH of:

i. Pt's diagnosis was confirmed by ONE of:

1. A fragility fracture in the hip or spine OR
2. A T-score of -2.5 or lower OR
3. A T-score of -1.0 to -2.5 AND ONE of:
  - a. A fragility fracture of the proximal humerus, pelvis, or distal forearm OR
  - b. A FRAX 10-year probability for major osteoporotic fracture of 20% or greater OR
  - c. A FRAX 10-year probability of hip fracture of 3% or greater AND

ii. ONE of:

1. Pt is at a very high fracture risk as defined by ONE of:
  - a. Pt had a recent fracture (within the past 12 months) OR
  - b. Pt had fractures while on FDA approved osteoporosis therapy OR
  - c. Pt has had multiple fractures OR
  - d. Pt had fractures while on drugs causing skeletal harm (e.g., long-term glucocorticoids) OR
  - e. Pt has a very low T-score (less than -3.0) OR
  - f. Pt is at high risk for falls or has a history of injurious falls OR
  - g. Pt has a very high fracture probability by FRAX (e.g., major osteoporosis fracture greater than 30%, hip fracture greater than 4.5%) or by other validated fracture risk algorithm OR
2. ONE of:
  - a. Pt's medication history includes use of a bisphosphonate OR
  - b. Pt has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to a bisphosphonate OR

B. Pt is requesting the agent for osteopenia (osteoporosis prophylaxis) AND ALL of:

i. ONE of:

1. Pt's sex is male and the pt is 50 years of age or over OR
2. Pt is postmenopausal AND

- ii. Pt has a T-score between -1.0 to -2.50 AND
- iii. ONE of:
  - a. A fragility fracture of the proximal humerus, pelvis, or distal forearm OR
  - b. 10-year probability of a hip fracture 3% and greater per FRAX OR
  - c. 10-year probability of a major OP-related fracture 20% and greater per FRAX AND
- iv. ONE of:
  - a. Pt's medication history includes use of a bisphosphonate OR

Criteria continues: See Other Criteria

**Age Restriction:**

**Prescriber Restrictions:**

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

- b. Pt has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to a bisphosphonate OR
- C. Pt's sex is a female with a diagnosis of breast cancer who is receiving aromatase inhibitor therapy AND ONE of:
  - i. Pt's medication history includes use of a bisphosphonate OR
  - ii. Pt has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to a bisphosphonate OR
- D. Pt's sex is male with a diagnosis of prostate cancer receiving androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) AND ONE of:
  - i. Pt's medication history includes use of a bisphosphonate OR
  - ii. Pt has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to a bisphosphonate OR
- E. Pt has a diagnosis of glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis AND ALL of:
  - i. Pt is either initiating or continuing systemic glucocorticoids in a daily dose equivalent to 7.5 mg or greater of prednisone AND
  - ii. Pt is expected to remain on glucocorticoids for at least 6 months AND
  - iii. Pt's diagnosis was confirmed by ONE of:
    - 1. A fragility fracture in the hip or spine OR
    - 2. A T-score of -2.5 or lower OR
    - 3. A T-score of -1.0 to -2.5 AND ONE of the following:
      - a. A fragility fracture of the proximal humerus, pelvis, or distal forearm OR
      - b. A FRAX 10-year probability for major osteoporotic fracture of 20% or greater OR
      - c. A FRAX 10-year probability of hip fracture of 3% or greater AND
  - iv. ONE of:
    - 1. Pt is at a very high fracture risk as defined by ONE of the following:
      - a. Pt had a recent fracture (within the past 12 months) OR
      - b. Pt had fractures while on FDA approved osteoporosis therapy OR

- c. Pt has had multiple fractures OR
- d. Pt had fractures while on drugs causing skeletal harm (e.g., long-term glucocorticoids) OR
- e. Pt has a very low T-score (less than -3.0) OR
- f. Pt is at high risk for falls or has a history of injurious falls OR
- g. Pt has a very high fracture probability by FRAX (e.g., major osteoporosis fracture greater than 30%, hip fracture greater than 4.5%) or by other validated fracture risk algorithm OR

2. ONE of:

- a. Pt's medication history includes use of a bisphosphonate OR
- b. Pt has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to a bisphosphonate AND

2. ONE of:

- A. Pt has a pretreatment or current calcium level that is NOT below the lower limit of the testing laboratory's normal range OR
- B. Pt has a pretreatment or current calcium level that is below the lower limit of the testing laboratory's normal range AND it will be corrected prior to use of the requested agent OR
- C. Prescriber has indicated that the pt is not at risk for hypocalcemia (not including risk associated with the requested agent) AND

3. Pt will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with a bisphosphonate, another form of denosumab (e.g., Xgeva), romosozumab-aqqg, or parathyroid hormone analog (e.g., abaloparatide, teriparatide) for the requested indication AND

4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing or supported in CMS approved compendia dosing for the requested indication

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Promacta PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Promacta

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require BOTH of the following:

1. ONE of the following:

- A. Patient (pt) has a diagnosis of persistent or chronic immune (idiopathic) thrombocytopenia (ITP) AND ONE of the following:
  - i. Pt has tried and had an insufficient response to a corticosteroid or immunoglobulin (IVIg or anti-D) OR
  - ii. Pt has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to a corticosteroid or immunoglobulin (IVIg or anti-D) OR
  - iii. Pt has an FDA labeled contraindication to a corticosteroid or immunoglobulin (IVIg or anti-D) OR
  - iv. Pt has had an insufficient response to a splenectomy OR
- B. Pt has a diagnosis of hepatitis C associated thrombocytopenia AND ONE of the following:
  - i. Pt's platelet count is less than  $75 \times 10^9/L$  AND the intent is to increase platelet counts sufficiently to initiate interferon therapy OR
  - ii. Pt is on concomitant therapy with interferon therapy AND is at risk for discontinuing hepatitis C therapy due to thrombocytopenia OR
- C. Pt has a diagnosis of severe aplastic anemia (SAA) AND ALL of the following:
  - i. Pt has at least 2 of the following blood criteria:
    - 1. Neutrophils less than  $0.5 \times 10^9/L$  OR
    - 2. Platelets less than  $30 \times 10^9/L$  OR
    - 3. Reticulocyte count less than  $60 \times 10^9/L$  AND
  - ii. Pt has at least 1 of the following marrow criteria:
    - 1. Severe hypocellularity is less than 25% OR
    - 2. Moderate hypocellularity is 25-50% with hematopoietic cells representing less than 30% of residual cells AND
  - iii. ONE of the following:
    - 1. Pt has tried and had an insufficient response to BOTH antithymocyte globulin (ATG) AND cyclosporine therapy OR
    - 2. BOTH of the following:
      - a. Pt will be using the requested agent as first-line treatment (i.e., has not been treated with ATG and/or cyclosporine) AND
      - b. Pt will use the requested agent in combination with standard immunosuppressive therapy (i.e., ATG AND cyclosporine) OR

Initial criteria continues: see Other Criteria

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Initial: 6 months for ITP. Renewal: 12 months for ITP. Other indications, see Other Criteria.

**Other Criteria:**

- D. Pt has another indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
- 2. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing or supported in CMS approved compendia dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

- 1. Pt has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
- 2. ONE of the following:
  - A. Pt has a diagnosis of persistent or chronic immune (idiopathic) thrombocytopenia (ITP) AND ONE of the following:
    - i. Pt's platelet count is  $50 \times 10^9/L$  or greater OR
    - ii. Pt's platelet count has increased sufficiently to avoid clinically significant bleeding OR
  - B. Pt has a diagnosis of hepatitis C associated thrombocytopenia AND BOTH of the following:
    - i. ONE of the following:
      - 1. Pt will be initiating hepatitis C therapy with interferon therapy OR
      - 2. Pt will be maintaining hepatitis C therapy with interferon therapy at the same time as the requested agent AND
    - ii. ONE of the following:
      - 1. Pt's platelet count is  $90 \times 10^9/L$  or greater OR
      - 2. Pt's platelet count has increased sufficiently to initiate or maintain interferon therapy for the treatment of hepatitis C OR
  - C. Pt has a diagnosis of severe aplastic anemia (SAA) AND the pt has had clinical benefit with the requested agent OR
  - D. Pt has another indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia and the pt has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
- 3. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing or supported in CMS approved compendia dosing for the requested indication

Initial: 48 weeks for hepatitis C associated thrombocytopenia, 6 months for first-line therapy in severe aplastic anemia, 16 weeks for SAA, 12 months for All other indications

Renewal: 48 weeks for hepatitis C associated thrombocytopenia, 12 months for SAA, 12 months for All other indications

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Pulmonary Hypertension PA – Adempas

**Drug Name(s)**

Adempas

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. BOTH of the following:

i. ONE of the following:

- a. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
- b. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days AND

ii. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent OR

B. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH), WHO Group 4, as determined by a ventilation-perfusion scan and a confirmatory selective pulmonary angiography AND ALL of the following:

i. ONE of the following:

- a. Patient is NOT a candidate for surgery OR
- b. Patient has had pulmonary endarterectomy AND has persistent or recurrent disease AND

ii. Patient has a mean pulmonary arterial pressure greater than 20 mmHg AND

iii. Patient has a pulmonary capillary wedge pressure less than or equal to 15 mmHg AND

iv. Patient has a pulmonary vascular resistance greater than or equal to 3 Wood units OR

C. Patient has a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), WHO Group 1 as determined by right heart catheterization AND ALL of the following:

i. Patient's World Health Organization (WHO) functional class is II or greater AND

ii. Patient has a mean pulmonary arterial pressure greater than 20 mmHg AND

iii. Patient has a pulmonary capillary wedge pressure less than or equal to 15 mmHg AND

iv. Patient has a pulmonary vascular resistance greater than or equal to 3 Wood units AND

Initial criteria continues: see Other Criteria

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months



**Other Criteria:**

- v. ONE of the following:
  - a. The requested agent will be utilized as monotherapy OR
  - b. The requested agent will be utilized for add-on therapy to existing monotherapy (dual therapy), AND BOTH of the following:
    - 1. Patient has unacceptable or deteriorating clinical status despite established pharmacotherapy AND
    - 2. The requested agent is in a different therapeutic class OR
  - c. The requested agent will be utilized for add-on therapy to existing dual therapy (triple therapy), AND ALL of the following:
    - 1. ONE of the following:
      - i. A prostanoid has been started as one of the agents in the triple therapy OR
      - ii. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to a prostanoid OR
      - iii. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to a prostanoid AND
    - 2. Patient has unacceptable or deteriorating clinical status despite established pharmacotherapy AND
    - 3. All three agents in the triple therapy are from a different therapeutic class

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

- 1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
- 2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
- 3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Pulmonary Hypertension PA – Ambrisentan

**Drug Name(s)**

Ambrisentan

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. BOTH of the following:

i. ONE of the following:

- a. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
- b. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days AND

ii. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent OR

B. Patient has a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), WHO Group 1 as determined by right heart catheterization AND ALL of the following:

i. Patient's World Health Organization (WHO) functional class is II or greater AND

ii. Patient has a mean pulmonary arterial pressure greater than 20 mmHg AND

iii. Patient has a pulmonary capillary wedge pressure less than or equal to 15 mmHg AND

iv. Patient has a pulmonary vascular resistance greater than or equal to 3 Wood units AND

v. ONE of the following:

a. The requested agent will be utilized as monotherapy OR

b. The requested agent will be used in combination with a phosphodiesterase 5 (PDE5) inhibitor for dual therapy ONLY OR

c. The requested agent will be utilized for add-on therapy to existing monotherapy (dual therapy), [except for dual therapy requests for a phosphodiesterase 5 (PDE 5) inhibitor plus an endothelin receptor antagonist (ERA)], AND BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has unacceptable or deteriorating clinical status despite established PAH pharmacotherapy AND

2. The requested agent is in a different therapeutic class OR

Initial criteria continues: see Other Criteria

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

- d. The requested agent will be utilized for add-on therapy to existing dual therapy (triple therapy), AND ALL of the following:
  - 1. ONE of the following:
    - i. A prostanoid has been started as one of the agents in the triple therapy OR
    - ii. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to a prostanoid OR
    - iii. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to a prostanoid AND
  - 2. Patient has unacceptable or deteriorating clinical status despite established PAH pharmacotherapy AND
  - 3. All three agents in the triple therapy are from a different therapeutic class OR
- e. The requested agent will be utilized as part of triple therapy in a treatment naive patient AND BOTH of the following:
  - 1. Patient is classified as WHO functional class IV AND
  - 2. The three agents being utilized consist of: ERA plus PDE5i plus prostanoid

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

- 1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
- 2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
- 3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Pulmonary Hypertension PA – Opsumit

**Drug Name(s)**

Opsumit

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. BOTH of the following:

i. ONE of the following:

- a. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
- b. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days AND

ii. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent OR

B. Patient has a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), WHO Group 1 as determined by right heart catheterization AND ALL of the following:

i. Patient's World Health Organization (WHO) functional class is II or greater AND

ii. Patient has a mean pulmonary arterial pressure greater than 20 mmHg AND

iii. Patient has a pulmonary capillary wedge pressure less than or equal to 15 mmHg AND

iv. Patient has a pulmonary vascular resistance greater than or equal to 3 Wood units AND

v. ONE of the following:

a. The requested agent will be utilized as monotherapy OR

b. The requested agent will be used in combination with a phosphodiesterase 5 (PDE5) inhibitor for dual therapy ONLY OR

c. The requested agent will be utilized for add-on therapy to existing monotherapy (dual therapy), [except for dual therapy requests for a phosphodiesterase 5 (PDE 5) inhibitor plus an endothelin receptor antagonist (ERA)], AND BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has unacceptable or deteriorating clinical status despite established PAH pharmacotherapy AND

2. The requested agent is in a different therapeutic class OR

Initial criteria continues: see Other Criteria

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

- d. The requested agent will be utilized for add-on therapy to existing dual therapy (triple therapy), AND ALL of the following:
  - 1. ONE of the following:
    - i. A prostanoid has been started as one of the agents in the triple therapy OR
    - ii. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to a prostanoid OR
    - iii. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to a prostanoid AND
  - 2. Patient has unacceptable or deteriorating clinical status despite established PAH pharmacotherapy AND
  - 3. All three agents in the triple therapy are from a different therapeutic class OR
- e. The requested agent will be utilized as part of triple therapy in a treatment naive patient AND BOTH of the following:
  - 1. Patient is classified as WHO functional class IV AND
  - 2. The three agents being utilized consist of: ERA plus PDE5i plus prostanoid

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

- 1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
- 2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
- 3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Pulmonary Hypertension PA – Sildenafil

**Drug Name(s)**

Sildenafil Citrate Tablet

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

Concurrently taking another phosphodiesterase 5 (PDE 5) inhibitor with the requested agent AND FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:
  - A. BOTH of the following:
    - i. ONE of the following:
      - a. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
      - b. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days AND
    - ii. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent OR
  - B. Patient has a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), WHO Group 1 as determined by right heart catheterization AND ALL of the following:
    - i. Patient's World Health Organization (WHO) functional class is II or greater AND
    - ii. Patient has a mean pulmonary arterial pressure greater than 20 mmHg AND
    - iii. Patient has a pulmonary capillary wedge pressure less than or equal to 15 mmHg AND
    - iv. Patient has a pulmonary vascular resistance greater than or equal to 3 Wood units AND
    - v. ONE of the following:
      - a. The requested agent will be utilized as monotherapy OR
      - b. The requested agent will be used in combination with an endothelin receptor antagonist (ERA) for dual therapy ONLY OR
      - c. The requested agent will be utilized for add-on therapy to existing monotherapy, [except for dual requests for a phosphodiesterase 5 (PDE5) inhibitor plus an endothelin receptor antagonist (ERA)], AND BOTH of the following:
        1. Patient has unacceptable or deteriorating clinical status despite established PAH pharmacotherapy AND
        2. The requested agent is in a different therapeutic class OR

Initial criteria continues: see Other Criteria

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

- d. The requested agent will be utilized for add-on therapy to existing dual therapy (triple therapy) AND ALL of the following:
  - 1. ONE of the following:
    - i. A prostanoid has been started as one of the agents in the triple therapy OR
    - ii. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to a prostanoid OR
    - iii. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to a prostanoid AND
  - 2. Patient has unacceptable or deteriorating clinical status despite established PAH pharmacotherapy AND
  - 3. All three agents in the triple therapy are from a different therapeutic class OR
- e. The requested agent will be utilized as part of triple therapy in a treatment naive patient AND BOTH of the following:
  - 1. Patient is classified as WHO functional class IV AND
  - 2. The three agents being utilized consist of: ERA plus PDE5i plus prostanoid OR

C. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

- 1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
- 2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
- 3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Pulmonary Hypertension PA – Tadalafil

**Drug Name(s)**

Tadalafil Tablet 20Mg

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

Concurrently taking another phosphodiesterase 5 (PDE 5) inhibitor with the requested agent AND FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:
  - A. BOTH of the following:
    - i. ONE of the following:
      - a. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
      - b. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days AND
    - ii. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent OR
  - B. Patient has a diagnosis of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), WHO Group 1 as determined by right heart catheterization AND ALL of the following:
    - i. Patient's World Health Organization (WHO) functional class is II or greater AND
    - ii. Patient has a mean pulmonary arterial pressure greater than 20 mmHg AND
    - iii. Patient has a pulmonary capillary wedge pressure less than or equal to 15 mmHg AND
    - iv. Patient has a pulmonary vascular resistance greater than or equal to 3 Wood units AND
    - v. ONE of the following:
      - a. The requested agent will be utilized as monotherapy OR
      - b. The requested agent will be used in combination with an endothelin receptor antagonist (ERA) for dual therapy ONLY OR
      - c. The requested agent will be utilized for add-on therapy to existing monotherapy, [except for dual requests for a phosphodiesterase 5 (PDE5) inhibitor plus an endothelin receptor antagonist (ERA)], AND BOTH of the following:
        1. Patient has unacceptable or deteriorating clinical status despite established PAH pharmacotherapy AND
        2. The requested agent is in a different therapeutic class OR

Initial criteria continues: see Other Criteria

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**



**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

- d. The requested agent will be utilized for add-on therapy to existing dual therapy (triple therapy) AND ALL of the following:
  - 1. ONE of the following:
    - i. A prostanoid has been started as one of the agents in the triple therapy OR
    - ii. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to a prostanoid OR
    - iii. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to a prostanoid AND
  - 2. Patient has unacceptable or deteriorating clinical status despite established PAH pharmacotherapy AND
  - 3. All three agents in the triple therapy are from a different therapeutic class OR
- e. The requested agent will be utilized as part of triple therapy in a treatment naive patient AND BOTH of the following:
  - 1. Patient is classified as WHO functional class IV AND
  - 2. The three agents being utilized consist of: ERA plus PDE5i plus prostanoid OR

C. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

- 1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
- 2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
- 3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Pyrimethamine PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Pyrimethamine

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
2. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing or supported in CMS approved compendia dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 6 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Pyrukynd PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Pyrukynd

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of hemolytic anemia with pyruvate kinase deficiency (PKD) AND ALL of the following:
  - A. ONE of the following:
    - i. Genetic testing showing a pathogenic PKLR gene mutation OR
    - ii. Patient does NOT have two known pathogenic mutations in the PKLR gene, AND patient has a decrease in pyruvate kinase enzyme activity AND
  - B. Patient is NOT homozygous for the c.1436G to A (p.R479H) variant AND
  - C. Patient has at least 2 variant alleles in the PKLR gene, of which at least 1 is a missense variant AND
  - D. Patient does NOT have two non-missense mutations

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of hemolytic anemia with pyruvate kinase deficiency (PKD) AND
3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., hematologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Quinine PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Quinine Sulfate

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. Patient has ONE of the following diagnoses:

A. Uncomplicated malaria OR

B. Babesiosis OR

C. An indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

7 days for malaria, 10 days for babesiosis, 12 months for all other diagnoses

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Repatha PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Repatha

Repatha Pushtronex System

Repatha Sureclick

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has ONE of the following:

- A. A diagnosis of heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH) AND ONE of the following:
  - i. Genetic confirmation of one mutant allele at the LDLR, Apo-B, PCSK9, or 1/LDLRAP1 gene OR
  - ii. ONE of the following:
    - a. Patient is 18 years of age or older AND has a pretreatment LDL-C greater than 190 mg/dL (greater than 4.9 mmol/L) OR
    - b. Patient is between the ages of 10 and less than 18 years AND has a pretreatment LDL-C greater than 155 mg/dL (greater than 4.0 mmol/L) OR
  - iii. Patient has clinical manifestations of HeFH (e.g., cutaneous xanthomas, tendon xanthomas, corneal arcus, tuberous xanthoma, or xanthelasma) OR
  - iv. Patient has “definite” or “possible” familial hypercholesterolemia as defined by the Simon Broome criteria OR
  - v. Patient has a Dutch Lipid Clinic Network criteria score of greater than 5 OR
  - vi. Patient has a treated low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) level greater than or equal to 100 mg/dL after treatment with antihyperlipidemic agents but prior to PCSK9 inhibitor therapy OR
- B. A diagnosis of homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH) AND ONE of the following:
  - i. Genetic confirmation of bi-allelic pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants on different chromosomes at the LDLR, Apo-B, PCSK9, or LDLRAP1 genes or greater than or equal to 2 such variants at different loci OR
  - ii. History of untreated LDL-C greater than 400 mg/dL (greater than 10 mmol/L) AND ONE of the following:
    - a. Cutaneous or tendon xanthomas before the age of 10 years OR
    - b. Untreated elevated LDL-C levels consistent with heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH) in both parents (or in digenic form, one parent may have normal LDL-C levels and the other may have LDL-C levels consistent with HoFH) OR

Initial criteria continues: see Other Criteria

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

The agent was prescribed by, or in consultation with, a cardiologist, an endocrinologist, and/or a physician who focuses in the treatment of cardiovascular (CV) risk management and/or lipid disorders

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

- C. A diagnosis of established cardiovascular disease [acute coronary syndrome (ACS), history of myocardial infarction (MI), stable or unstable angina, coronary or other arterial revascularization stroke, transient ischemic attack (TIA), peripheral artery disease (PAD) including aortic aneurysm] AND the requested agent will be used to reduce the risk of myocardial infarction, stroke OR
  - D. A diagnosis of primary hyperlipidemia (not associated with HeFH, HoFH, or established cardiovascular disease) OR
  - E. Patient has another indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
- A. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to a high-intensity statin (i.e., rosuvastatin 20-40 mg or atorvastatin 40-80 mg) OR
  - B. Patient has an intolerance to TWO different statins OR
  - C. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to a statin AND
3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another PCSK9 agent

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

- 1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
- 2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
- 3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
- 4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another PCSK9 agent

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Rezurock PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Rezurock

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic graft-versus-host disease (chronic GVHD) AND
2. Patient has failed at least two prior lines of systemic therapy

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic graft-versus-host disease (chronic GVHD) AND
3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent

**Age Restriction:**

Patient is within the FDA labeled age for the requested agent

**Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., hematologist, oncologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Ritalin PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Methylphenidate Hcl (Ritalin)

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Roflumilast PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Roflumilast

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to an agent from TWO of the following categories:
    - i. long-acting beta-2 agonist (LABA) [e.g., salmeterol]
    - ii. long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA) [e.g., umeclidinium]
    - iii. inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) [e.g., fluticasone] OR
  - B. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to an agent from TWO of the following categories:
    - i. long-acting beta-2 agonist (LABA) [e.g., salmeterol]
    - ii. long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA) [e.g., umeclidinium]
    - iii. inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) [e.g., fluticasone] OR
  - C. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to an agent from TWO of the following categories:
    - i. long-acting beta-2 agonist (LABA) [e.g., salmeterol]
    - ii. long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA) [e.g., umeclidinium]
    - iii. inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) [e.g., fluticasone]

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Rybelsus PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Rybelsus

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

Requested agent will be used for weight loss alone

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes mellitus AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
  - C. ALL of the following:
    - i. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent AND
    - ii. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another GLP-1 agonist agent, or an agent containing a GLP-1 agonist AND
    - iii. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with an agent containing a dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4) inhibitor

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Sapropterin PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Sapropterin Dihydrochloride

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of phenylketonuria (PKU) AND
2. Prescriber has submitted a baseline blood Phe level measured prior to initiation of therapy with the requested agent, which is above the recommended levels indicated for the patient's age range or condition AND
3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with Palynziq (pegvaliase-pqpz) for the requested indication AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of phenylketonuria (PKU) AND
3. ONE of the following:
  - a. Patient's blood Phe levels are being maintained within the acceptable range OR
  - b. Patient has had a decrease in blood Phe level from baseline AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with Palynziq (pegvaliase-pqpz) for the requested indication AND
5. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., metabolic or genetic disorders) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Initial: 2 months if dose is 5 to less than 20 mg/kg/day, 1 month if 20 mg/kg/day Renewal: 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Self - Administered Oncology PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Abiraterone Acetate  
Abirtega  
Akeega  
Alecensa  
Alunbrig  
Augtyro  
Avmapi Fakzynja Pak  
Ayyakit  
Balversa  
Besremi  
Bexarotene Capsule  
Bosulif  
Braftovi  
Brukinsa  
Cabometyx  
Calquence  
Caprelsa  
Cometriq  
Copiktra  
Cotellic  
Danziten  
Dasatinib  
Daurismo  
Erivedge  
Erleada  
Erlotinib Hcl  
Everolimus  
Exkivity  
Fotivda  
Fruzaqla  
Gavreto  
Gefitinib  
Gilotrif  
Gomekli  
Ibrance  
Ibtrozi  
Iclusig  
Idhifa

Imatinib Mesylate  
Imbruvica  
Imkeldi  
Inlyta  
Inqovi  
Inrebic  
Itovebi  
Iwilfin  
Jakafi  
Jaypirca  
Kisqali  
Kisqali Femara 200 Dose  
Kisqali Femara 400 Dose  
Kisqali Femara 600 Dose  
Koselugo  
Krazati  
Lapatinib Ditosylate  
Lazcluze  
Lenalidomide  
Lenvima 10 Mg Daily Dose  
Lenvima 12Mg Daily Dose  
Lenvima 14 Mg Daily Dose  
Lenvima 18 Mg Daily Dose  
Lenvima 20 Mg Daily Dose  
Lenvima 24 Mg Daily Dose  
Lenvima 4 Mg Daily Dose  
Lenvima 8 Mg Daily Dose  
Lonsurf  
Lorbrena  
Lumakras  
Lynparza  
Lytgobi  
Matulane  
Mekinist  
Mektovi  
Nerlynx  
Ninlaro  
Nubeqa  
Odomzo  
Ojemda  
Ogsiveo

Ojjaara  
Onureg  
Orgovyx  
Orserdu  
Pazopanib Hcl  
Pemazyre  
Piqray 200Mg Daily Dose  
Piqray 250Mg Daily Dose  
Piqray 300Mg Daily Dose  
Pomalyst  
Qinlock  
Retevmo  
Revuforj  
Rezlidhia  
Romvimza  
Rozlytrek  
Rubraca  
Rydapt  
Scemblix  
Sorafenib  
Stivarga  
Sunitinib Malate  
Tabrecta  
Tafinlar  
Tagrisso  
Talzenna  
Tasigna  
Tazverik  
Tepmetko  
Thalomid  
Tibsovo  
Torpenz  
Tretinoin Capsule 10Mg  
Truqap  
Tukysa  
Turalio  
Vanflyta  
Venclexta  
Venclexta Starting Pack  
Verzenio  
Vitrakvi

Vizimpro  
Vonjo  
Voranigo  
Welireg  
Xalkori  
Xospata  
Xpovio  
Xtandi  
Zejula  
Zelboraf  
Zolinza  
Zydelig  
Zykadia

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:**

**Exclusion Criteria:**

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND

2. ONE of the following:

A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR

B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent OR

C. ALL of the following:

i. Genetic testing has been completed, if required, for therapy with the requested agent and results indicate the requested agent is appropriate AND

ii. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent AND

iii. ONE of the following:

a. The requested agent is FDA labeled or supported by CMS approved compendia as a first-line therapy for the requested indication OR

b. Patient has tried appropriate FDA labeled or CMS approved compendia supported therapy that are indicated as first-line therapy for the requested indication OR

c. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to the first-line therapy for the requested indication OR

d. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to the first-line therapy for the requested indication AND

iv. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled limitations of use that is not otherwise supported in NCCN guidelines AND

Criteria continues: see Other Criteria

**Age Restriction:**

**Prescriber Restrictions:**

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

v. ONE of the following:

- a. The requested agent is not Bosulif OR
- b. The requested agent is Bosulif AND ONE of the following:
  - 1. Patient's medication history indicates use of imatinib OR dasatinib for the requested indication (if applicable) OR
  - 2. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to imatinib OR dasatinib OR
  - 3. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to imatinib OR dasatinib OR
  - 4. CMS approved compendia does not support the use of imatinib OR dasatinib for the requested indication OR
  - 5. Prescriber has provided information in support of use of Bosulif over imatinib OR dasatinib for the requested indication AND

vi. ONE of the following:

- a. The requested agent is not Calquence OR
- b. The requested agent is Calquence AND ONE of the following:
  - 1. Patient's medication history indicates use of Brukinsa OR Imbruvica for the requested indication (if applicable) OR
  - 2. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to Brukinsa OR Imbruvica OR
  - 3. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to Brukinsa OR Imbruvica OR
  - 4. CMS approved compendia do not support the use of Brukinsa OR Imbruvica for the requested indication OR
  - 5. Prescriber has provided information in support of use of Calquence over Brukinsa OR Imbruvica for the requested indication



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Signifor PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Signifor

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

Severe hepatic impairment (i.e., Child Pugh C)

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. Patient has a diagnosis of Cushing's disease (CD) AND ONE of the following:

i. Patient had an inadequate response to pituitary surgical resection OR

ii. Patient is NOT a candidate for pituitary surgical resection OR

B. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

Criteria for renewal approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND

2. ONE of the following:

A. Patient has a diagnosis of Cushing's disease (CD) AND BOTH of the following:

i. Patient has a urinary free cortisol level less than or equal to the upper limit of normal AND

ii. Patient has had improvement in at least ONE of the following clinical signs and symptoms:

1. Fasting plasma glucose OR

2. Hemoglobin A1c OR

3. Hypertension OR

4. Weight OR

B. BOTH of the following:

i. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND

ii. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Initial approval: 6 months for CD, 12 months for all other diagnoses, Renewal approval: 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Sivextro PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Sivextro

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has ONE of the following:

A. BOTH of the following:

- i. A documented acute bacterial skin and skin structure infection (ABSSSI) defined as a bacterial infection of the skin with a lesion size area of at least 75 cm<sup>2</sup> (lesion size measured by the area of redness, edema, or induration) AND
- ii. The infection is due to *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Streptococcus agalactiae*, *Streptococcus anginosus*, *Streptococcus intermedius*, *Streptococcus constellatus*, or *Enterococcus faecalis* OR

B. Another indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent  
AND

2. ONE of the following:

A. The requested agent is prescribed by an infectious disease specialist or the prescriber has consulted with an infectious disease specialist on treatment of this patient OR

B. The requested agent is NOT prescribed by an infectious disease specialist or the prescriber has NOT consulted with an infectious disease specialist on treatment of this patient AND ONE of the following:

- i. There is documentation of resistance to TWO of the following: beta-lactams, macrolides, clindamycin, tetracycline, or co-trimoxazole at the site of infection OR
- ii. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to TWO of the following: beta-lactams, macrolides, clindamycin, tetracyclines, or co-trimoxazole OR
- iii. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to TWO of the following: beta-lactams, macrolides, clindamycin, tetracyclines, or co-trimoxazole OR
- iv. There is documentation of resistance to vancomycin at the site of infection OR
- v. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to vancomycin OR
- vi. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to vancomycin AND

3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with linezolid for the same infection  
AND

4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing or supported in CMS approved compendia dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:**

Patient is within the FDA labeled age for the requested agent

**Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be 6 days for ABSSSI or 30 days for all other indications

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Sodium Oxybate PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Sodium Oxybate

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. Patient has a diagnosis of narcolepsy with cataplexy OR

B. BOTH of the following:

i. Patient has a diagnosis of narcolepsy with excessive daytime sleepiness AND

ii. ONE of the following:

a. Patient is between the ages of 7 and less than 18 years OR

b. ALL of the following:

1. Patient is 18 years of age or over AND

2. ONE of the following:

a) Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to modafinil or armodafinil OR

b) Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to modafinil or armodafinil OR

c) Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to modafinil or armodafinil AND

iii. ONE of the following:

a) Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to ONE standard stimulant agent (e.g., methylphenidate) OR

b) Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to ONE standard stimulant agent (e.g., methylphenidate) OR

c) Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to ONE standard stimulant agent (e.g., methylphenidate) OR

C. Patient has another indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:**

Patient is 7 years of age or over

**Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Somatostatin Analogs PA – Octreotide

**Drug Name(s)**

Octreotide Acetate

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require BOTH of the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND ONE of the following:

- i. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR
- ii. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND provided clinical justification to support that the patient is at risk if therapy is changed OR

B. ONE of the following:

i. Patient has a diagnosis of acromegaly AND ONE of the following:

- a. Patient is not a candidate for surgical resection or pituitary radiation therapy OR
- b. The requested agent is for adjunctive therapy with pituitary radiation therapy OR
- c. Patient had an inadequate response to surgery or pituitary radiation therapy as indicated by growth hormone levels or serum IGF-1 levels that are above the reference range OR

ii. Patient has severe diarrhea and/or flushing episodes associated with metastatic carcinoid tumors OR

iii. Patient has profuse watery diarrhea associated with Vasoactive Intestinal Peptide (VIP) secreting tumors OR

iv. Patient has a diagnosis of dumping syndrome AND ONE of the following:

- a. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to acarbose OR
- b. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to acarbose OR
- c. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to acarbose OR

v. Patient has another indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND

2. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing or supported in CMS approved compendia dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be 6 months for initial, 12 months for renewal

**Other Criteria:**

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. Patient has a diagnosis of acromegaly OR
  - B. Patient has severe diarrhea and/or flushing episodes associated with metastatic carcinoid tumors OR
  - C. Patient has profuse watery diarrhea associated with Vasoactive Intestinal Peptide (VIP) secreting tumors OR
  - D. Patient has a diagnosis of dumping syndrome OR
  - E. Patient has another indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing or supported in CMS approved compendia dosing for the requested indication

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Somatostatin Analogs PA – Somavert

**Drug Name(s)**

Somavert

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of acromegaly AND ONE of the following:

A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 90 days OR

B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent AND provided clinical justification to support that the patient is at risk if therapy is changed OR

C. BOTH of the following:

i. ONE of the following:

a. Patient is not a candidate for surgical resection or pituitary radiation therapy OR

b. The requested agent is for adjunctive therapy with pituitary radiation therapy OR

c. Patient had an inadequate response to surgery or pituitary radiation therapy as indicated by serum IGF-1 levels that are above the reference range AND

ii. ONE of the following:

a. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to octreotide or Somatuline Depot (lanreotide) OR

b. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to octreotide or Somatuline Depot (lanreotide) OR

c. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to octreotide or Somatuline Depot (lanreotide) AND

2. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND

2. Patient has a diagnosis of acromegaly AND

3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND

4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be 6 months for initial, 12 months for renewal

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Substrate Reduction Therapy PA – Miglustat

**Drug Name(s)**

Miglustat

Yargesa

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications, Some Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:**

Niemann-Pick disease type C (NPC)

**Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. ALL of the following:

- i. Patient has a diagnosis of Gaucher disease type 1 (GD1) confirmed by ONE of the following:
  - a. A baseline (prior to therapy for the requested indication) glucocerebrosidase enzyme activity of less than or equal to 15% of mean normal in peripheral blood leukocytes, fibroblasts, or other nucleated cells OR
  - b. Confirmation of genetic mutation of the glucocerebrosidase (GBA) gene with two disease-causing alleles AND
- ii. Prescriber has drawn baseline (prior to therapy for the requested indication) measurements of hemoglobin level, platelet count, liver volume, and spleen volume AND
- iii. Prior to any treatment for the intended diagnosis, the patient has had at least ONE of the following clinical presentations:
  - a. Anemia [defined as mean hemoglobin (Hb) level below the testing laboratory's lower limit of the normal range based on age and gender] OR
  - b. Thrombocytopenia (defined as platelet count of less than 100,000 per microliter) OR
  - c. Hepatomegaly OR
  - d. Splenomegaly OR
  - e. Growth failure (i.e., growth velocity is below the standard mean for age) OR
  - f. Evidence of bone disease with other causes ruled out OR

B. ALL of the following:

- i. Patient has a diagnosis of Niemann-Pick disease type C (NPC) as confirmed by genetic analysis mutation in the NPC1 or NPC2 genes AND
- ii. The requested agent will be used for the treatment of neurological manifestations of Niemann-Pick disease type C (NPC) AND
- iii. The requested agent will be used in combination with Miplyffa (arimoclomol)

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**



Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., endocrinologist, gastroenterologist, geneticist, hematologist, hepatologist, neurologist, specialist in metabolic diseases) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

Criteria for renewal approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. BOTH of the following:
    - i. Patient has a diagnosis of Gaucher disease type 1 (GD1) AND
    - ii. Patient has had improvements or stabilization with the requested agent as indicated by ONE of the following:
      - a. Spleen volume OR
      - b. Hemoglobin level OR
      - c. Liver volume OR
      - d. Platelet count OR
      - e. Growth OR
      - f. Bone pain or crisis OR
  - B. ALL of the following:
    - i. Patient has a diagnosis of Niemann-Pick disease Type C (NPC) AND
    - ii. The requested agent will be used for the treatment of neurological manifestations of Niemann-Pick disease type C (NPC) AND
    - iii. The requested agent will be used in combination with Miplyffa (arimoclomol) AND
    - iv. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Tasimelteon Capsule PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Tasimelteon

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. BOTH of the following:

- i. Patient has a diagnosis of Non-24-hour sleep-wake disorder AND
- ii. Patient is totally blind (i.e., no light perception) OR

B. BOTH of the following:

- i. Patient has a diagnosis of Smith-Magenis Syndrome (SMS) confirmed by the presence of ONE of the following genetic mutations:
  - A. A heterozygous deletion of 17p11.2 OR
  - B. A heterozygous pathogenic variant involving RAI1 AND
- ii. The requested agent is being used to treat nighttime sleep disturbances associated with SMS

**Age Restriction:**

For diagnosis of Non-24-hour sleep-wake disorder, patient is 18 years of age or over. For diagnosis of Smith-Magenis Syndrome (SMS), patient is 16 years of age or over.

**Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., neurologist, sleep specialist, psychiatrist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Tetrabenazine PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Tetrabenazine

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ALL of the following:

1. ONE of the following:

- A. Patient has a diagnosis of chorea associated with Huntington's disease OR
- B. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND

2. ONE of the following:

- A. Patient does NOT have a current diagnosis of depression OR
- B. Patient has a current diagnosis of depression and is being treated for depression AND

3. ONE of the following:

- A. Patient does NOT have a diagnosis of suicidal ideation and/or behavior OR
- B. Patient has a diagnosis of suicidal ideation and/or behavior and must NOT be actively suicidal AND

4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with a monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI) AND

5. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with reserpine

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Tobramycin neb PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Tobramycin Neb

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis AND
2. Documentation has been provided that indicates the patient has a *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* respiratory infection AND
3. ONE of the following:
  - a. Patient is NOT currently (within the past 60 days) being treated with another inhaled antibiotic (e.g., inhaled aztreonam) OR
  - b. Patient is currently (within the past 60 days) being treated with another inhaled antibiotic (e.g., inhaled aztreonam) AND ONE of the following:
    - i. Prescriber has confirmed that the other inhaled antibiotic will be discontinued, and that therapy will be continued only with the requested agent OR
    - ii. Prescriber has provided information in support of another inhaled antibiotic therapy used concurrently with or alternating with (i.e., continuous alternating therapy) the requested agent

Drug is also subject to Part B versus Part D review.

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Topical NSAID PA – Pennsaid

**Drug Name(s)**

Diclofenac Sodium (Pennsaid)

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

- a. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent OR
- b. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

3 months for acute pain, 12 months for all other diagnoses

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Topical Retinoids PA – Tazarotene

**Drug Name(s)**

Tazarotene

Tazorac

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

Requested agent will be used for cosmetic purposes

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

- a. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent OR
- b. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Topical Retinoids PA – Tretinoin

**Drug Name(s)**

Avita

Tretinoin Cream, Gel

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

Requested agent will be used for cosmetic purposes

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

- a. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent OR
- b. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Trientine PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Trientine Hcl

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of Wilson's disease confirmed by ONE of the following:
  - A. Confirmation of genetic mutation of the ATP7B gene OR
  - B. Patient has TWO or more of the following:
    - i. Presence of hepatic abnormality (e.g., acute liver failure, cirrhosis, fatty liver)
    - ii. Presence of Kayser-Fleischer rings
    - iii. Serum ceruloplasmin level less than 20 mg/dL
    - iv. Basal urinary copper excretion greater than 40 mcg/24 hours or the testing laboratory's upper limit of normal
    - v. Hepatic parenchymal copper content greater than 40 mcg/g dry weight
    - vi. Presence of neurological symptoms (e.g., dystonia, hypertonia, rigidity with tremors, dysarthria, muscle spasms, dysphasia, polyneuropathy, dysautonomia) AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to penicillamine OR
  - B. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to penicillamine OR
  - C. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to penicillamine

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of Wilson's disease AND
3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent as evidenced by ONE of the following:
  - A. Improvement and/or stabilization in hepatic abnormality OR
  - B. Reduction in Kayser-Fleischer rings OR
  - C. Improvement and/or stabilization in neurological symptoms (e.g., dystonia, hypertonia, rigidity with tremors, dysarthria, muscle spasms, dysphasia, polyneuropathy, dysautonomia) OR
  - D. Basal urinary copper excretion greater than 200 mcg/24 hours

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., gastroenterologist, hepatologist, neurologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Trikafta PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Trikafta

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. Patient has the presence of the F508del mutation in at least ONE allele (heterozygous OR homozygous) of the CFTR gene confirmed by genetic testing OR
  - B. Patient has ONE of the CFTR gene mutations or a mutation in the CFTR gene that is responsive based on in vitro data, as indicated in the FDA label, confirmed by genetic testing OR
  - C. Patient has another CFTR gene mutation(s) that is responsive to the requested agent, as indicated in the FDA label, confirmed by genetic testing AND
3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another CFTR modulator agent for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of cystic fibrosis AND
3. Patient has had improvement or stabilization with the requested agent [e.g., improvement in FEV1 from baseline, increase in weight/BMI, improvement from baseline Cystic Fibrosis Questionnaire-Revised (CFQ-R) Respiratory Domain score, improvements in respiratory symptoms (cough, sputum production, and difficulty breathing), and/or reduced number of pulmonary exacerbations] AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another CFTR modulator agent for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:**

Patient is within the FDA labeled age for the requested agent

**Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., cystic fibrosis, pulmonologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Trulicity PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Trulicity

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

Requested agent will be used for weight loss alone

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. Patient has a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes mellitus OR

B. BOTH of the following:

- i. Patient has a diagnosis of established cardiovascular disease [e.g., myocardial infarction, stroke, any revascularization procedure, transient ischemic attack, unstable angina, amputation, symptomatic or asymptomatic coronary artery disease] with type 2 diabetes mellitus AND
- ii. The requested agent will be used to reduce the risk of major adverse cardiovascular events (cardiovascular death, non-fatal myocardial infarction, or non-fatal stroke) AND

2. ONE of the following:

A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR

B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR

C. ALL of the following:

- i. Patient does NOT have any FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent AND
- ii. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another GLP-1 agonist agent, or an agent containing a GLP-1 agonist AND
- iii. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with an agent containing a dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4) inhibitor

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Tymlos PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Tymlos

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient (pt) has ONE of the following:
  - A. Postmenopausal osteoporosis OR
  - B. Pt's sex is male with osteoporosis AND
2. BOTH of the following:
  - A. Pt's diagnosis was confirmed by ONE of the following:
    - i. A fragility fracture in the hip or spine OR
    - ii. A T-score of -2.5 or lower OR
    - iii. A T-score of -1.0 to -2.5 AND ONE of the following:
      - a. A fragility fracture of proximal humerus, pelvis, or distal forearm OR
      - b. A FRAX 10-year probability for major osteoporotic fracture of 20% or greater OR
      - c. A FRAX 10-year probability of hip fracture of 3% or greater AND
  - B. ONE of the following:
    - i. Pt is at a very high fracture risk as defined by ONE of the following:
      - a. Pt had a recent fracture (within the past 12 months) OR
      - b. Pt had fractures while on FDA approved osteoporosis therapy OR
      - c. Pt has had multiple fractures OR
      - d. Pt had fractures while on drugs causing skeletal harm (e.g., long-term glucocorticoids) OR
      - e. Pt has a very low T-score (less than -3.0) OR
      - f. Pt is at high risk for falls or has a history of injurious falls OR
      - g. Pt has a very high fracture probability by FRAX (e.g., major osteoporosis fracture greater than 30%, hip fracture greater than 4.5%) or by other validated fracture risk algorithm OR
    - ii. ONE of the following:
      - a. Pt has tried and had an inadequate response to a bisphosphonate OR
      - b. Pt has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to a bisphosphonate OR
      - c. Pt has an FDA labeled contraindication to a bisphosphonate AND
3. Pt will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with a bisphosphonate, denosumab (e.g., Prolia, Xgeva), romosozumab-aqqg, or another parathyroid hormone analog (e.g., teriparatide) for the requested indication AND
4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication AND
5. The total cumulative duration of treatment with teriparatide and Tymlos (abaloparatide) has not exceeded 2 years

**Age Restriction:**

**Prescriber Restrictions:**

**Coverage Duration:**

No prior Tymlos and/or teriparatide use approve 2 years, Prior use - see Other Criteria

**Other Criteria:**

Prior Tymlos and/or teriparatide use approve remainder of 2 years of total cumulative therapy

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Urea Cycle Disorders PA - Sodium Phenylbutyrate

**Drug Name(s)**

Sodium Phenylbutyrate

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of ONE of the following:
  - a. Urea cycle disorder with neonatal-onset involving deficiencies of carbamylphosphate synthetase, ornithine transcarbamylase, or argininosuccinic acid synthetase OR
  - b. Urea cycle disorder with late-onset and history of hyperammonemic encephalopathy involving deficiencies of carbamylphosphate synthetase, ornithine transcarbamylase, or argininosuccinic acid synthetase AND
2. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., geneticist, metabolic disorders) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Valchlor PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Valchlor

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent OR
  - C. BOTH of the following:
    - i. ONE of the following:
      - a. BOTH of the following:
        1. Patient has a diagnosis of Stage IA or IB mycosis fungoides-type cutaneous T-cell lymphoma AND
        2. Patient's medication history indicates use of at least ONE prior skin-directed therapy (e.g., topical corticosteroid) OR
      - b. Patient has an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
    - ii. Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., dermatologist, oncologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has an FDA labeled indication or an indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
3. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent OR
  - C. BOTH of the following:
    - i. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
    - ii. Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., dermatologist, oncologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Age Restriction:**

**Prescriber Restrictions:**

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Veozah PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Veozah

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Voriconazole PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Voriconazole

**Indications:**

All Medically-Accepted Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require the following:

1. ONE of the following:

- A. Patient has a diagnosis of invasive *Aspergillus* OR
- B. Patient has a serious infection caused by *Scedosporium apiospermum* or *Fusarium* species OR
- C. Patient has a diagnosis of esophageal candidiasis or candidemia in nonneutropenic patient

AND ONE of the following:

- i. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to fluconazole or an alternative antifungal agent OR
  - ii. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to fluconazole or an alternative antifungal agent OR
  - iii. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to fluconazole or an alternative antifungal agent OR
- D. Patient has a diagnosis of blastomycosis AND ONE of the following:
- i. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to itraconazole OR
  - ii. Patient has an intolerance or hypersensitivity to itraconazole OR
  - iii. Patient has an FDA labeled contraindication to itraconazole OR
- E. The requested agent is being prescribed for prophylaxis of invasive *Aspergillus* or *Candida* AND patient is severely immunocompromised, such as a hematopoietic stem cell transplant [HSCT] recipient, or hematologic malignancy with prolonged neutropenia from chemotherapy, or is a high-risk solid organ (lung, heart-lung, liver, pancreas, small bowel) transplant patient, or long term use of high dose corticosteroids (greater than 1 mg/kg/day of prednisone or equivalent) OR
- F. Patient has another indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

One month for esophageal candidiasis, 6 months for all other indications

**Other Criteria:**

Criteria for renewal approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. ONE of the following:

- A. Patient has a diagnosis of invasive Aspergillus, a serious infection caused by *Scedosporium apiospermum* or *Fusarium* species, esophageal candidiasis, candidemia in nonneutropenic patient, or blastomycosis and patient has continued indicators of active disease (e.g., continued radiologic findings, positive cultures, positive serum galactomannan assay for *Aspergillus*) OR
- B. The requested agent is being prescribed for prophylaxis of invasive Aspergillus or *Candida* and patient continues to be severely immunocompromised, such as a hematopoietic stem cell transplant [HSCT] recipient, or hematologic malignancy with prolonged neutropenia from chemotherapy, or is a high-risk solid organ (lung, heart-lung, liver, pancreas, small bowel) transplant patient, or long term use of high dose corticosteroids (greater than 1 mg/kg/day of prednisone or equivalent) OR
- C. BOTH of the following:
- i. Patient has another indication that is supported in CMS approved compendia for the requested agent AND
  - ii. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Vowst PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Vowst

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ALL of the following:

1. The requested agent will be used to prevent the recurrence of Clostridioides difficile infection (CDI) AND
2. Patient has had a confirmed diagnosis of recurrent CDI as defined by greater than or equal to 3 episodes of CDI in a 12 month period AND
3. Patient has completed a standard of care antibiotic regimen (e.g., vancomycin, fidaxomicin) for recurrent CDI at least 2 to 4 days before initiating treatment with the requested agent AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with any antibiotic regimen for any indication

**Age Restriction:**

Patient is within the FDA labeled age for the requested agent

**Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., infectious disease, gastroenterologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Vyndaqel PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Vyndaqel

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of cardiomyopathy of wild type or hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis (ATTR-CM) AND
2. The diagnosis has been confirmed by testing [e.g., stannous pyrophosphate (PYP) scanning, monoclonal antibody studies, biopsy, scintigraphy, genetic testing] AND
3. The requested agent will be used to reduce cardiovascular mortality and cardiovascular-related hospitalization AND
4. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another tafamidis agent for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of cardiomyopathy of wild type or hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis (ATTR-CM) AND
3. The requested agent will be used to reduce cardiovascular mortality and cardiovascular-related hospitalization AND
4. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
5. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with another tafamidis agent for the requested indication

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., cardiologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Xdemvy PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Xdemvy

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. Patient has an FDA labeled indication for the requested agent

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 6 weeks

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Xermelo PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Xermelo

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of carcinoid syndrome diarrhea AND
2. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to treatment with a somatostatin analog (e.g., Sandostatin [octreotide], Sandostatin LAR [octreotide], Somatuline Depot [lanreotide]) AND
3. The requested agent will be used in combination with a somatostatin analog (e.g., Sandostatin [octreotide], Sandostatin LAR [octreotide], Somatuline Depot [lanreotide])

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of carcinoid syndrome diarrhea AND
3. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent (e.g., reduction in the average number of daily bowel movements) AND
4. The requested agent will be used in combination with a somatostatin analog (e.g., Sandostatin [octreotide], Sandostatin LAR [octreotide], Somatuline Depot [lanreotide])

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Xgeva PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Xgeva

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require ALL of the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. Patient has a diagnosis of multiple myeloma AND BOTH of the following:

i. The requested agent will be used for the prevention of skeletal-related events AND

ii. ONE of the following:

1. Patient has a pretreatment or current calcium level that is NOT below the limits of the testing laboratory's normal range OR

2. Patient has a pretreatment or current calcium level that is below the limits of the testing laboratory's normal range AND it will be corrected prior to use of the requested agent OR

3. Prescriber has indicated that the patient is not at risk for hypocalcemia (not including risk associated with the requested agent) OR

B. Patient has a diagnosis of prostate cancer AND ALL of the following:

i. The requested agent will be used for the prevention of skeletal-related events AND

ii. Patient has bone metastases AND

iii. ONE of the following:

1. Patient has a pretreatment or current calcium level that is NOT below the limits of the testing laboratory's normal range OR

2. Patient has a pretreatment or current calcium level that is below the limits of the testing laboratory's normal range AND it will be corrected prior to use of the requested agent OR

3. Prescriber has indicated that the patient is not at risk for hypocalcemia (not including risk associated with the requested agent) OR

Criteria continues: see Other Criteria

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

C. Patient has a solid tumor cancer diagnosis (e.g., thyroid, non-small cell lung, kidney cancer, or breast cancer) AND ALL of the following:

i. The requested agent will be used for the prevention of skeletal-related events AND

ii. Patient has bone metastases AND

- iii. ONE of the following:
  - 1. Patient has a pretreatment or current calcium level that is NOT below the limits of the testing laboratory's normal range OR
  - 2. Patient has a pretreatment or current calcium level that is below the limits of the testing laboratory's normal range AND it will be corrected prior to use of the requested agent OR
  - 3. Prescriber has indicated that the patient is not at risk for hypocalcemia (not including risk associated with the requested agent) OR
- D. Patient has a diagnosis of giant cell tumor of bone AND ONE of the following:
  - i. Patient has a pretreatment or current calcium level that is NOT below the limits of the testing laboratory's normal range OR
  - ii. Patient has a pretreatment or current calcium level that is below the limits of the testing laboratory's normal range AND it will be corrected prior to use of the requested agent OR
  - iii. Prescriber has indicated that the patient is not at risk for hypocalcemia (not including risk associated with the requested agent) OR
- E. Patient has a diagnosis of hypercalcemia of malignancy AND
- 2. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with Prolia (denosumab) AND
- 3. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication



**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Xifaxan PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Xifaxan

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:**

FDA labeled contraindications to the requested agent

**Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for approval require the following:

1. Patient has ONE of the following:

- a. A diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D) OR
- b. A diagnosis of hepatic encephalopathy [reduction in risk of overt hepatic encephalopathy (HE) recurrence]

**Age Restriction:****Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Xolair PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Xolair

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require ALL of the following:

1. ONE of the following:

A. Patient has a diagnosis of moderate to severe persistent asthma AND ALL of the following:

i. ONE of the following:

a. Patient is 6 to less than 12 years of age AND BOTH of the following:

I. Patient's pretreatment IgE level is 30 IU/mL to 1300 IU/mL AND

II. Patient's weight is 20 kg to 150 kg OR

b. Patient is 12 years of age or over AND BOTH of the following:

I. Patient's pretreatment IgE level is 30 IU/mL to 700 IU/mL AND

II. Patient's weight is 30 kg to 150 kg AND

ii. Allergic asthma has been confirmed by a positive skin test or in vitro reactivity test to a perennial aeroallergen AND

iii. ONE of the following:

a. Patient is currently being treated with AND will continue asthma control therapy (e.g., ICS, ICS/LABA, LRTA, LAMA, theophylline) in combination with the requested agent OR

b. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to an asthma control therapy OR

B. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic idiopathic urticaria AND BOTH of the following:

i. Patient has had over 6 weeks of hives and itching AND

ii. ONE of the following:

a. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to maximum tolerable H1 antihistamine therapy OR

b. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to H1 antihistamine therapy OR

C. Patient has a diagnosis of nasal polyps AND BOTH of the following:

i. ONE of the following:

a. Patient has tried and had an inadequate response to an intranasal corticosteroid OR

b. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to an intranasal corticosteroid AND

ii. ONE of the following:

a. The requested agent will be used in combination with an intranasal corticosteroid OR

- b. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to an intranasal corticosteroid OR

Initial criteria continues: see Other Criteria

**Age Restriction:**

For diagnosis of moderate to severe persistent asthma, patient is 6 years of age or over. For diagnosis of chronic idiopathic urticaria, patient is 12 years of age or over. For diagnosis of nasal polyps, patient is 18 years of age or over. For diagnosis of IgE-mediated food allergy, patient is 1 year of age or over.

**Prescriber Restrictions:**

Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., allergist, immunologist, otolaryngologist, pulmonologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be 6 months for initial, 12 months for renewal

**Other Criteria:**

- D. Patient has a diagnosis of IgE-mediated food allergy AND ALL of the following:
  - i. Patient is using the requested agent for the reduction of allergic reactions (Type I), including anaphylaxis, that may occur with accidental exposure to one or more foods AND
  - ii. IgE-mediated food allergy has been confirmed by an allergy diagnostic test (e.g., skin prick test, serum specific IgE test, oral food challenge) AND
  - iii. Patient will avoid known food allergens while treated with the requested agent AND
  - iv. The requested agent will NOT be used for the emergency treatment of allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis AND
- 2. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with Dupixent or an injectable Interleukin 5 (IL-5) inhibitor (e.g., Cinqair, Fasenra, Nucala) for the requested indication AND
- 3. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

- 1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
- 2. ONE of the following:
  - A. Patient has a diagnosis of moderate to severe persistent asthma AND BOTH of the following:
    - i. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
    - ii. ONE of the following:
      - a. Patient is currently being treated with AND will continue asthma control therapy (e.g., ICS, ICS/LABA, LRTA, LAMA, theophylline) in combination with the requested agent OR
      - b. Patient has an intolerance, FDA labeled contraindication, or hypersensitivity to an asthma control therapy OR
  - B. Patient has a diagnosis of chronic idiopathic urticaria AND the following:
    - a. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent OR
  - C. Patient has a diagnosis of nasal polyps AND the following:
    - a. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent OR

- D. Patient has a diagnosis of IgE-mediated food allergy AND ALL of the following:
  - a. Patient is using the requested agent for the reduction of allergic reactions (Type I), including anaphylaxis, that may occur with accidental exposure to one or more foods AND
  - b. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
  - c. Patient will avoid known food allergens while treated with the requested agent AND
  - d. The requested agent will NOT be used for the emergency treatment of allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis AND
- 3. Patient will NOT be using the requested agent in combination with Dupixent or an injectable interleukin 5 (IL-5) inhibitor (e.g., Cinqair, Fasenra, Nucala) for the requested indication AND
- 4. The requested dose is within FDA labeled dosing for the requested indication

**Prior Authorization Group Description:**

Ztalmy PA

**Drug Name(s)**

Ztalmy

**Indications:**

All FDA-Approved Indications.

**Off-Label Uses:****Exclusion Criteria:****Required Medical Information:**

Criteria for initial approval require BOTH of the following:

1. Patient has a diagnosis of seizures associated with cyclin-dependent kinase-like 5 (CDKL5) deficiency disorder (CDD) AND
2. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent OR
  - C. BOTH of the following:
    - i. Patient's diagnosis has been confirmed with genetic testing indicating variant in CDKL5 gene AND
    - ii. Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., neurologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

Criteria for renewal approval require ALL of the following:

1. Patient has been previously approved for the requested agent through the plan's Prior Authorization criteria AND
2. Patient has a diagnosis of seizures associated with cyclin-dependent kinase-like 5 (CDKL5) deficiency disorder (CDD) AND
3. ONE of the following:
  - A. There is evidence of a claim that the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent within the past 180 days OR
  - B. Prescriber states the patient is currently being treated with the requested agent OR
  - C. BOTH of the following:
    - i. Patient has had clinical benefit with the requested agent AND
    - ii. Prescriber is a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis (e.g., neurologist) or the prescriber has consulted with a specialist in the area of the patient's diagnosis

**Age Restriction:**

Patient is within the FDA labeled age for the requested agent

**Prescriber Restrictions:****Coverage Duration:**

Approval will be for 12 months

**Other Criteria:**