

**Utilization Management Policy Name:** Non-formulary Exception Criteria

**Criteria for Approval:**

1. The requested medication is being used for an FDA approved indication; **AND**
2. Medication and/or dose are medically necessary and appropriate for treating the condition; **AND**
3. The prescribing provider must certify to BCBSNC that up to **two** available therapeutic equivalent alternative non-restricted access medications (or medically appropriate medications, if no therapeutic equivalents exist) for treatment of the same condition:
  - a. Have been detrimental to the member's health **OR** have been ineffective in the treatment of the disease or condition; **AND**
  - b. In the prescribing provider's opinion, are likely to be detrimental to the member's health **OR** ineffective in treating the disease or condition again; **OR**
4. The member has a documented intolerance or contraindication to the untried formulary alternative medications; **AND**
5. Medications being considered for a formulary exception must meet any applicable utilization management requirements if they are in the same therapeutic class as formulary medications that require such authorization.
6. Medical documentation may be required to support the criteria above.

**Duration of approval is set by utilization management criteria up to 1095 days (3 years)**

*Note: If criteria are met, the non-formulary medication will be approved allowing the prescription to process as a covered medication at the appropriate co-payment.*

**Policy Implementation/Update Information:** Originated: January 2017; Update, April 2019

April 2019: Duration of approval updated to 1095 days (3 years) or lesser of utilization management criteria duration of approval  
January 2017: Original utilization management criteria issued.

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