

**North Dakota Medicaid  
Drug Utilization Review Board Meeting  
March 4, 2020  
Brynhild Haugland Room**

**North Dakota Medicaid  
DUR Board Meeting Agenda  
Brynhild Haugland Room  
State Capitol  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND  
March 4, 2020  
1:00 pm**

1. Administrative items
  - DHS announcements
  - Update on North Dakota Medicaid Expansion population carve-in
2. Old business
  - Review and approval of December 2019 meeting minutes
  - Budget update
  - Review top 25 drugs for fourth quarter of 2019
  - Prior authorization/PDL update
    - Ubrelvy (ubrogepant) to Migraine Treatment
    - Dayvigo (lemborexant) to Sedative/Hypnotics
    - Talicia (omeprazole/amoxicillin/rifabutin) to Antibiotic Resistance - H. pylori
  - Second review of glucagon agents
  - Second review of Ofev for treatment of scleroderma with interstitial lung disease
3. New business
  - Review of Conjupri
  - Discussion on Spinraza and Zolgensma
  - Retrospective DUR criteria recommendations
  - Upcoming meeting date/agenda.
    - Next meeting is June 3, 2020 in the Brynhild Haugland Room
4. Adjourn

**Please remember to silence all cellular phones during the meeting.**

**Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Meeting Minutes**  
**December 4, 2019**

**Members Present:** Andrea Honeyman, Katie Kram, Tanya Schmidt, Jennifer Iverson, Gabriela Balf, Laura Schield, Jennifer Iverson, Mary Aaland

**Medicaid Pharmacy Department:** Alexi Murphy

**Announcements**

The North Dakota Medicaid DUR Board held an election for the open DUR Board Chair position at the start of the meeting. A. Honeyman was nominated and K. Kram made a motion to close the nomination proceedings with no voiced opposition. A voice vote was called with A. Honeyman elected as the DUR Board Chair by unanimous vote of the present DUR Board members.

**Old Business**

Chair A. Honeyman called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. Chair A. Honeyman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting. T. Schmidt moved that the minutes be approved, and L. Schield seconded the motion. The chair called for a voice vote to approve the minutes. The motion passed with no audible dissent.

**Review Top 25 Drugs**

T. DeRuiter and A. Murphy presented the quarterly review of the top 25 drugs based on total cost of claims, as well as the top 25 drugs based on the total number of claims for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2019.

**PDL/PA Criteria Updates**

A. Murphy shared with the Board all of changes made to the Preferred Drug List since the most recent version of the Preferred Drug List was posted. Notable changes included removing PA requirements for asrmodafinil, and the pulmonary hypertension agents Orenitram ER, Treprostinil, Tyvaso, and Uptravi, as well as adding numerous agents to recently DUR Board approved PA class criteria. When a new version of the PDL is published and posted to the website, all updates/changes made since the last version are called out at the top of the document itself.

**Second Review of Antifungal Agents for Aspergillus and Candidiasis Infections**

A motion and second was made at the September meeting to place select antifungal agents for the treatment of aspergillus and candidiasis infections on prior authorization. The topic was brought up for a second review. K. Kram made a motion to amend the criteria to (a). allow approval in cases where documentation is provided showing preferred agents cannot be used; and (b). change the approval duration to "Per label recommendations". A. Honeyman seconded the motion. There was no public comment. Chair A. Honeyman called for a voice vote on the motion to amend the criteria and the motion passed with no audible dissent. Chair A. Honeyman then called for a voice vote on approving the amended criteria, which passed with no audible dissent.

**Second Review of Eosinophilic Asthma Agents**

A motion and second was previously made to place agents for the treatment of eosinophilic asthma on prior authorization. The topic was brought up for a second review. During public comments, Kevin Duhrkopf of Sanofi Genzyme spoke regarding the use of Dupixent and it's role in therapy. K. Kram made a motion to amend the criteria by removing requirements for baseline eosinophil levels and/or corticosteroid dependent asthma. L. Schield seconded the motion. Chair A. Honeyman called for a voice vote on the motion to amend the criteria and the motion passed with no audible dissent. Chair A. Honeyman then called for a voice vote on approving the amended criteria, which passed with no audible dissent.

### **Annual Review of Prior Authorization Forms and Criteria**

The Board reviewed all forms and criteria utilized for all medications that are currently placed on prior authorization. A. Murphy explained how all prior authorization criteria will be moving to a single Preferred Drug List (PDL) document starting on 01/01/2020, which should simplify the process of locating criteria. A. Murphy specifically highlighted updates to the long-acting opioid analgesic criteria, that smoking cessation agents and preferred opioid dependence agents will no longer require prior authorization, and changes to criteria in some inhaler agents. She further discussed the continued consolidation of multiple request forms to the "General" prior authorization request form, as well as the consolidation of all opioid request forms to a single form. The Board recommended the following changes to the prior authorization forms: rearranging questions on the hepatitis C treatment agents form; removing the outdated language of a 30-day requirement language from the hyperkalemia form and adding language for chronic hyperkalemia; and correcting formatting/wording on the Orilissa and Insulin PA forms. A motion was made by K. Kram to approve the reviewed forms with the recommended changes, which was seconded by L. Schield. Chair A. Honeyman then called for a voice vote for approval of the reviewed forms and criteria, which passed with no audible dissent.

### **New Business**

#### **Review of Glucagon Agents**

T. DeRuiter and A. Murphy presented a review of glucagon agents to the Board. A motion was made by T. Schmidt to manage these medications through prior authorization. The motion was seconded by L. Schield. This topic will be reviewed at the next meeting.

#### **Retrospective Drug Utilization Review (RDUR) Criteria Recommendations**

The recommended RDUR criteria enclosed in the packet were developed from product information provided by the manufacturers and are usually consistent with new indications, new drugs added, and new warnings. These proposed criteria will be added to the current set of criteria and will be used in future DUR cycles. K. Kram moved to approve the new criteria and A. Honeyman seconded the motion. The motion passed with no audible dissent.

#### **Adjournment and Upcoming Meeting Date**

Chair A. Honeyman adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm. The next DUR Board meeting will be held March 4, 2020 at 1:00 pm at the State Capitol building in the Brynhild -Haugland room.



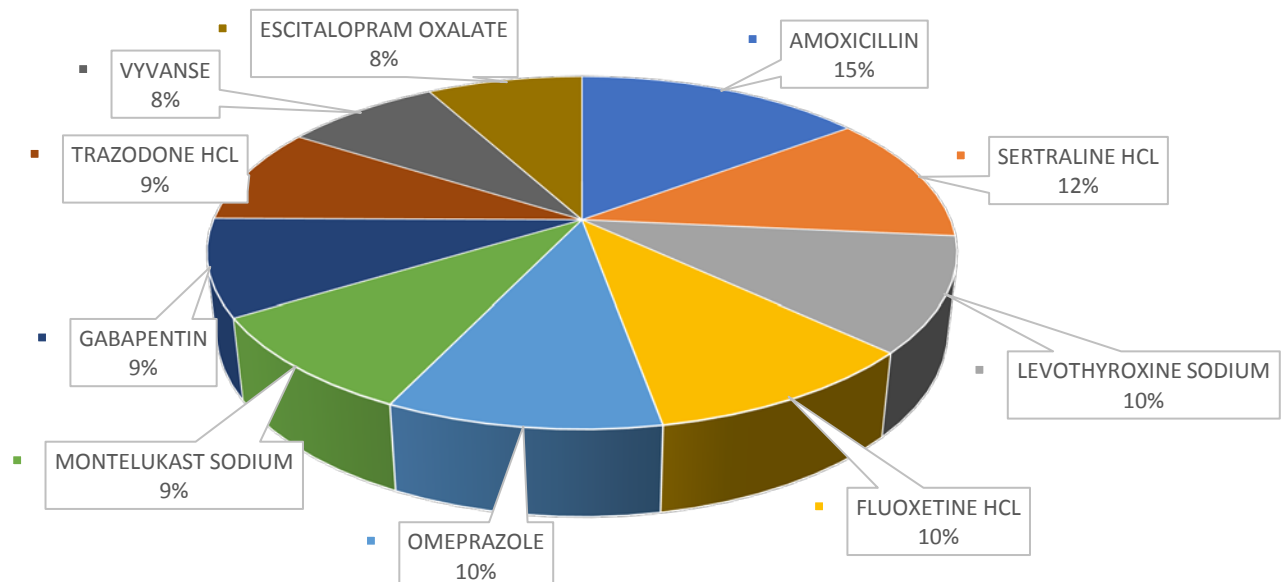
## TOP 25 DRUGS BASED ON NUMBER OF CLAIMS FROM 10/01/2019 – 12/31/2019

Drug	AHFS Class	Claims	Claims Cost	Patients	Cost Per Claim	% Total Claims
AMOXICILLIN	PENICILLIN ANTIBIOTICS	3,041	101,400.84	2,841	33.34	2.26%
SERTRALINE HCL	ANTIDEPRESSANTS	2,401	53,699.67	1,142	22.37	1.79%
LEVOTHYROXINE SODIUM	THYROID AGENTS	2,153	41,444.31	808	19.25	1.60%
FLUOXETINE HCL	ANTIDEPRESSANTS	2,089	45,262.36	1,002	21.67	1.55%
OMEPRAZOLE	PROTON-PUMP INHIBITORS	2,057	35,814.38	962	17.41	1.53%
MONTELUKAST SODIUM	LEUKOTRIENE MODIFIERS	1,877	36,892.97	938	19.66	1.40%
GABAPENTIN	ANTICONVULSANTS, MISCE	1,822	45,049.60	775	24.73	1.35%
TRAZODONE HCL	ANTIDEPRESSANTS	1,819	33,208.06	819	18.26	1.35%
VYVANSE	AMPHETAMINES	1,647	383,239.70	647	232.69	1.22%
ESCITALOPRAM OXALATE	ANTIDEPRESSANTS	1,643	33,921.60	801	20.65	1.22%
ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	HMG-COA REDUCTASE INHI	1,616	37,102.15	705	22.96	1.20%
LISINAPRIL	ANGIOTENSIN-CONVERTING	1,467	39,386.94	686	26.85	1.09%
AZITHROMYCIN	MACROLIDE ANTIBIOTICS	1,460	31,497.02	1,361	21.57	1.09%
CLONIDINE HCL	CENTRAL ALPHA-AGONISTS	1,430	24,794.19	610	17.34	1.06%
HYDROCODONE-APAP	OPIATE AGONISTS	1,386	43,674.31	876	31.51	1.03%
CONCERTA	RESPIRATORY AND CNS ST	1,375	455,265.20	555	331.1	1.02%
ARIPIPRAZOLE	ANTIPSYCHOTIC AGENTS	1,351	31,408.41	544	23.25	1.00%
PROAIR HFA	BETA-ADRENERGIC AGONIS	1,336	99,039.46	1,320	74.13	0.99%
AMOXICILLIN-CLAVULANATE	PENICILLIN ANTIBIOTICS	1,312	47,605.31	1,244	36.28	0.98%
RISPERIDONE	ANTIPSYCHOTIC AGENTS	1,308	19,288.36	427	14.75	0.97%
ASPIRIN EC	NONSTEROIDAL ANTI-INFL	1,263	52,620.05	505	41.66	0.94%
METFORMIN HCL	BIGUANIDES	1,260	20,395.45	583	16.19	0.94%
LAMOTRIGINE	ANTICONVULSANTS, MISCE	1,258	19,378.51	430	15.4	0.94%
DULOXETINE HCL	ANTIDEPRESSANTS	1,254	27,245.71	523	21.73	0.93%
PREDNISONE	ADRENALS	1,201	19,705.93	892	16.41	0.89%

Total Claims From 10/01/2019 – 12/31/2019

134,509

### Top 10 Drugs Based on Number of Claims



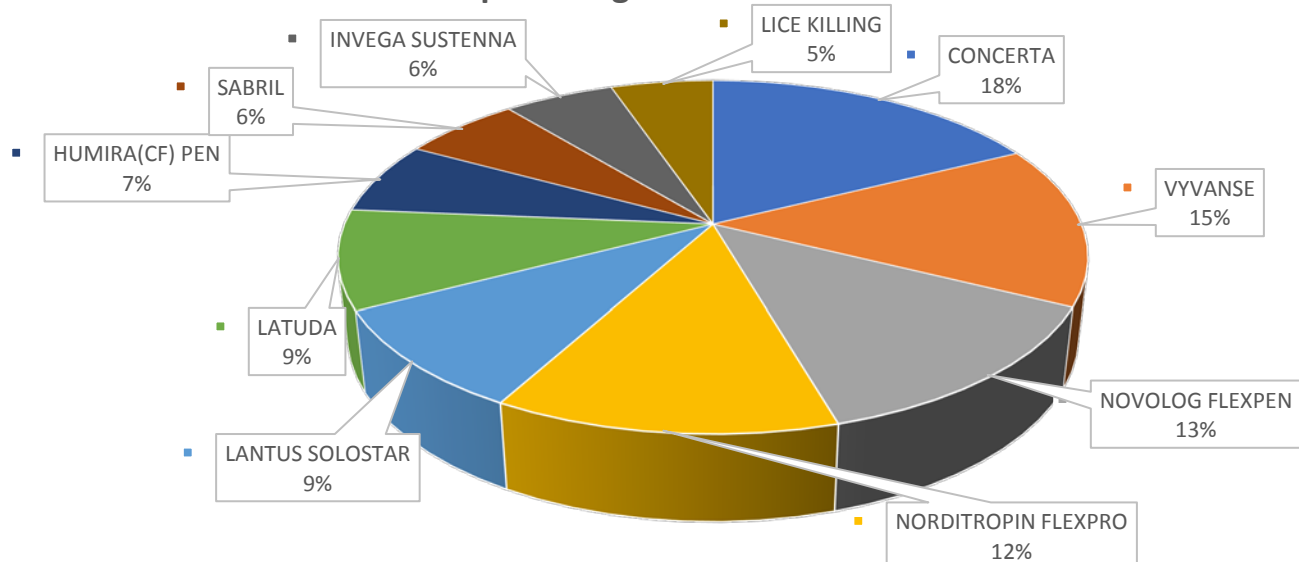
### TOP 25 DRUGS BASED ON TOTAL CLAIMS COST FROM 10/01/2019 – 12/31/2019

Drug	AHFS Class	Claims Cost	Claims	Patients	Cost Per Claim	% Total Cost
CONCERTA	CNS STIMULANTS	\$455,265.20	1,375	555	\$331.10	3.86%
VYVANSE	AMPHETAMINES	\$383,239.70	1,647	647	\$232.69	3.25%
NOVOLOG FLEXPEN	INSULINS	\$339,724.78	569	300	\$597.06	2.88%
NORDITROPIN FLEXPEN	PITUITARY	\$324,427.58	89	39	\$3,645.25	2.75%
LANTUS SOLOSTAR	INSULINS	\$240,246.39	591	291	\$406.51	2.04%
LATUDA	ANTIPSYCHOTIC AGENTS	\$234,477.98	293	110	\$800.27	1.99%
HUMIRA(CF) PEN	DMARDS	\$171,806.95	27	10	\$6,363.22	1.46%
SABRIL	ANTICONVULSANTS, MISC	\$157,422.82	8	3	\$19,677.85	1.33%
INVEGA SUSTENNA	ANTIPSYCHOTIC AGENTS	\$146,894.06	75	27	\$1,958.59	1.24%
LICE KILLING	SCABICIDES & PEDICULICIDES	\$136,500.00	306	235	\$446.08	1.16%
VIMPAT	ANTICONVULSANTS, MISC	\$120,975.98	174	52	\$695.26	1.03%
LEVEMIR FLEXTOUCH	INSULINS	\$117,529.49	285	148	\$412.38	1.00%
FOCALIN XR	CNS STIMULANTS	\$112,934.85	339	134	\$333.14	0.96%
GENVOYA	ANTIRETROVIRALS	\$110,383.56	86	43	\$1,283.53	0.94%
XIFAXAN	ANTIBACTERIALS, MISC	\$107,929.52	63	28	\$1,713.17	0.91%
FLOVENT HFA	INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS	\$107,831.17	496	326	\$217.40	0.91%
NIX	SCABICIDES & PEDICULICIDES	\$107,212.73	255	240	\$420.44	0.91%
AMOXICILLIN	PENICILLIN ANTIBIOTICS	\$101,400.84	3,041	2,841	\$33.34	0.86%
LYRICA	ANTICONVULSANTS, MISC	\$99,255.20	211	103	\$470.40	0.84%
PROAIR HFA	BETA-ADRENERGIC AGONISTS	\$99,039.46	1,336	1,320	\$74.13	0.84%
SYMBICORT	INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS	\$92,547.33	290	165	\$319.13	0.78%
NOVOLOG	INSULINS	\$92,175.45	161	80	\$572.52	0.78%
BIKTARVY	ANTIRETROVIRALS	\$92,011.70	62	28	\$1,484.06	0.78%
VICTOZA 3-PAK	INCRETIN MIMETICS	\$91,321.72	108	49	\$845.57	0.77%
ABILIFY MAINTENA	ANTIPSYCHOTIC AGENTS	\$86,884.43	43	18	\$2,020.57	0.74%

**Total Claims Cost From 10/01/2019 – 12/31/2019**

**\$11,800,297.32**

#### Top 10 Drugs Based on Claims Cost



## PDL Update

Added to PA	
Medication	Category
Amzeeq	Acne - Tetracyclines
Asceniv	Immune Globulins
Bijuva	Estrogens
Gloperba	Gout
Humulin 70/30	Insulins
Humulin N	Insulins
Ilevro	Ophthalmic - Anti-Inflammatory
Jatenzo	Androgens
Nascobal	Preferred Dosage Forms
Neosporin Eye Drops	Ophthalmic - Anti-Infectives
ProAir Digihaler	Albuterol/Levalbuterol Rescue Inhalers
Relafen DS	NSAIDs
Rinvoq	Cytokine Modulators
Sunosi	Narcolepsy
Talicia	Antibiotics - Resistance Prevention
Tosymra	Headache/Migraine
Ubrelvy	Headache/Migraine
Vumerity	Multiple Sclerosis
Wakix	Narcolepsy

Removed from PA	
Medication	Category
Butorphanol	Opioid Analgesics - Long Acting
Butrans	Opioid Analgesics - Long Acting
Candesartan	Angiotension Receptor Blockers
Pentazocine-Naloxone	Opioid Analgesics - Long Acting
Farxiga	SGLT2 Inhibitors
Invokana	SGLT2 Inhibitors
Invokamet	SGLT2 Inhibitors
Invokamet XR	SGLT2 Inhibitors
Xigduo XR	SGLT2 Inhibitors
Nicotine Patch	Nicotine / Tobacco Dependence Treatment
Nicotine Lozenge	Nicotine / Tobacco Dependence Treatment
Nicotine Gum	Nicotine / Tobacco Dependence Treatment
Nicotrol Inhaler	Nicotine / Tobacco Dependence Treatment
Nicotrol Nasal Spray	Nicotine / Tobacco Dependence Treatment

## Treatment of Migraine

### Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:

- **Non-preferred step 1 agents:**
  - **Patients able to take oral medications:**
    - A. Patients 18 years old or older: The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred agent within the past 24 months, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
    - B. Patients 6 to 17 years of age: The patient must have had a 30-day trial of rizatriptan within the past 24 months, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
  - **Patients not able to take oral medications (as evidenced by swallow study documentation):**
    - A. The patient must have had a 30-day trial of rizatriptan within the past 24 months, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- **Non-preferred step 2 agents:**
  - A. The patient must meet criteria for Step 1 agents
  - B. Within the past 2 years, the patient must have had 30-day trials of at least two 'Non-Preferred Step 1 Agents', as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts

### Product Specific Criteria:

- **\*\*\*Sumatriptan/Tosymra Nasal Spray:**
  - The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each of the following agents within the past 24 months, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
    - Zomig Nasal Spray 5mg
    - Onzetra Xsail 22mg
- **\*\*\*Zolmitriptan tablet:**
  - The patient must have had a 30-day trial of naratriptan 2.5 mg within the past 24 months, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- **\*\*\*Sumatriptan pen/syringe/cartridge, Frovatriptan, Almotriptan, Sumatriptan/Naproxen:**
  - The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each available triptan agent within the past 24 months, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use all other products (subject to clinical review).

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED STEP 1 AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED STEP 2 AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
RELPAK (eletriptan) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	ONZETRA XSAIL (sumatriptan) NASAL SPRAY	Almotriptan Tablet***
Rizatriptan	ZOMIG (zolmitriptan) NASAL SPRAY	ALSUMA (sumatriptan) PEN INJECTR***
Rizatriptan ODT	zolmitriptan ODT	AMERGE (naratriptan) TABLET
Sumatriptan tablet		CAFERGOT (ergotamine/cafeine) TABLET
		D.H.E.45 (dihydroergotamine) INJECTION
		Dihydroergotamine Injection
		Dihydroergotamine Nasal Spray
		Eletriptan Tablet
		ERGOMAR (ergotamine) SL TABLET
		FROVA (frovatriptan) TABLET***
		Frovatriptan Tablet***
		IMITREX (sumatriptan) CARTRIDGE***
		IMITREX (sumatriptan) PEN INJECTR***
		IMITREX (sumatriptan) SPRAY***
		IMITREX (sumatriptan) TABLET
		IMITREX (sumatriptan) VIAL***

		MAXALT (rizatriptan) TABLET
		MAXALT MLT (rizatriptan)
		MIGERGOT (ergotamine/cafeine) RECTAL SUPPOSITORY
		MIGRANAL (dihydroergotamine) SPRAY
		Naratriptan Tablet
		Sumatriptan Cartridge***
		Sumatriptan Pen Injctr***
		Sumatriptan Spray***
		Sumatriptan Syringe***
		Sumatriptan Vial
		Sumatriptan/Naproxen Tablet***
		TOSYMRA (Sumatriptan) NASAL SPRAY***
		TREXIMET (Sumatriptan/Naproxen) TABLET
		UBRELVY (Ubrogepant)
		ZEMBRANCE SYMTOUCH (Sumatriptan)***
		Zolmitriptan Tablet***
		ZOMIG (zolmitriptan) TABLET***
		ZOMIG ODT (zolmitriptan)

## Sedatives/Hypnotics

### **Product Specific Criteria (Initial):** *Approval Duration = 1 month*

- **Zolpidem 10mg** (prior authorization required for females only):
  - The patient must have failed a 25-day trial of zolpidem 5 mg within the last 30 days, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy print outs
- **Zolpidem ER:**
  - The patient's insomnia must be characterized by difficulty with sleep maintenance
  - The patient must have failed a 25-day trial of eszopiclone within the last 30 days, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
- **Belsomra, Dayvigo:**
  - The patient's insomnia must be characterized by difficulty with sleep onset and maintenance
  - The patient must have had the following 25-day trials with the most recent failure within the last 30 days, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
    - Silenor (doxepin)
    - Eszopiclone
    - Zolpidem ER
- **Temazepam, zolpidem SL:**
  - The patient's insomnia must be characterized by difficulty with sleep onset and maintenance
  - The patient must have had the following 25-day trials with the most recent failure within the last 30 days, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
    - Zolpidem ER
    - Eszopiclone
    - Silenor (doxepin)
    - Belsomra
- **Edluar (Zolpidem):**
  - The patient's insomnia must be characterized by difficulty with sleep onset
  - The patient must have had the following 25-day trials with the most recent failure within the last 30 days, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
    - Zolpidem IR
    - Zaleplon
    - Eszopiclone
- **Triazolam, fluzepam, estazolam, Seconal sodium, Zolpimist:**
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred agents (subject to clinical review)

### **Product Specific Criteria (Renewal):** *Approval Duration = 6 months (2 weeks for benzodiazepines)*

- **ALL Agents:**
  - The prescriber has provided confirmation that other conditions causing sleep issues have been ruled out
- **benzodiazepines (temazepam, triazolam, flurazepam, estazolam):**
  - The patient must be undergoing dose tapering

<b>NON - DEA SCHEDULED (NON-ADDICTIVE) MEDICATION:</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
Mirtazapine	Doxepin
ROZEREM (ramelteon)	Ramelteon
SILENOR (doxepin)	
Trazodone	

DEA SCHEDULED MEDICATIONS	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Eszopiclone	AMBIEN (Zolpidem)
Zaleplon	AMBIEN CR (Zolpidem)
Zolpidem 5mg	BELSOMRA (Suvorexant)
Zolpidem 10mg (for males)	DAYVIGO (Lemborexant)
	EDLUAR (Zolpidem)
	Estazolam
	Flurazepam
	LUNESTA (Eszopiclone)
	SECONAL SODIUM (Secobarbital)
	Temazepam
	Triazolam
	Zolpidem ER
	Zolpidem 10mg (for females)
	ZOLPIMIST (Zolpidem)
	Zolpidem SL tab

## Antibiotics - Resistance Prevention

### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- **Initial Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 5 days*
  - Patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis & age)
    - Diagnosis must be proven to be caused by a susceptible microorganism by culture and susceptibility testing
  - Medication must be prescribed by an infection disease specialist, an antibiotic stewardship program, or protocol.
  - One of the following criteria must be met (A or B)
    - A. Prescriber must provide evidence-based medical justification for use, explaining why a preferred antibiotic is not an option due to susceptibility, previous failed trials, or other contraindications (subject to clinical review)
    - B. The patient is continuing treatment upon discharge from an acute care facility
- **Renewal Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 5 days*
  - Prescriber must attest that the patient's condition is improving and that it is medically necessary to continue treatment course after re-evaluation of the patient's condition.
  - The total requested duration of use must not be greater than manufacturer labeling or treatment guideline recommendations (whichever is greater).

### Community-Acquired Pneumonia

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Amoxicillin	BAXDELA (Delafloxacin)
Amoxicillin-Clavulanate	FACTIVE (Gemifloxacin)
Azithromycin	XENLETA (Lefamulin)
Cefpodoxime	
Cefuroxime	
Clarithromycin	
Doxycycline	
Levofloxacin	
Linezolid	
Moxifloxacin	

### Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA):

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Clindamycin	BAXDELA (Delafloxacin)
Doxycycline	NUZYRA (Omadacycline)
Linezolid	SIVEXTRO (Tedizolid)
Minocycline	
Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole	

### *Helicobacter pylori*

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
OMECLAMOX-PAK (Omeprazole/Clarithromycin/Amoxicillin)	TALICIA (Omeprazole/Amoxicillin/Rifabutin)
PYLERA (Bismuth Subcitrate Potassium/Metronidazole/Tetracycline)	
PREVPAC (Lansoprazole/Amoxicillin/Clarithromycin)	



## Glucagon Agents

### **Group Criteria (Initial):**

- Prescriptions for glucagon agents do require prior authorization for the initial dose

### **Group Criteria (Renewal):**

- The provider must attest that it is known that the previous dose was taken by the patient (and not diverted or given to another patient)
- One of the following must be met (A or B):
  - A. The provider must attest that adjustments to the patient's diabetes management regimen have been made to reduce incidence of hypoglycemia (basal and prandial insulin dose and timing, interacting drugs, meal and exercise timing).
  - B. The provider has provided medical justification explaining why the patient does not need their diabetes management regimen adjusted.

# Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis & Interstitial Lung Disease

**Category Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The prescriber must be, or in consult with, a pulmonologist or rheumatologist.
- The patient must have forced vital capacity (FVC) ≥ 40% of predicted within prior 60 days.
- The patient must have carbon monoxide diffusing capacity (DLCO, corrected for hemoglobin) of 30% to 79% of predicted.

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ESBRIET (Pirfenidone)	
OFEV (Nintedanib)	

## REVIEW OF CONJUPRI (levamlodipine)

### CONJUPRI:

- **Indication:** treatment of hypertension
- **Mechanism of action**
  - A dihydropyridine (DHP) calcium channel blocker (CCB)
    - Inhibits the transmembrane influx of calcium ions into vascular smooth muscle and cardiac muscle, with a greater effect on vascular smooth muscle cells than on cardiac muscle cells.
      - Peripheral arterial vasodilation causing a reduction in peripheral vascular resistance
        - Lowered blood pressure
  - Levamlodipine is the active, anti-hypertensive isomer of amlodipine
- **Dosing:**
  - Adults and pediatric patients 6-17 years of age:
    - Initial: 1.25-2.5 mg once daily
    - Maximum recommended dose: 5 mg once daily
      - Doses >2.5 mg/day have not been studied in pediatric patients
    - Titration: Titrate every 1 to 2 weeks as needed based on patient response
  - Adjustments:
    - Renal Impairment: no dose adjustments
    - Hepatic impairment: start at 1.25 mg dose and titrate slowly in severe hepatic impairment
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- **Warnings and Precautions:**
  - Use with caution:
    - Patients with heart failure with reduced ejection fraction.
    - Patients with severe aortic stenosis; may cause hypotension or reduce coronary perfusion, resulting in ischemia.
    - Patients with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and outflow tract obstruction since reduction in afterload may worsen symptoms associated with this condition.
  - ADR-Related:
    - Symptomatic hypotension
    - Peripheral edema
- **Pharmacokinetics**
  - Absorption
    - Peak concentration in 6-12 hours, with a bioavailability between 64-90%
  - Metabolism:
    - 90% metabolized to inactive metabolites via hepatic metabolism, with 10 parent compound excreted in urine.
- **Drug interactions**
  - CYP3A4 inhibitors and inducers
  - Increase in effects of other drugs
    - Simvastatin
    - Cyclosporin

## COST

Drug	Strength	Package Size	AWP Pkg Price	AWP Unit Price
Amlodipine	10 mg tab	90	\$14.40	\$0.16
Conjupri	1.25 mf, 2.5 mg, and 5 mg	NA	NA	NA
felodipine	10 mg tab	100	\$283.96	\$2.83
Isradipine	5 mg cap	100	\$136.49	\$1.36
Nicardipine	30 mg cap	500	\$414.97	\$0.82
Nifedipine	90 mg tab	100	\$302.81	\$3.02

## CURRENT UTILIZATION

ND Medicaid Utilization (02/2019 – 01/2020)		
Label Name	Rx Num	Total Reimb Amt
Amlodipine	10,423	\$188,624.73
Conjupri	0	-
felodipine	15	\$235.58
Isradipine	0	-
Nicardipine	0	-
Nifedipine	848	\$207,783.09

## REFERENCES:

1. Facts & Comparisons eAnswers. Available at <http://online.factsandcomparisons.com>. Accessed on January 21, 2020.
2. Conjupri (levamlodipine) [prescribing information]. CSPC Ouyi Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd; December 2019.

## Spinraza

### **Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 12 months*

- For a diagnosis of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Type 1, 2, or 3:
  - A. The patient must not have respiratory insufficiency (need for invasive or noninvasive ventilation for more than 6 hours per 24-hour period)
  - B. The patient must not require gastric feeding tubes for the majority of feeds
  - C. The patient must not have severe contractures or severe scoliosis
  - D. The patient must not have wasting or cachexia
- For a diagnosis of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Type 3:
  - A. The patient must be less than 2 years of age
  - B. The patient must be experiencing issues with ambulating (falls, trouble climbing stairs, unable to walk independently)

## Zolgensma

### **Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 1 month*

- Patient is less than 2 years of age AND less than 13.5 kg at time of infusion
- Patient has reached full gestational age
- Prescriber must be or in consultation with a pediatric neuromuscular specialist or neurologist specializing in spinal muscular atrophy (SMA)
- Patient must have diagnosis of SMA Type I with onset of symptoms prior to 6 months of age
- Genetic testing confirms one of the following:
  - Mutation or deletion of genes in chromosome 5q resulting in one of the following:
    - Homozygous gene deletion of SMN1 gene (absence of SMN1 gene)
    - Homozygous mutation of SMN1 gene (biallelic mutations of the exon 7)
    - Compound heterozygote mutation of SMN1 gene (deletion of SMN1 exon 7 [allele 1] and mutation of SMN1 [allele 2])
  - ≤ 2 copies of the SMN2 gene
  - Absence of the c.859G>C modification in exon 7 of the SMN2 gene
- Baseline Documentation has been submitted confirming anti-adenovirus serotype 9 (anti-AAV9) antibody titer is ≤ 1:50 measured by Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) binding immunoassay
- Patient must not have advanced SMA type 1 evidenced by one of the following
  - Respiratory insufficiency (need for invasive or noninvasive ventilation for more than 6 hours per 24-hour period)
  - Gastric feeding tubes for the majority of feeds
  - Severe contractures or severe scoliosis
  - Wasting or cachexia
  - Established baseline motor ability score < 40 documented by submission of one of the following:
    - Hammersmith Infant Neurological Exam (HINE)
    - Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Test of Neuromuscular Disorders (CHOP INTEND)
- Patient will not be receiving SMN modifying therapy (e.g. Spinraza) after administration of Zolgensma

**NORTH DAKOTA MEDICAID  
RETROSPECTIVE DRUG UTILIZATION REVIEW  
CRITERIA RECOMMENDATIONS  
1ST QUARTER 2020**

***Criteria Recommendations***

***Approved    Rejected***

**1. Pitolisant / Overuse**

Alert Message: The recommended dosage range for Wakix (pitolisant) is 17.8 mg to 35.6 mg administered orally once daily in the morning upon waking. The recommended maximum dosage of 35.6 mg (two 17.8 mg tablets) once daily.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Negating)

Pitolisant

Hepatic Impairment

Max Dose: 35.6 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Wakix Prescribing Information, August 2019, Harmony Biosciences.

**2. Pitolisant / Overutilization – Hepatic Impairment**

Alert Message: In patients with moderate hepatic impairment, initiate Wakix (pitolisant) at 8.9 mg once daily and increase after 14 days to a maximum dosage of 17.8 mg once daily. Pitolisant is extensively metabolized by the liver, and there is a significant increase in pitolisant exposure in patients with moderate hepatic impairment. Pitolisant is contraindicated in patients with severe hepatic impairment.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Include)

Pitolisant

Hepatic Impairment

Max Dose: 17.8 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Wakix Prescribing Information, August 2019, Harmony Biosciences.

**3. Pitolisant / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Wakix (pitolisant) is contraindicated in patients with severe hepatic impairment. Pitolisant is extensively metabolized by the liver and has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment. There is a significant increase in pitolisant exposure in patients with moderate hepatic impairment, and a further increase in pitolisant exposure would be expected in severe hepatic impairment.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Pitolisant

Cirrhosis

Hepatomegaly

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Wakix Prescribing Information, August 2019, Harmony Biosciences.

**4. Pitolisant / Overutilization – Mod. To Sev. Renal Impairment**

Alert Message: Dosage adjustment of Wakix (pitolisant) is recommended in patients with moderate and severe renal impairment. Pitolisant should be initiated at 8.9 mg once daily and increased after 7 days to a maximum dosage of 17.8 mg once daily. Pitolisant has been shown to prolong the QT interval, and the risks may be greater in patients with renal impairment due to higher concentrations of pitolisant. Pitolisant is not recommended in patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD).

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C (Include)

Pitolisant

CKD 3

CKD 4

CKD 5

Max Dose: 17.8 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Wakix Prescribing Information, August 2019, Harmony Biosciences.

**5. Pitolisant / Therapeutic Appropriateness – ESRD**

Alert Message: Wakix (pitolisant) use is not recommended in patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD). Pitolisant has been shown to increase the QT interval, and the risk of QT prolongation may be greater in patients with renal impairment due to higher concentrations of pitolisant.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C (Include)

Pitolisant

End-Stage Renal Disease

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Wakix Prescribing Information, August 2019, Harmony Biosciences.

**6. Pitolisant / Overutilization - CYP2D6 Inhibitors**

Alert Message: Concomitant administration of Wakix (pitolisant) with strong CYP2D6 inhibitors increases pitolisant exposure by 2.2-fold. For patients receiving strong CYP2D6 inhibitors, initiate pitolisant at 8.9 mg once daily, and increase after 7 days to a maximum dosage of 17.8 mg once daily. For patients on a stable dose of pitolisant, reduce the pitolisant dose by half upon initiating strong CYP2D6 inhibitors.

Util AUtil BUtil C

Pitolisant

Bupropion

Fluoxetine

Paroxetine

Quinidine

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Wakix Prescribing Information, August 2019, Harmony Biosciences.

**7. Pitolisant / Drugs that Prolong the QT Interval**

Alert Message: Wakix (pitolisant) prolongs the QT interval. The coadministration of pitolisant with other drugs that prolong the QT interval should be avoided. Concurrent use of these drugs may increase the risk of cardiac arrhythmia.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>		<u>Util C</u>
Pitolisant	Abiraterone	Efavirenz	Levofloxacin
	Alfuzosin	Eliglustat	Lithium
	Amiodarone	Encorafenib	Lofexidine
	Amitriptyline	Entrectinib	Loperamide
	Anagrelide	Eribulin	Maprotiline
	Aripiprazole	Erythromycin	Methadone
	Arsenic Trioxide	Escitalopram	Metoclopramide
	Asenapine	Ezogabine	Midostaurin
	Atazanavir	Famotidine	Mifepristone
	Atomoxetine	Felbamate	Mirabegron
	Azithromycin	Fingolimod	Mirtazapine
	Bedaquiline	Flecainide	Moexipril
	Bortezomib	Fluconazole	Moxifloxacin
	Bendamustine	Fluoxetine	Nelfinavir
	Bosutinib	Fluvoxamine	Nilotinib
	Buprenorphine	Foscarnet	Nortriptyline
	Ceritinib	Galantamine	Ofloxacin
	Chloroquine	Ganciclovir	Ondansetron
	Chlorpromazine	Gemifloxacin	Osimertinib
	Cilostazol	Gilteritinib	Oxaliplatin
	Ciprofloxacin	Glasdegib	Paliperidone
	Citalopram	Granisetron	Panobinostat
	Clarithromycin	Haloperidol	Paroxetine
	Clomipramine	Hydroxychloroquine	Pasireotide
	Clozapine	Hydroxyzine	Pazopanib
	Crizotinib	Ibutilide	Pentamidine
	Dabrafenib	Iloperidone	Pimavanserin
	Dasatinib	Imipramine	Pimozide
	Desipramine	Indapamide	Pitolisant
	Deutetrabenazine	Indinavir	Posaconazole
	Diphenhydramine	Ivabradine	Procainamide
	Disopyramide	Itraconazole	Promethazine
	Dofetilide	Ivosidenib	Propafenone
	Dolasetron	Ketoconazole	Quetiapine
	Donepezil	Lapatinib	Quinidine
	Doxepin	Lefamulin	Quinine
	Dronedarone	Lenvatinib	Ranolazine
	Droperidol	Leuprolide	Ribociclib

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Wakix Prescribing Information, August 2019, Harmony Biosciences.



**8. Pitolisant / QT Prolongation**

Alert Message: Wakix (pitolisant) prolongs the QT interval. The use of pitolisant should be avoided in patients with known QT prolongation or in combination with other drugs known to prolong QT interval. Pitolisant should also be avoided in patients with a history of cardiac arrhythmias, as well as other circumstances that may increase the risk of the occurrence of torsade de pointes or sudden death, including symptomatic bradycardia, hypokalemia or hypomagnesemia, and the presence of congenital prolongation of the QT interval.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Pitolisant	Long QT Interval Cardiac Arrhythmias Bradycardia Hypokalemia Hypomagnesemia	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Wakix Prescribing Information, August 2019, Harmony Biosciences.

**9. Pitolisant / Overutilization – CYP3A4 Inducers**

Alert Message: Concomitant administration of Wakix (pitolisant) with strong CYP3A4 inducers decreases pitolisant exposure by 50%. Assess the patient for loss of efficacy after initiation of a strong CYP3A4 inducer. For patients stable on pitolisant 8.9 mg or 17.8 mg once daily, increase the dose of pitolisant to double the original daily dose (i.e., 17.8 mg or 35.6 mg, respectively) over 7 days. If concomitant dosing of a strong CYP3A4 inducer is discontinued, decrease pitolisant dosage by half.

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Pitolisant	Carbamazepine Phenytoin Phenobarbital Primidone Rifampin	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Wakix Prescribing Information, August 2019, Harmony Biosciences.

**10. Pitolisant / H1 Receptor Antagonists**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Wakix (pitolisant) with histamine-1 (H1) receptor antagonists should be avoided. Pitolisant increases the levels of histamine in the brain; therefore, H1 receptor antagonists that cross the blood-brain barrier may reduce the effectiveness of pitolisant.

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Pitolisant	Clemastine Chlorpheniramine Cyproheptadine Dimenhydrinate Diphenhydramine Doxylamine	Hydroxyzine Pheniramine Promethazine Tetracyclic Antidepressants Tricyclic Antidepressants Triprolidine

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Wakix Prescribing Information, August 2019, Harmony Biosciences.

**11. Pitolisant / Therapeutic Appropriateness – Pediatric Use**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Wakix (pitolisant) in pediatric patients have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Pitolisant

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Wakix Prescribing Information, August 2019, Harmony Biosciences.

**12. Pitolisant / Sensitive CYP3A4 Substrates**

Alert Message: Wakix (pitolisant) is a borderline/weak inducer of CYP3A4. Therefore, reduced effectiveness of sensitive CYP3A4 substrates may occur when used concomitantly with pitolisant.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Pitolisant

Alfentanil

Dronedarone

Lurasidone

Sirolimus

Avanafil

Eletriptan

Maraviroc

Tacrolimus

Budesonide

Eplerenone

Midazolam

Ticagrelor

Buspirone

Everolimus

Naloxegol

Tipranavir

Conivaptan

Felodipine

Nisoldipine

Tipranavir

Cyclosporine

Ibrutinib

Quetiapine

Tolvaptan

Darifenacin

Indinavir

Saquinavir

Triazolam

Darunavir

Lomitapide

Sildenafil

Vardenafil

Dasatinib

Lovastatin

Simvastatin

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Wakix Prescribing Information, August 2019, Harmony Biosciences.

FDA U.S. Food & Drug Administration. Drug Development and Drug Interactions: Table of Substrates, Inhibitors and Inducers. Available at: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-interactions-labeling/drug-development-and-drug-interactions-table-substrates-inhibitors-and-inducers>

**13. Pitolisant / Hormonal Contraceptives**

Alert Message: The effectiveness of hormonal contraceptives may be reduced when co-administered with Wakix (pitolisant). The effectiveness of the hormonal contraceptive may be reduced for 21 days after discontinuation of pitolisant therapy. Pitolisant is a borderline/weak inducer of CYP3A4, and co-administration with sensitive CYP3A4 substrates may decrease the substrate plasma concentrations, decreasing efficacy. Patients using hormonal contraception should be advised to use an alternative non-hormonal contraceptive method during treatment with pitolisant and for at least 21 days after discontinuing treatment.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Pitolisant

Hormonal Contraceptives

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Wakix Prescribing Information, August 2019, Harmony Biosciences.

**14. Pitolisant / Lactation**

Alert Message: There are no data on the presence of Wakix (pitolisant) in human milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effect of this drug on milk production. Pitolisant is present in the milk of lactating rats. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for pitolisant and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed child from pitolisant or the underlying maternal condition.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Pitolisant

Util B

Lactation

Util C

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Wakix Prescribing Information, August 2019, Harmony Biosciences.

**15. Pitolisant / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: Patients who become pregnant while on Wakix (pitolisant) should be encouraged to enroll in the WAKIX pregnancy registry. There are no adequate data on the developmental risk associated with pitolisant use during human pregnancy. In animal reproductive studies, administration of pitolisant during organogenesis caused maternal and embryofetal toxicity in rats and rabbits.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Pitolisant

Util B

Pregnancy

Util C (Negating)

Delivery

Miscarriage

Abortion

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Wakix Prescribing Information, August 2019, Harmony Biosciences.

**16. Rizatriptan / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of rizatriptan in pediatric patients under 6 years of age have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Rizatriptan

Util B

Util C

Age Range: 0 - 5 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2019 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**17. Baricitinib / Overutilization**

Alert Message: Olumiant (baricitinib) may be over-utilized. The recommended dose of baricitinib in patients with moderate renal impairment (estimated glomerular filtration rate (GFR) between 30 and 60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>) is 1 mg once daily. Baricitinib is not recommended for use in patients with severe renal impairment (estimated GFR of less than 30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>).

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Baricitinib 2mg	CKD 3	

Max Dose: 1 mg/day

References:

Olumiant Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Eli Lilly and Company.

**18. Dolutegravir/Lamivudine / Non-adherence**

Alert Message: Based on the refill history, your patient may be underutilizing Dovato (dolutegravir/lamivudine). Nonadherence to antiretroviral therapy may result in insufficient plasma levels and partial suppression of viral load leading to the development of resistance, HIV progression, and increased mortality.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Dolutegravir/Lamivudine		

References:

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. N Engl J Med 2005;353:487-97.

Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents. Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-1 Infected Adults and Adolescents. Department of Health and Human Services. July 10, 2019.

Available at: <http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov/guidelines/ht/l/1/adult-and-adolescent-arv/0>

Panel on Antiretroviral Therapy and Medical Management of HIV-Infected Children. Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in Pediatric HIV Infection. September 12, 2019.

Available at: <http://aidsinfo.nih.gov/contentfiles/lvguidelines/pediatricguidelines.pdf>

**19. Dolutegravir/Lamivudine / Overutilization**

Alert Message: Dovato (dolutegravir/lamivudine) may be over-utilized. The recommended dosage regimen of dolutegravir/lamivudine in adults is one tablet taken orally once daily with or without food.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C (Negating)</u>
Dolutegravir/Lamivudine		Carbamazepine Rifampin

Max Dose: 1 tablet/day

References:

Dovato Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, ViiV Healthcare.

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**20. Dolutegravir/Lamivudine / Severe Renal Impairment**

Alert Message: Dovato (dolutegravir/lamivudine) is not recommended for patients with creatinine clearance < 50 mL/min because it is a fixed-dose combination product, and the dosage of the individual components cannot be adjusted. If a dose reduction of lamivudine, a component of dolutegravir/lamivudine, is required for patients with creatinine clearance < 50 mL/min, then the individual component should be used.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C (Include)

Dolutegravir/Lamivudine

CKD 4 &amp; 5

References:

Dovato Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, ViiV Healthcare.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**21. Dolutegravir/Lamivudine / Carbamazepine**

Alert Message: The dolutegravir dose (50 mg) in Dovato (dolutegravir/lamivudine) is insufficient when coadministered with the carbamazepine. Dolutegravir is a CYP3A4 substrate, and concurrent use with the strong CYP3A4 inducer carbamazepine may result in decreased dolutegravir concentrations. If these drugs are co-administered, an additional dolutegravir 50 mg tablet, separated by 12 hours from dolutegravir/lamivudine, should be taken.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C (Negating)

Dolutegravir/Lamivudine

Carbamazepine

Dolutegravir

References:

Dovato Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, ViiV Healthcare.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**22. Dolutegravir/Lamivudine / Rifampin**

Alert Message: The dolutegravir dose (50 mg) in Dovato (dolutegravir/lamivudine) is insufficient when coadministered with the rifampin. Dolutegravir is a CYP3A4 substrate, and concurrent use with the strong CYP3A4 inducer rifampin may result in decreased dolutegravir concentrations. If these drugs are co-administered, an additional dolutegravir 50 mg tablet, separated by 12 hours from dolutegravir/lamivudine, should be taken.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C (Negating)

Dolutegravir/Lamivudine

Rifampin

Dolutegravir

References:

Dovato Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, ViiV Healthcare.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**23. Dolutegravir/Lamivudine / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The patient appears to be receiving other antiretroviral therapy in addition to Dovato (dolutegravir/lamivudine). Dolutegravir/lamivudine is a complete regimen for the treatment of HIV-1 infections and should not be administered with other antiretroviral medications.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Dolutegravir/Lamivudine All Other HIV Antiretroviral Meds

References:

Dovato Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, ViiV Healthcare.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**24. Dolutegravir/Lamivudine / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Dovato (dolutegravir/lamivudine) have not been established in pediatric patients.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Dolutegravir/Lamivudine

Age Range: 0-17 yoa

References:

Dovato Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, ViiV Healthcare.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**25. Dolutegravir/Lamivudine / Dofetilide**

Alert Message: Coadministration of Dovato (dolutegravir/lamivudine) with dofetilide is contraindicated due to the potential for increased dofetilide plasma concentrations and the risk of serious and/or life-threatening events (e.g., QT prolongation and torsades de pointes). The dolutegravir component of the combination antiretroviral product inhibits the renal organic transporter (OCT2) which is responsible for dofetilide elimination.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Dolutegravir/Lamivudine Dofetilide

References:

Dovato Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, ViiV Healthcare.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**26. Dolutegravir/Lamivudine / Hepatitis B & C**

Alert Message: Hepatotoxicity has been reported in patients receiving dolutegravir-containing regimen. Patients with underlying hepatitis B or C may be at increased risk for worsening or development of transaminase elevations with the use of Dovato (dolutegravir/lamivudine). Monitoring for hepatotoxicity in this patient population is recommended.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Dolutegravir/Lamivudine Hepatitis B  
Hepatitis C

References:

Dovato Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, ViiV Healthcare.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**27. Dolutegravir/Lamivudine / Iron and Calcium Supplements**

Alert Message: Concurrent use of supplements containing calcium and iron can bind to the dolutegravir component of Dovato (dolutegravir/lamivudine) in the GI tract and reduce dolutegravir bioavailability. Dolutegravir/lamivudine should be administered 2 hours before or 6 hours after taking oral calcium or iron supplements. When taken with food, dolutegravir/lamivudine and the supplement can be taken together.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Dolutegravir/Lamivudine	Oral Calcium Carbonate Oral Iron Supplements Multivitamins with Ca & Fe	

## References:

Dovato Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, ViiV Healthcare.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Cottrel ML, Hadzic T, Kashuba AD. Clinical Pharmacokinetic, Pharmacodynamic and Drug-Interaction Profile of the Integrase Inhibitor Dolutegravir/Lamivudine. Clin Pharmacokinet. 04 July 2013 (Online).

**28. Dolutegravir/Lamivudine / Lactic Acidosis & Hepatomegaly**

Alert Message: Lactic acidosis and severe hepatomegaly with steatosis, including fatal cases, have been reported with the use of nucleoside analogs, including the lamivudine component of the combination antiretroviral Dovato (dolutegravir/lamivudine). Closely monitor patients with known risk factors for liver disease (e.g., female sex, obesity) receiving dolutegravir/lamivudine. Treatment with dolutegravir/lamivudine should be suspended in any patient who develops clinical or laboratory findings suggestive of lactic acidosis or pronounced hepatotoxicity.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Dolutegravir/Lamivudine	Lactic Acidosis Hepatomegaly Hepatic Steatosis	

## References:

Dovato Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, ViiV Healthcare.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**29. Dolutegravir/Lamivudine / Severe Hepatic Impairment**

Alert Message: Dovato (dolutegravir/lamivudine) is not recommended in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Score C). Lactic acidosis and severe hepatomegaly with steatosis, including fatal cases, have been reported with the use of nucleoside analogs, including the lamivudine component of the combination antiretroviral Dovato (dolutegravir/lamivudine).

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Dolutegravir/Lamivudine	Cirrhosis Hepatic Failure Toxic Liver Disease	

## References:

Dovato Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, ViiV Healthcare.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**30. Dolutegravir/Lamivudine / Certain 3A4 Inducers**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Dovato (dolutegravir/lamivudine) and the CYP3A4 inducers oxcarbazepine, phenytoin or phenobarbital should be avoided. The dolutegravir component of the combination antiretroviral is a CYP3A4 substrate and use with the CYP3A4 inducer may result in decreased dolutegravir concentrations. There is insufficient data to make dosing recommendations for this drug combination.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Dolutegravir/Lamivudine	Phenobarbital Phenytoin Oxcarbazepine	

References:

Dovato Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, ViiV Healthcare.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard

**31. Dolutegravir/Lamivudine / Metformin**

Alert Message: Concurrent use of Dovato (dolutegravir/lamivudine) and metformin may result in increased plasma concentrations of metformin, increasing the risk of metformin-related adverse effects (i.e., lactic acidosis). The dolutegravir component of the combination antiretroviral is an OCT2 and MATE1 inhibitor, and metformin is a substrate of both OCT2 and MATE1 substrate. If coadministration is required, limit the total daily dose of metformin to 1000 mg when starting metformin or dolutegravir. If treatment with dolutegravir is discontinued, dosage adjustment of metformin may be required.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Dolutegravir/Lamivudine	Metformin	

References:

Dovato Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, ViiV Healthcare.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2013 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Tivicay Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, ViiV Healthcare.

**32. Dolutegravir/Lamivudine / Medications Containing Polyvalent Cations**

Alert Message: Dovato (dolutegravir/lamivudine) should be administered 2 hours before or 6 hours after taking medications containing polyvalent cations. Medications containing polyvalent cations can bind to the dolutegravir component of the combination antiretroviral product in the GI tract and reduce dolutegravir bioavailability.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Dolutegravir/Lamivudine	Aluminum Hydroxide Cation-containing Laxatives Magnesium Hydroxide Sucralfate	

References:

Dovato Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, ViiV Healthcare.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Cottrel ML, Hadzic T, Kashuba AD. Clinical Pharmacokinetic, Pharmacodynamic and Drug-Interaction Profile of the Integrase Inhibitor Dolutegravir/Lamivudine. Clin Pharmacokinet. 04 July 2013 (Online).



**33. Dolutegravir / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: The use of dolutegravir has been associated with increased risk of neural tube defects when administered at the time of conception and in early pregnancy. Avoid the use of dolutegravir-containing agents at the time of conception through the first trimester of pregnancy. If there are plans to become pregnant or if pregnancy is confirmed within the first trimester while on a dolutegravir-containing agent, if possible, switch to an alternative regimen. Perform pregnancy testing before initiation of a dolutegravir-containing medication in individuals of childbearing potential.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Negate)

Dolutegravir

Pregnancy

Delivery

Dolutegravir/Rilpivirine

Miscarriage

Dolutegravir/Lamivudine

Abortion

Dolutegravir/Lamivudine/Abacavir

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

Gender: Female

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2019 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**34. Semaglutide Tabs / Overuse**

Alert Message: Rybelsus (semaglutide) may be over-utilized. The recommended maximum daily dose of oral semaglutide is 14 mg once daily.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Semaglutide Tabs

Max Dose: 14 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Rybelsus Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Novo Nordisk, Inc.

**35. Semaglutide Tabs / Non-adherence**

Alert Message: Based on refill history, your patient may be under-utilizing Rybelsus (semaglutide). Nonadherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in sub-therapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Semaglutide Tabs

References:

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. N Engl J Med 2005; 353:487- 497.

Ho PM, Rumsfeld JS, Masoudi FA, et al., Effect of Medication Nonadherence in Diabetes Mellitus. Cardiology Review, April 2007.

Currie CJ, Peyrot M, Morgan CL, et al. The Impact of Treatment Noncompliance on Mortality in People With Type 2 Diabetes. Diabetes Care 35:1279-1284, June 2012.

**36. Semaglutide Tabs / Medullary Thyroid Carcinoma & MEN 2 (Black Box Warning)**

Alert Message: The use of Rybelsus (semaglutide), a glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonist, is contraindicated in patients with a personal or family history of medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC) or with Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia Syndrome type 2 (MEN 2). GLP-1 receptor agonists have been shown to increase the incidence of thyroid C-cell tumors in rodents. Patients should be counseled regarding the risk of MTC and the symptoms of thyroid tumors (e.g., a mass in the neck, dysphagia, dyspnea, or persistent hoarseness).

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C (Include)

Semaglutide Tabs

Medullary Thyroid Carcinoma II  
Thyroid Carcinoma  
History of Thyroid Carcinoma

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Rybelsus Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Novo Nordisk, Inc.

**37. Semaglutide Tabs / Therapeutic Appropriateness (Black Box Warning)**

Alert Message: Rybelsus (semaglutide) is a glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonist and GLP-1 receptor agonists have been shown to cause thyroid C-cell tumors at clinically relevant exposure in rodents. It is unknown whether semaglutide causes thyroid C-cell tumors, including medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC), in humans. Patients should be counseled regarding the risk of medullary thyroid carcinoma and the symptoms of thyroid tumors (e.g., a mass in the neck, dysphagia, dyspnea, or persistent hoarseness).

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Semaglutide Tabs

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Rybelsus Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Novo Nordisk, Inc.

**38. Semaglutide / Pancreatitis**

Alert Message: In clinical trials, acute pancreatitis has been reported in association with Rybelsus (semaglutide) use. If pancreatitis is suspected, semaglutide should be discontinued promptly. If confirmed, semaglutide should not be restarted. Semaglutide has not been studied in patients with a history of pancreatitis to determine whether these patients are at increased risk for pancreatitis. Consider other antidiabetic therapies in patients with a history of pancreatitis.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Semaglutide

Pancreatitis

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2018 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Rybelsus Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Novo Nordisk, Inc.

**39. Semaglutide / Diabetic Retinopathy**

Alert Message: Patients with a history of diabetic retinopathy should be monitored for the progression of diabetic retinopathy when taking Rybelsus (semaglutide). In a pooled analysis of glycemic control trials with oral semaglutide, diabetic retinopathy complications occurred in 4.2% of patients receiving semaglutide and 3.8% with a comparator. Counsel patients to contact their physician if changes in vision are experienced during treatment with semaglutide.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Semaglutide      Diabetic Retinopathy

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2018 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Rybelsus Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Novo Nordisk, Inc.

**40. Semaglutide Tabs / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Rybelsus (semaglutide) have not been established in pediatric patients (younger than 18 years).

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Semaglutide Tabs

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Rybelsus Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Novo Nordisk, Inc.

**41. Semaglutide Tabs / Insulin and Insulin Secretagogues**

Alert Message: The risk of hypoglycemia is increased when Rybelsus (semaglutide) is used in combination with insulin secretagogues (e.g., sulfonylureas) or insulin. Therefore, patients may require a lower dose of sulfonylurea or insulin to reduce the risk of hypoglycemia in this setting.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Semaglutide Tabs

Insulins

Chlorpropamide

Glimepiride

Glipizide

Glyburide

Tolazamide

Tolbutamide

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Rybelsus Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Novo Nordisk, Inc.

**42. Semaglutide Tabs / Oral Drugs w/NTI**

Alert Message: Rybelsus (semaglutide) causes a delay of gastric emptying, and thereby has the potential to impact the absorption of other oral medications. When coadministering oral medications instruct patients to follow closely semaglutide administration instructions. Consider increased clinical or laboratory monitoring for medications that have a narrow therapeutic index or that require clinical monitoring.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Semaglutide Tabs

Util B

Levothyroxine  
Carbamazepine  
Ethosuximide  
Cyclosporine  
Digoxin  
Lithium

Util C

Phenytoin  
Procainamide  
Tacrolimus  
Theophylline  
Warfarin

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Rybelsus Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Novo Nordisk, Inc.

**43. Semaglutide Tabs / Renal Impairment**

Alert Message: There have been postmarketing reports of acute kidney injury and worsening of chronic renal failure, which may sometimes require hemodialysis, in patients treated with GLP-1 receptor agonists, including Rybelsus (semaglutide). Some of these events have been reported in patients without known underlying renal disease. A majority of the reported events occurred in patients who had experienced nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or dehydration. Monitor renal function when initiating or escalating doses of semaglutide in patients reporting severe adverse gastrointestinal reactions.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Semaglutide Tabs

Util B

Renal Impairment

Util C

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Rybelsus Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Novo Nordisk, Inc.

**44. Semaglutide Tabs / Pregnancy / Delivery, Miscarriage & Abortion**

Alert Message: Available data with Rybelsus (semaglutide) use in pregnant women are insufficient to evaluate for a drug-associated risk of major birth defects, miscarriage, or other adverse maternal or fetal outcomes. There are clinical considerations regarding the risks of poorly controlled diabetes in pregnancy. Based on animal reproduction studies, there may be potential risks to the fetus from exposure to semaglutide during pregnancy. Semaglutide should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Semaglutide Tabs

Util B

Pregnancy

Util C (Negating)

Delivery  
Miscarriage  
Abortion

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

Gender: Female

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Rybelsus Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Novo Nordisk, Inc.

**45. Semaglutide Tabs / Lactation**

Alert Message: Rybelsus (semaglutide) use is not recommended in patients who are breast-feeding. While there are no data on the presence of semaglutide in human milk, semaglutide and salcaprozate sodium (an absorption enhancer in the oral product) has been shown to be present in the milk of lactating rats. When a substance is present in animal milk, the substance will likely be present in human milk. Other hypoglycemics agents may be considered as possible alternatives for treatment.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Semaglutide Tabs

Util B

Lactation

Util C

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

Gender: Female

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Rybelsus Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Novo Nordisk, Inc.

**46. Exenatide ER / Severe Renal Impairment**

Alert Message: Exenatide extended-release (Bydureon & Bydureon BCise) is not recommended for use in patients with eGFR below 45 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> or end-stage renal disease. There have been postmarketing reports of altered renal function with exenatide, including increased serum creatinine, renal impairment, worsened chronic renal failure, and acute renal failure, sometimes requiring hemodialysis or kidney transplantation. If used in patients with renal transplantation, closely monitor for adverse reactions that may lead to hypovolemia.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Exenatide ER

Util B

CKD 4

CKD 5

ESRD

Kidney Transplant

Util C

References:

Bydureon Prescribing Information, Feb. 2019, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Bydureon BCise Prescribing Information, July 2019, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2019 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**47. Mepolizumab Prefilled / Overutilization**

Alert Message: The recommended dose of Nucala (mepolizumab) in children aged 6 to 11 years of age with severe asthma with an eosinophilic phenotype is 40 mg once every 4 weeks by subcutaneous injection in the upper arm, thigh, or abdomen. The mepolizumab prefilled autoinjector and prefilled syringe are only for use in adults and adolescents aged 12 years and older.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Mepolizumab prefilled syringe

Mepolizumab prefilled autoinjector

Util B

Util C (Include)

Asthma

Age Range: 6 – 11 yoa

References:

Nucala Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, GlaxoSmithKline.

**48. Halobetasol/Tazarotene / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: Duobrii (halobetasol/tazarotene lotion) is contraindicated in pregnancy. Based on data from animal reproduction studies, retinoid pharmacology, and the potential for systemic absorption, halobetasol/tazarotene lotion may cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant female. Tazarotene elicits teratogenic and developmental effects associated with retinoids after topical or systemic administration in rats and rabbits.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Halobetasol/Tazarotene

Util B

Pregnancy

Util C (Negating)

Miscarriage

Delivery

Abortion

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

Gender: Female

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2019 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Duobrii Prescribing Information, April 2019, Bausch Health Companies Inc.

**49. Halobetasol/Tazarotene / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for Duobrii (halobetasol/tazarotene lotion) and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed child from halobetasol/tazarotene lotion. There are no data on the presence of tazarotene, halobetasol propionate or its metabolites in human milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effects on milk production after treatment with halobetasol/tazarotene lotion.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Halobetasol/Tazarotene

Util B

Lactation

Util C

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

Gender: Female

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2019 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Duobrii Prescribing Information, April 2019, Bausch Health Companies Inc.

**50. Halobetasol/Tazarotene / Contraceptives**

Alert Message: Females of reproductive potential should be warned of the potential risk to a fetus if they were to become pregnant while on Duobrii (halobetasol/tazarotene lotion) therapy. The patient should be advised to use effective birth control measures during treatment with halobetasol/tazarotene lotion. A negative pregnancy test should be obtained within 2 weeks prior to halobetasol/tazarotene lotion therapy. Treatment should be initiated during a menstrual period.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Halobetasol/Tazarotene

Util B

Util C (Negating)

Contraceptives

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

Gender: Female

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2019 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Duobrii Prescribing Information, April 2019, Bausch Health Companies Inc.

**51. Halobetasol/Tazarotene / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Duobrii (halobetasol/tazarotene lotion) in pediatric patients under the age of 18 years have not been evaluated. Because of higher skin surface area to body mass ratios, pediatric patients are at a greater risk than adults of HPA axis suppression and Cushing's syndrome when they are treated with topical corticosteroids. They are therefore also at greater risk of adrenal insufficiency during or after withdrawal of treatment. Adverse reactions, including striae, have been reported with the use of topical corticosteroids in infants and children.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Halobetasol/Tazarotene

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts &amp; Comparisons, 2019 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Duobrii Prescribing Information, April 2019, Bausch Health Companies Inc.

**52. Ibuprofen/Famotidine / CKD 3, 4, & 5**

Alert Message: Avoid the use of Duexis (ibuprofen/famotidine) in patients with advanced renal disease unless the benefits are expected to outweigh the risk of worsening renal failure. The ibuprofen component of the combination product can cause renal injury. Additionally, the famotidine component of the combination product has been associated with CNS adverse effects in patients with moderate to severe renal insufficiency.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Ibuprofen/Famotidine

CKD 3

CKD 4

CKD 5

References:

Duexis Prescribing Information, June 2019, Horizon Pharma USA.

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/gold Standard.

**53. Ibuprofen/Famotidine / Geriatric**

Alert Message: Duexis (ibuprofen/famotidine) should be used with caution in the elderly. Elderly patients, compared to younger patients, are at greater risk for NSAID-associated adverse reactions. Because elderly patients are more likely to have decreased renal function, care should be taken in dose selection and dosing interval. Famotidine is substantially excreted by the kidney, and risk of famotidine-related adverse reactions may be greater in patients with impaired renal function.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Ibuprofen/Famotidine

Age Range: ≥ 65 yoa

References:

Duexis Prescribing Information, June 2019, Horizon Pharma USA.

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/gold Standard.

**54. Ibuprofen/Famotidine / Overutilization**

Alert Message: The recommended daily dose of Duexis (ibuprofen/famotidine) is one tablet (ibuprofen 800 mg/famotidine 26.6 mg) 3 times daily.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Ibuprofen/Famotidine

Max Dose: 3 tablets/day

References:

Duexis Prescribing Information, June 2019, Horizon Pharma USA.

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/gold Standard.

**55. Riluzole Tablets & Film / Overutilization**

Alert Message: Riluzole may be over-utilized. The manufacturer's recommended dosage of riluzole is 50 mg twice daily.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Riluzole Tablets

Riluzole Oral Film

Max Dose: 100 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2019 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**56. Riluzole Suspension / Overutilization**

Alert Message: Tiglutik (riluzole oral suspension) may be over-utilized. The manufacturer's recommended dosage of riluzole oral suspension is 50 mg (10 mL) twice daily, every 12 hours.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Riluzole Suspension

Max Dose: 100 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Tiglutik Prescribing Information, September 2018, ITF Pharma.

**57. Riluzole – All / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Cases of drug-induced liver injury, some of which were fatal, have been reported in patients taking riluzole. Patients should be monitored for signs and symptoms of hepatic injury, every month for the first three months of treatment, and periodically thereafter. The use of riluzole is not recommended if patients develop hepatic transaminases levels greater than 5 times the ULN. Discontinue riluzole if there is evidence of liver dysfunction (e.g., elevated bilirubin).

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Riluzole

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2019 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.



**58. Riluzole – All / Pulmonary Toxicity**

Alert Message: Interstitial lung disease, including hypersensitivity pneumonitis, has occurred in patients taking riluzole. Discontinue riluzole immediately if interstitial lung disease develops.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Riluzole	Acute Interstitial Pneumonia	
	Dyspnea	

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2019 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**59. Riluzole – All / Fever & Neutropenia**

Alert Message: Cases of severe neutropenia (absolute neutrophil count less than 500 per mm<sup>3</sup>) within the first 2 months of riluzole treatment have been reported. Advise patients to report febrile illnesses.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Riluzole	Fever	
	Neutropenia	

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2019 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**60. Riluzole – All / CYP1A2 Inhibitors**

Alert Message: The concomitant use of strong or moderate CYP1A2 inhibitors (e.g., ciprofloxacin, fluvoxamine, methoxsalen, mexiletine, oral contraceptive, vemurafenib, zileuton) with riluzole (a CYP1A2 substrate) may increase the risk of riluzole-associated adverse reactions.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Riluzole	Ciprofloxacin	
	Fluvoxamine	
	Methoxsalen	
	Mexiletine	
	Oral Contraceptives	
	Vemurafenib	
	Zileuton	

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2019 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**61. Riluzole – All / CYP1A2 Inducers**

Alert Message: Concurrent use of riluzole (a CYP1A substrate) with CYP1A2 inducers may decrease riluzole exposure, which may result in decreased riluzole efficacy.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Riluzole	Barbiturates Carbamazepine Cannabidiol Leflunomide Modafinil Omeprazole Rifampin Ritonavir Teriflunomide Tipranavir	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2019 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**62. Riluzole – All / Hepatotoxic Drugs**

Alert Message: Cases of drug-induced liver injury, some of which were fatal, have been reported in patients taking riluzole. Riluzole-treated patients who take other hepatotoxic drugs may be at an increased risk for hepatotoxicity.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Riluzole	Alectinib Allopurinol Amiodarone Amoxicillin-clavulanate Atorvastatin Azathioprine Busulfan Carbamazepine Chlorpromazine Dantrolene Diclofenac Didanosine Disulfiram Efavirenz Erythromycin Erlotinib Flutamide Ibuprofen Idelalisib Infliximab Interferon Isoniazid Itraconazole	Ixazomib Ketoconazole Larotrectinib Maraviroc Methotrexate Methyldopa Minocycline Nefazodone Nitrofurantoin Phenytoin Propylthiouracil Pyrazinamide Quinidine Rifampin Simvastatin Sulfasalazine Sulindac Sunitinib Ticlopidine TMP-SMZ Valproate

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2019 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Bjornsson ES. Hepatotoxicity by Drugs: The Most Common Implicated Agents. Int J Mol Sci. 2016;17(2):224.

Published 2016 Feb 6. doi:10.3390/ijms17020224

**63. Riluzole – All / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of riluzole in pediatric patients have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Riluzole

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2019 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**64. Riluzole – All / Nonadherence**

Alert Message: Based on refill history, your patient may be under-utilizing riluzole.

Non-adherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in sub-therapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Riluzole

References:

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. N Engl J Med 2005; 353:487- 497.

Introna A, D'Errico E, Modugno B, et al., Adherence to Riluzole in Patients with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: An Observational Study. Neuropsych Dis Treat. 2018;14:193-203.

Viswanathan M, Golin CE, Jones CD, et al. Interventions to Improve Adherence to Self-administered Medications for Chronic Diseases in the United States: A Systematic Review. Ann Intern Med. 2012 Dec 4;157:785–795. doi:

10.7326/0003-4819-157-11-201212040-00538

**65. Riluzole – All / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: There are no studies of riluzole in pregnant women, and case reports have been inadequate to inform the drug-associated risk. In studies in which riluzole was administered orally to pregnant animals, developmental toxicity (decreased embryofetal/offspring viability, growth, and functional development) was observed at clinically relevant doses. Based on these results, women should be advised of a possible risk to the fetus associated with the use of riluzole during pregnancy.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Negating)

Riluzole

Pregnancy

Delivery

Miscarriage

Abortion

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2019 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**66. Riluzole – All / Lactation**

Alert Message: It is not known if riluzole is excreted in human milk. Riluzole or its metabolites have been detected in the milk of lactating rats. Women should be advised that many drugs are excreted in human milk and that the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants from riluzole is unknown.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Riluzole

Lactation

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2019 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**67. Gilteritinib / Overutilization**

Alert Message: The recommended starting dose of Xospata (gilteritinib) is 120 mg orally once daily with or without food.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Gilteritinib

Max Dose: 120 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Xospata Prescribing Information, May 2019, Astellas Pharma US, Inc.

**68. Gilteritinib / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: Based on findings in animals and its mechanism of action, Xospata (gilteritinib) can cause embryo-fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. In animal reproduction studies, administration of gilteritinib to pregnant rats during organogenesis caused embryo-fetal lethality, suppressed fetal growth and teratogenicity at maternal exposures approximately 0.4 times the AUC<sub>24</sub> in patients receiving the recommended dose. Advise pregnant women of the potential risk to a fetus.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Negating)

Gilteritinib

Pregnancy

Delivery

Miscarriage

Abortion

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Xospata Prescribing Information, May 2019, Astellas Pharma US, Inc.

**69. Gilteritinib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Advise males with female partners of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with gilteritinib and for at least 4 months after the last dose of Xospata (gilteritinib). Male patients with pregnant female partners should be apprised of the potential risk to the fetus.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Gilteritinib

Gender: Male

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Xospata Prescribing Information, May 2019, Astellas Pharma US, Inc.

**70. Gilteritinib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Females of reproductive potential should be advised to use effective contraception during treatment and for at least 6 months after the last dose of Xospata (gilteritinib). Based on findings in animals and its mechanism of action, gilteritinib can cause embryo-fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Negating)

Gilteritinib

Contraceptives

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Xospata Prescribing Information, May 2019, Astellas Pharma US, Inc.

**71. Gilteritinib / Lactation**

Alert Message: There are no data on the presence of Xospata (gilteritinib) and/or its metabolites in human milk, the effects on the breastfed child, or the effects on milk production. In animal studies, gilteritinib and/or its metabolite(s) were distributed to the tissues in infant rats via the milk. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in a breastfed child, advise a lactating woman not to breastfeed during treatment with gilteritinib and for 2 months after the last dose.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Gilteritinib

Lactation

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Xospata Prescribing Information, May 2019, Astellas Pharma US, Inc.

**72. Gilteritinib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Xospata (gilteritinib) in pediatric patients have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Gilteritinib

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Xospata Prescribing Information, May 2019, Astellas Pharma US, Inc.

**73. Gilteritinib / Posterior Reversible Encephalopathy**

Alert Message: There have been rare reports of posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome (PRES) with symptoms including seizure and altered mental status with Xospata (gilteritinib). Symptoms have resolved after discontinuation of gilteritinib. A diagnosis of PRES requires confirmation by brain imaging, preferably magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Discontinue gilteritinib in patients who develop PRES.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Gilteritinib

Posterior Reversible Encephalopathy

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Xospata Prescribing Information, May 2019, Astellas Pharma US, Inc.

**74. Gilteritinib / QT Prolongation**

Alert Message: Xospata (gilteritinib) has been associated with prolonged cardiac ventricular repolarization (QT interval). Perform electrocardiogram (ECG) prior to initiation of treatment with gilteritinib, on days 8 and 15 of cycle 1, and prior to the start of the next two subsequent cycles. For patients who develop a QTcF > 500 msec, interrupt gilteritinib dosage. Resume gilteritinib at a reduced dosage of 80 mg when QTc interval returns to within 30 msec of baseline or less than or equal to 480 msec.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Gilteritinib

Prolonged QT Interval

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Xospata Prescribing Information, May 2019, Astellas Pharma US, Inc.

**75. Gilteritinib / Pancreatitis**

Alert Message: There have been rare reports of pancreatitis in patients receiving Xospata (gilteritinib) in clinical studies. Evaluate patients who develop signs and symptoms of pancreatitis. If pancreatitis confirmed interrupt gilteritinib therapy until pancreatitis is resolved. After pancreatitis is resolved resume gilteritinib at a reduced dose of 80 mg/day.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Gilteritinib	Pancreatitis	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Xospata Prescribing Information, May 2019, Astellas Pharma US, Inc.

**76. Gilteritinib / Combined P-gp and Strong CYP3A4 Inducers**

Alert Message: Avoid concurrent use of Xospata (gilteritinib) with combined P-gp and strong CYP3A inducers. Coadministration of gilteritinib with a combined P-gp and strong CYP3A inducer decreases gilteritinib exposure which may decrease gilteritinib efficacy.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Gilteritinib	Apalutamide Carbamazepine Fosphenytoin Lumacaftor/Ivacaftor Phenobarbital Phenytoin Primidone Rifampin	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Xospata Prescribing Information, May 2019, Astellas Pharma US, Inc.

**77. Gilteritinib / Strong CYP3A Inhibitor**

Alert Message: Concurrent use of Xospata (gilteritinib) with a strong CYP3A inhibitor increases gilteritinib exposure. Consider alternative therapies that are not strong CYP3A inhibitors. If the concomitant use of these inhibitors is considered essential for the care of the patient, monitor the patient more frequently for gilteritinib adverse reactions. In patients who develop serious or life-threatening toxicity, interrupt gilteritinib therapy until toxicity improves to grade 1. Resume gilteritinib therapy at a reduced dose of 80 mg.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Gilteritinib	Clarithromycin Cobicistat Indinavir Itraconazole Ketoconazole Nelfinavir	Nefazodone Posaconazole Ritonavir Saquinavir Voriconazole

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Xospata Prescribing Information, May 2019, Astellas Pharma US, Inc.

**78. Gilteritinib / 5HT2B & Sigma Nonspecific Receptor Drugs**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Xospata (gilteritinib) with drugs that are a target of the 5HT2B receptor or sigma nonspecific receptor should be avoided unless their use is considered essential for the care of the patient. Coadministration of gilteritinib with these drugs may result in a decreased effect of the drugs that are targets of these receptors.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Gilteritinib	Citalopram	
	Escitalopram	
	Fluoxetine	
	Fluvoxamine	
	Paroxetine	
	Sertraline	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Xospata Prescribing Information, May 2019, Astellas Pharma US, Inc.

**79. Gilteritinib / Black Box Warning**

Alert Message: Patients treated with Xospata (gilteritinib) have experienced symptoms of differentiation syndrome, which can be fatal or life-threatening if not treated. Symptoms may include fever, dyspnea, hypoxia, pulmonary infiltrates, pleural or pericardial effusions, rapid weight gain or peripheral edema, hypotension, or renal dysfunction. If differentiation syndrome is suspected, initiate corticosteroid therapy and hemodynamic monitoring until symptom resolution.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Gilteritinib	Fever	
	Dyspnea	
	Hypoxia	
	Pericardial Effusion	
	Pleural Effusion	
	Edema	
	Hypotension	
	Renal Dysfunction	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Xospata Prescribing Information, May 2019, Astellas Pharma US, Inc.

**80. Glasdegib / Overutilization**

Alert Message: The recommended dose of Daurismo (glasdegib) is 100 mg orally once daily on days 1 to 28 in combination with cytarabine 20 mg subcutaneously twice daily on days 1 to 10 of each 28-day cycle in the absence of unacceptable toxicity or loss of disease control. For patients without unacceptable toxicity, treat for a minimum of 6 cycles to allow time for clinical response.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Glasdegib		

Max Dose: 100 mg/day

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Daurismo Prescribing Information, Nov. 2018, Pfizer U.S.



**81. Glasdegib / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: Based on its mechanism of action and findings from animal embryo-fetal developmental toxicity studies, Daurismo (glasdegib) can cause embryo-fetal death or severe birth defects when administered to a pregnant woman.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Glasdegib

Util B

Pregnancy

Util C (Negating)

Delivery

Miscarriage

Abortion

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Daurismo Prescribing Information, Nov. 2018, Pfizer U.S.

**82. Glasdegib / Males**

Alert Message: Advise males of the potential risk of exposure through semen and to use condoms with a pregnant partner or a female partner of reproductive potential during treatment with Daurismo (glasdegib) and for at least 30 days after the last dose to avoid potential drug exposure.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Glasdegib

Util B

Util C

Gender: Male

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Daurismo Prescribing Information, Nov. 2018, Pfizer U.S.

**83. Glasdegib / Females of Reproductive Potential**

Alert Message: Daurismo (glasdegib) is not recommended for use during pregnancy. Conduct pregnancy testing in female patients of reproductive potential prior to initiating glasdegib treatment. Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with glasdegib and for at least 30 days after the last dose. Advise women not to breastfeed during treatment with glasdegib and for at least 30 days after the last dose.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Glasdegib

Util B

Util C (Negating)

Contraceptives

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Daurismo Prescribing Information, Nov. 2018, Pfizer U.S.

**84. Glasdegib / Lactation**

Alert Message: There are no data on the presence of Daurismo (glasdegib) or its active metabolites in human milk, the effects of the drug on the breastfed child, or its effect on milk production. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in a breastfed child from glasdegib, advise women who are taking glasdegib not to breastfeed or provide breast milk to infants or children during treatment with glasdegib and for at least 30 days after the last dose.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Glasdegib	Lactation	

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Daurismo Prescribing Information, Nov. 2018, Pfizer U.S.

**85. Glasdegib / Strong CYP3A4 Inhibitors**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Daurismo (glasdegib), a CYP3A4 substrate, with a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor may result in elevated glasdegib plasma concentrations, and increase the risk of adverse reactions including QTc interval prolongation. Consider alternative therapies that are not strong CYP3A4 inhibitors during treatment with glasdegib.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Glasdegib	Clarithromycin	Nelfinavir
	Cobicistat	Posaconazole
	Indinavir	Ritonavir
	Itraconazole	Saquinavir
	Ketoconazole	Voriconazole
	Nefazodone	

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Daurismo Prescribing Information, Nov. 2018, Pfizer U.S.

**86. Glasdegib / Strong CYP3A4 Inducers**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Daurismo (glasdegib) with a strong CYP3A4 inducer should be avoided. Glasdegib is a CYP3A4 substrate, and concomitant use with a CYP3A4 inducer may result in decreased glasdegib plasma concentrations and loss of therapeutic effects.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Glasdegib	Carbamazepine	
	Phenobarbital	
	Phenytoin	
	Primidone	
	Rifampin	

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Daurismo Prescribing Information, Nov. 2018, Pfizer U.S.

**87. Glasdegib / Drugs That Cause QT Prolongation**

Alert Message: Daurismo (glasdegib) is associated with concentration-dependent QTc prolongation. The concurrent use of glasdegib with QTc prolonging drugs may increase the risk of QTc interval prolongation. Avoid co-administration of QTc prolonging drugs with glasdegib. If co-administration of a QTc prolonging drug is unavoidable, more frequent ECG monitoring is recommended. Interrupt glasdegib therapy if QTc increases to greater than 500 ms. Discontinue glasdegib permanently for patients who develop QTc interval prolongation with signs or symptoms of life-threatening arrhythmia.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Glasdegib

Util B

Abiraterone

Adenosine

Amiodarone

Amitriptyline

Anagrelide

Aripiprazole

Arsenic Trioxide

Asenapine

Atazanavir

Atomoxetine

Azithromycin

Bedaquiline

Bortezomib

Bendamustine

Bosutinib

Buprenorphine

Ceritinib

Chloroquine

Chlorpromazine

Cilostazol

Ciprofloxacin

Citalopram

Clarithromycin

Clomipramine

Clozapine

Crizotinib

Dabrafenib

Dasatinib

Desipramine

Deutetrabenazine

Diphenhydramine

Disopyramide

Dofetilide

Dolasetron

Donepezil

Dronedarone

Droperidol

Doxepin

Efavirenz

Eliglustat

Encorafenib

Entrectinib

Eribulin

Erythromycin

Escitalopram

Ezogabine

Famotidine

Felbamate

Fingolimod

Flecainide

Fluconazole

Fluoxetine

Fluvoxamine

Foscarnet

Galantamine

Ganciclovir

Gemifloxacin

Gilteritinib

Voriconazole

Granisetron

Haloperidol

Hydroxychloroquine

Hydroxyzine

Ibutilide

Indinavir

Iloperidone

Ivabradine

Imipramine

Indapamide

Itraconazole

Ivosidenib

Ketoconazole

Lapatinib

Lefamulin

Lenvatinib

Leuprolide

Levofloxacin

Lithium

Lofexidine

Loperamide

Maprotiline

Methadone

Metoclopramide

Midostaurin

Mifepristone

Mirabegron

Mirtazapine

Moexipril

Moxifloxacin

Nelfinavir

Nilotinib

Nortriptyline

Ofloxacin

Ondansetron

Osimertinib

Oxaliplatin

Paliperidone

Panobinostat

Paroxetine

Pasireotide

Pazopanib

Pentamidine

Pimavanserin

Pimozide

Pitolisant

Posaconazole

Procainamide

Promethazine

Propafenone

Quetiapine

Quinidine

Quinine

Ranolazine

Ribociclib

Util C

Rilpivirine

Risperidone

Ritonavir

Romidepsin

Saquinavir

Sertraline

Siponimod

Solifenacin

Sotalol

Sunitinib

Tacrolimus

Tamoxifen

Telavancin

Tetrabenazine

Thioridazine

Tizanidine

Tolterodine

Toremifene

Tramadol

Trazodone

Trimipramine

Valbenazine

Vandetanib

Vemurafenib

Venlafaxine

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Daurismo Prescribing Information, Nov. 2018, Pfizer U.S.

**88. Glasdegib / QT Prolongation**

Alert Message: Daurismo (glasdegib) is associated with concentration-dependent QTc prolongation. In patients with congenital long QT syndrome, congestive heart failure, electrolyte abnormalities, or those who are taking medications known to prolong the QTc interval, more frequent ECG monitoring is recommended. Interrupt glasdegib if QTc increases to greater than 500 ms. Discontinue glasdegib permanently for patients who develop QTc interval prolongation with signs or symptoms of life-threatening arrhythmia.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Glasdegib

Util B

Long QT Syndrome

Congestive Heart failure

Hypokalemia

Hypomagnesemia

Bradycardia

Util C

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Daurismo Prescribing Information, Nov. 2018, Pfizer U.S.

**89. Glasdegib / Nonadherence**

Alert Message: Based on the refill history, your patient may be under-utilizing Daurismo (glasdegib). Non-adherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in sub-therapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased patient outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Glasdegib

Util BUtil C

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. N Engl J Med 2005; 353:487- 497.

Daurismo Prescribing Information, Nov. 2018, Pfizer U.S.

Greer JA, Amoyal N, Nisotel L, et al. Systemic Review of Adherence to Oral Antineoplastic Therapies. The Oncologist. 2016;21:354-376.

**90. Glasdegib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Daurismo (glasdegib) have not been established in pediatric patients.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Glasdegib

Util BUtil C

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Daurismo Prescribing Information, Nov. 2018, Pfizer U.S.

**North Dakota Medicaid  
Drug Utilization Review Board  
Meeting  
June 3, 2020  
Via Teleconference**

**North Dakota Medicaid  
DUR Board Meeting Agenda  
[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)**

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**Join by phone: 1 701-328-0950, Conference ID: 312 304 233#**

**June 3, 2020**

**1:00 pm**

1. Administrative items
  - DHS announcements
2. Old business
  - Review and approval of March 2020 meeting minutes
  - Budget update
  - Review top 25 drugs for first quarter of 2020
  - Prior authorization/PDL update
  - Update to criteria for medications costing >\$3,000
  - Second review of Conjupri
3. New business
  - Review of cystic fibrosis agents
  - Review of ACL inhibitors (Nexletol and Nexlizet)
  - Review of antifibrinolytic agents
  - Review of Palforzia
  - Review of Mytesi
  - Retrospective DUR criteria recommendations
  - Upcoming meeting date/agenda.
    - Next meeting is September 2, 2020
4. Adjourn

**Please remember to silence all cellular phones during the meeting.**

**North Dakota Medicaid  
Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2020**

**Members Present:** Peter Woodrow, Corey Miller, Mary Aaland, Tanya Schmidt, Andrea Honeyman, Gabriela Balf, Laura Schield, Amy Werremeyer

**Medicaid Pharmacy Department:** Brendan Joyce, Alexi Murphy, LeNeika Roehrich

**Old Business**

Chair A. Honeyman called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Chair A. Honeyman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting. P. Woodrow moved that the minutes be approved, and L. Schield seconded the motion. The chair called for a voice vote to approve the minutes. The motion passed with no audible dissent.

**DHS Announcements**

B. Joyce announced a change made to first-fill requirements for agents used to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The requirement has been changed to a maximum first fill of 14 days to a limit of 10 days.

**Update On North Dakota Medicaid Expansion Population Carve-Out**

B. Joyce updated the Board on the transition of the management of pharmacy benefits for the North Dakota Medicaid Expansion population. He described selected claims processing edits that had been in place for the fee-for-service population that had been turned off beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> in order to allow for continuation of care for expansion patients during the transition.

**Review Top 15 Therapeutic Categories/Top 25 Drugs**

B. Joyce presented the quarterly review of the top 15 therapeutic classes by total cost of claims, top 25 drugs based on number of claims, and top 25 drugs based on claims cost for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019. M. Aaland inquired about reimbursement for IHS claims, and B. Joyce explained the process for how ND Medicaid pays for these claims.

**PDL/PA Criteria Updates**

A. Murphy shared with the Board the changes made to the Preferred Drug List since the most recent version of the Preferred Drug List was posted. Specifically, highlighted were changes made with the addition of Ubrelvy to the Migraine Treatment class, Davigo to the Sedative/Hypnotics class, and Talicia to the H. Pylori class. Tim Wardell of Allergan provided a brief presentation on Ubrelvy during public comment. M. Aaland inquired about the cost of Ubrelvy and T. DeRuiter gave pricing information based on average wholesale price. G. Balf asked whether a re-trial of prior sedative/hypnotic agents would be required if the most recent failure was not within the past 30-days, and A. Murphy explained that retrials are not required if the medication was discontinued due to lack of efficacy or intolerable adverse effects. When a new version of the PDL is published and posted to the website, all updates/changes made since the last version are called out at the top of the document itself.

### **Second Review of Glucagon Agents**

A motion and second was made at the December meeting to place glucagon agents on prior authorization. The topic was brought up for a second review with prior authorization presented by T. DeRuiter. There was no public comment. M. Aaland inquired about current glucagon utilization in the North Dakota Medicaid population, which T. DeRuiter provided. Chair A. Honeyman called for a voice vote and the motion passed with no audible dissent.

### **Second Review of Ofev for Interstitial Lung Disease**

A motion and second was previously made to place agents for the treatment of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis/interstitial lung disease on prior authorization. The topic was brought up for a second review with prior authorization criteria including this indication presented by A. Murphy. M. Aaland inquired as to whether limiting coverage to those prescribed Ofev by or in consultation with a pulmonologist or rheumatologist would apply to just physicians with that specialty, and B. Joyce and A. Murphy explained that it would. Dan Joy of Boehringer Ingelheim presented during time for public comment. Chair A. Honeyman called for a voice vote and the motion passed with no audible dissent.

### **New Business**

#### **Review of Conjupri**

T. DeRuiter presented a review of the newly approved drug, Conjupri to the Board. A motion was made by L. Schield for DHS to create PA criteria for the use of these agents and manage these medications through prior authorization. The motion was seconded by P. Woodrow. Criteria for Conjupri will be presented and voted on by the DUR Board at the next meeting.

### **Discussion on Spinraza and Zolgensma**

A. Murphy and B. Joyce presented on how DHS is currently managing utilization of Spinraza and Zolgensma, including presenting the criteria for coverage of these agents. Eric Cox and Beth Pegram of AveXis spoke about the role of Zolgensma in treatment of SMA. The Board inquired about cost of the medications, which B. Joyce provided based on public pricing data.

### **Retrospective Drug Utilization Review (RDUR) Criteria Recommendations**

The recommended RDUR criteria enclosed in the packet were developed from product information provided by the manufacturers and are usually consistent with new indications, new drugs added, and new warnings. T. DeRuiter presented the new RDUR criteria and explained the RDUR profile review process. M. Aaland inquired as to whether the RDUR criteria is be overly burdensome to providers due to the high number of RDUR criteria ND Medicaid currently has approved. T. DeRuiter explained that the RDUR profile review process is targeted to a select few criteria each month to prevent alert fatigue. L. Schield moved to approve the new criteria and P. Woodrow seconded the motion. The motion passed with no audible dissent. These proposed criteria will be added to the current set of criteria and will be used in future DUR cycles.

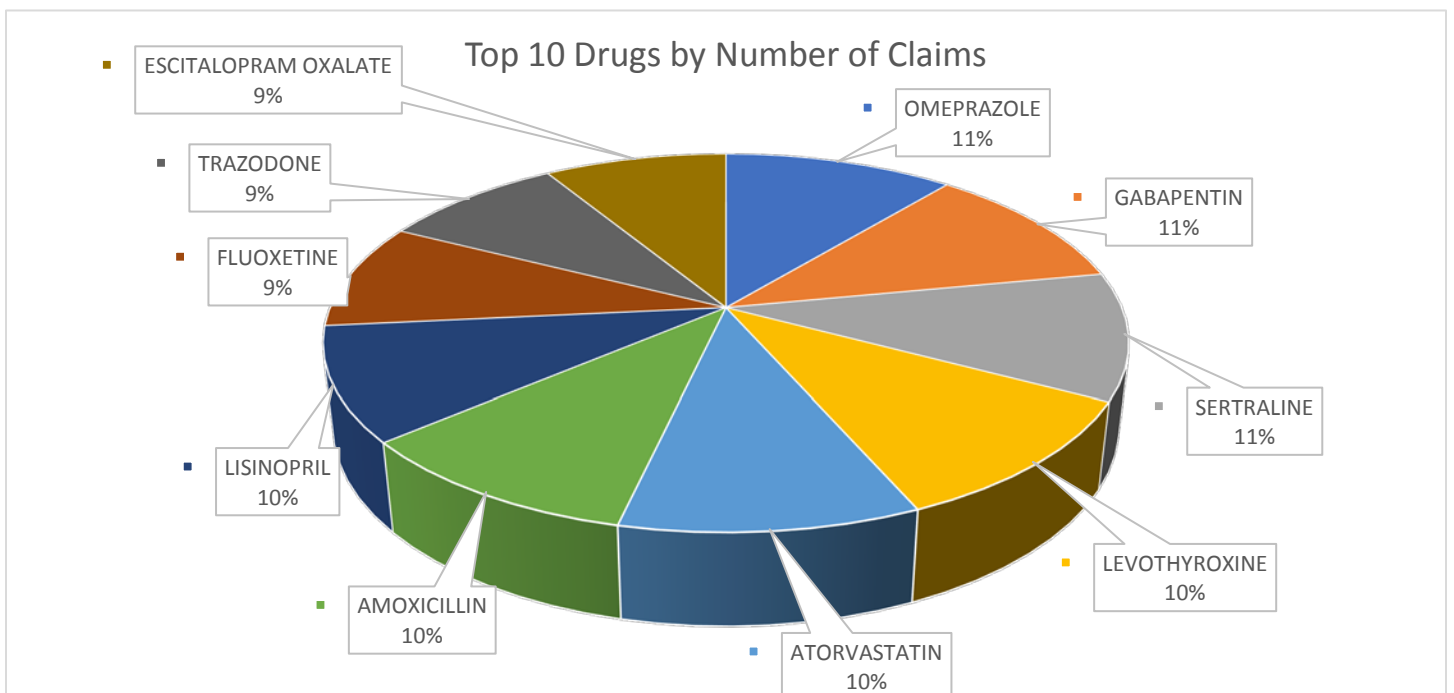
### **Adjournment and Upcoming Meeting Date**

Chair A. Honeyman adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm. The next DUR Board meeting will be held June 3, 2020 at 1:00 pm at the State Capitol building in a meeting room to be announced at a later date.



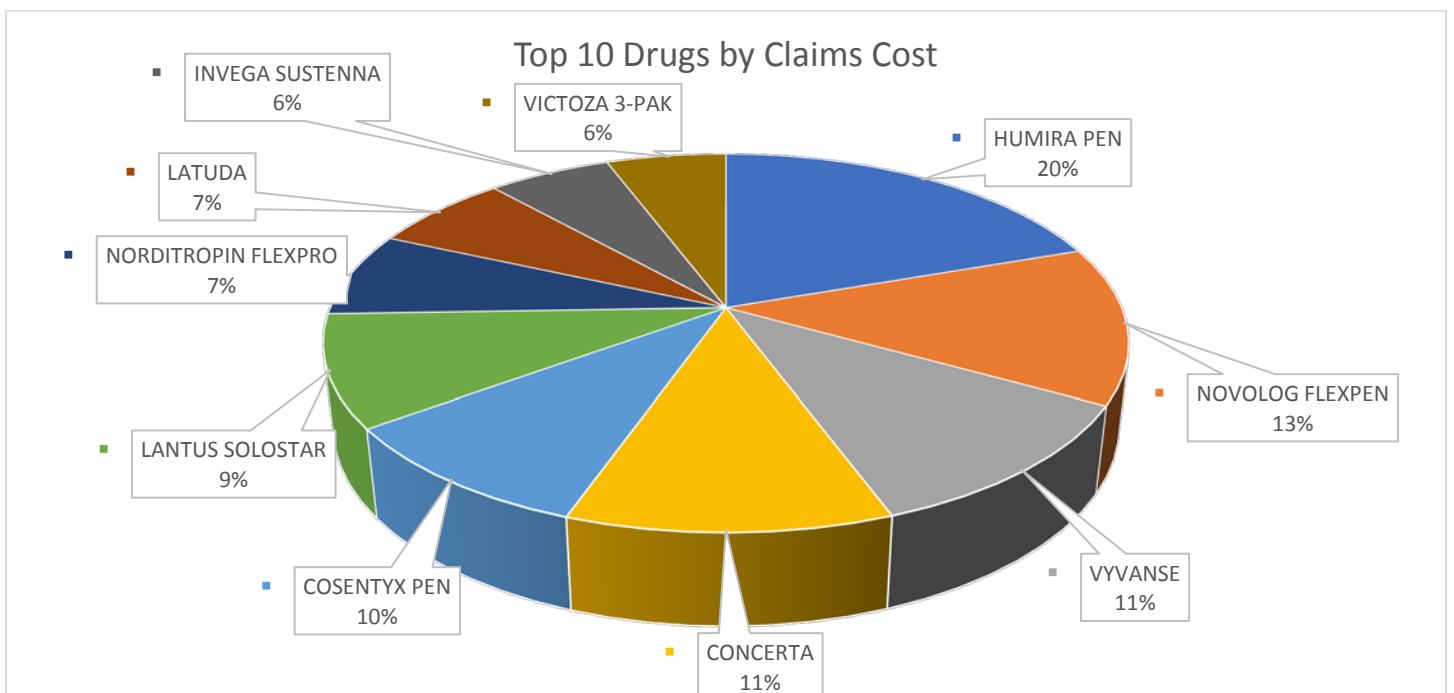
## Top 25 Drugs Based on Number of Claims

Drug Name	AHFS Description	Claims	Claims Cost	Cost Per Claim	% Total Claims
OMEPRAZOLE	PPIs	4,227	\$55,861.88	\$13.22	1.73%
GABAPENTIN	ANTICONVULSANTS	4,203	\$71,049.47	\$16.90	1.72%
SERTRALINE	ANTIDEPRESSANTS	4,165	\$56,340.86	\$13.53	1.70%
LEVOTHYROXINE	THYROID AGENTS	4,072	\$77,621.48	\$19.06	1.66%
ATORVASTATIN	STATINS	3,906	\$55,497.49	\$14.21	1.59%
AMOXICILLIN	PENICILLIN ANTIBIOTICS	3,897	\$54,588.53	\$14.01	1.59%
LISINOPRIL	ACE INHIBITORS	3,724	\$47,240.91	\$12.69	1.52%
FLUOXETINE	ANTIDEPRESSANTS	3,477	\$47,924.35	\$13.78	1.42%
TRAZODONE	ANTIDEPRESSANTS	3,359	\$46,489.23	\$13.84	1.37%
ESCITALOPRAM	ANTIDEPRESSANTS	3,356	\$43,891.28	\$13.08	1.37%
METFORMIN	BIGUANIDES	2,662	\$33,138.26	\$12.45	1.09%
MONTELUKAST	LEUKOTRIENE MODIFIERS	2,655	\$37,761.14	\$14.22	1.08%
HYDROCODONE-APAP	OPIATE AGONISTS	2,608	\$42,213.70	\$16.19	1.06%
DULOXETINE	ANTIDEPRESSANTS	2,518	\$42,971.83	\$17.07	1.03%
OSELTAMIVIR	NEURAMINIDASE INHIB	2,422	\$134,860.04	\$55.68	0.99%
BUPROPION XL	ANTIDEPRESSANTS	2,422	\$45,427.96	\$18.76	0.99%
PROAIR HFA	BETA- AGONISTS	2,394	\$160,923.49	\$67.22	0.98%
VYVANSE	AMPHETAMINES	2,345	\$576,734.21	\$245.94	0.96%
PREDNISONE	ADRENALS	2,343	\$28,814.36	\$12.30	0.96%
PANTOPRAZOLE	PROTON-PUMP INHIBITORS	2,316	\$31,423.96	\$13.57	0.95%
AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	DIHYDROPYRIDINES	2,285	\$28,658.56	\$12.54	0.93%
CLONIDINE	ALPHA-AGONISTS	2,135	\$26,711.25	\$12.51	0.87%
AMOXICILLIN-CLAVULANATE	PENICILLIN ANTIBIOTICS	2,121	\$38,980.24	\$18.38	0.87%
AZITHROMYCIN	MACROLIDE ANTIBIOTICS	2,096	\$35,253.69	\$16.82	0.86%
ARIPRAZOLE	ANTIPSYCHOTIC AGENTS	2,094	\$34,170.07	\$16.32	0.85%
Total Claims for 01/01/2020-03/31/2020					244,948



## Top 25 Drugs Based on Claims Cost

Drug Name	AHFS Description	Total Claims	Total Claims Cost	Cost/Claim	% Total Cost
HUMIRA PEN	CYTOKINE MODULATORS	171	\$1,008,862.05	\$5,899.78	4.50%
NOVOLOG FLEXPEN	INSULINS	1,120	\$689,920.10	\$616.00	3.08%
VYVANSE	AMPHETAMINES	2,345	\$576,734.21	\$245.94	2.57%
CONCERTA	CNS STIMULANTS	1,687	\$565,320.84	\$335.10	2.52%
COSENTYX PEN	CYTOKINE MODULATORS	70	\$489,220.18	\$6,988.86	2.18%
LANTUS SOLOSTAR	INSULINS	1,214	\$489,036.08	\$402.83	2.18%
NORDITROPIN FLEXPEN	PITUITARY	106	\$370,288.63	\$3,493.29	1.65%
LATUDA	ANTIPSYCHOTICS	415	\$342,795.54	\$826.01	1.53%
INVEGA SUSTENNA	ANTIPSYCHOTICS	145	\$301,883.71	\$2,081.96	1.35%
VICTOZA 3-PAK	INCRETIN MIMETICS	336	\$294,245.24	\$875.73	1.31%
XIFAXAN	ANTIBACTERIALS, MISC	131	\$278,232.64	\$2,123.91	1.24%
LEVEMIR FLEXTOUCH	INSULINS	576	\$278,179.66	\$482.95	1.24%
JARDIANCE	SGLT2 INHIB	630	\$269,377.07	\$427.58	1.20%
EPCLUSA	HCV ANTIVIRALS	11	\$267,404.06	\$24,309.46	1.19%
SYMBICORT	LABA/ICS	731	\$236,172.33	\$323.08	1.05%
SABRIL	ANTICONVULSANTS	10	\$202,301.98	\$20,230.20	0.90%
BIKTARVY	ANTIRETROVIRALS	131	\$194,857.97	\$1,487.47	0.87%
GENVOYA	ANTIRETROVIRALS	131	\$191,670.21	\$1,463.13	0.85%
CONTOUR TEST STRIP	DM TESTING	1,659	\$187,970.02	\$113.30	0.84%
NOVOLOG	INSULINS	311	\$185,982.10	\$598.01	0.83%
ABILIFY MAINTENA	ANTIPSYCHOTICS	90	\$174,066.72	\$1,934.07	0.78%
FLOVENT HFA	ICS	731	\$166,766.52	\$228.13	0.74%
PROAIR HFA	BETA AGONISTS	2,394	\$160,923.49	\$67.22	0.72%
SYMDEKO	CFTRS	7	\$156,887.22	\$22,412.46	0.70%
SPIRIVA	ANTIMUSCARINICS	374	\$149,289.11	\$399.17	0.67%
Total Claims Cost for 01/01/2020-03/31/2020					\$22,425,799.14



### Top 15 Therapeutic Classes Based on Number of Claims

Therapeutic Class Description	Claims	Claims Cost	Cost Per Claim	% Total Claims
ANTIDEPRESSANTS	27,262	\$559,499.56	\$20.52	11.13%
ANTICONVULSANTS, MISCELLANEOUS	12,775	\$816,711.67	\$63.93	5.22%
ANTIPSYCHOTIC AGENTS	8,781	\$1,425,811.04	\$162.37	3.58%
PROTON-PUMP INHIBITORS	7,010	\$121,888.12	\$17.39	2.86%
NONSTEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY AGENTS	6,734	\$95,411.10	\$14.17	2.75%
OPIATE AGONISTS	6,584	\$138,138.89	\$20.98	2.69%
HMG-COA REDUCTASE INHIBITORS	6,366	\$91,360.89	\$14.35	2.60%
PENICILLIN ANTIBIOTICS	6,307	\$98,590.94	\$15.63	2.57%
BETA-ADRENERGIC BLOCKING AGENTS	5,599	\$106,217.13	\$18.97	2.29%
ANXIOLYTICS, SEDATIVES, AND HYPNOTICS, MISC	5,363	\$88,029.08	\$16.41	2.19%
BETA-ADRENERGIC AGONISTS	4,863	\$285,524.37	\$58.71	1.99%
ANGIOTENSIN-CONVERTING ENZYME INHIBITORS	4,826	\$69,020.95	\$14.30	1.97%
RESPIRATORY AND CNS STIMULANTS	4,696	\$826,141.95	\$175.92	1.92%
AMPHETAMINES	4,604	\$674,367.77	\$146.47	1.88%
THYROID AGENTS	4,335	\$86,084.91	\$19.86	1.77%

### Top 15 Therapeutic Classes Based on Claims Cost

Therapeutic Class Description	Claims	Claims Cost	Cost/Claim	% Total Cost
INSULINS	3,596	\$1,828,875.07	\$508.59	8.16%
DISEASE-MODIFYING ANTIRHEUMATIC AGENTS	329	\$1,612,559.50	\$4,901.40	7.19%
ANTIPSYCHOTIC AGENTS	8,781	\$1,425,811.04	\$162.37	6.36%
ANTIRETROVIRALS	798	\$876,082.65	\$1,097.85	3.91%
SKIN AND MUCOUS MEMBRANE AGENTS, MISC.	503	\$836,901.03	\$1,663.82	3.73%
RESPIRATORY AND CNS STIMULANTS	4,696	\$826,141.95	\$175.92	3.68%
ANTICONVULSANTS, MISCELLANEOUS	12,775	\$816,711.67	\$63.93	3.64%
CORTICOSTEROIDS (RESPIRATORY TRACT)	3,192	\$703,280.20	\$220.33	3.14%
AMPHETAMINES	4,604	\$674,367.77	\$146.47	3.01%
ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	506	\$625,507.56	\$1,236.18	2.79%
INCRETIN MIMETICS	806	\$577,033.68	\$715.92	2.57%
ANTIDEPRESSANTS	27,262	\$559,499.56	\$20.52	2.49%
HCV ANTIVIRALS	24	\$435,197.57	\$18,133.23	1.94%
IMMUNOMODULATORY AGENTS	56	\$420,324.90	\$7,505.80	1.87%
PITUITARY	380	\$398,497.36	\$1,048.68	1.78%

## PDL Update

### Added to PA

Drug	PA Form	Class
Azelex cream	General Form	Acne - other
Fenofibrate 40, 120 mg tablet	General Form	Non-Preferred Dosage Forms
Fluorouracil 2%, 5% solution	General Form	Actinic Keratosis
Harvoni	Hep C Form	Hepatitis C Treatments
Lindane shampoo	General Form	Lice
Minocycline 50, 75, 100 mg tablet	General Form	Acne - tetracyclines
Neomycin/bacitracin/polymyxin b/hydrocortisone ointment	General Form	Ophthalmic - Anti-infectives/Anti-inflammatories
Relistor tablet	General Form	Opioid-Induced Constipation:
Solaravix	Non-Preferred Dosage Formulation	Non-Preferred Dosage Forms
Sovaldi	Hep C Form	Hepatitis C Treatments
Sprix nasal spray	NSAIDs Form	NSAIDs - Nasal
Vibramycin 25 mg/ 5 mL suspension	General Form	Acne - tetracyclines
Vusion ointment	General Form	Antifungals – Topical
Xifaxan 550 mg	General Form	Traveler's Diarrhea
Zipsor	NSAIDs Form	NSAIDs - Oral

**Removed from PA**

Drug	Class
Aczone 5% gel	Acne - other
Akynzeo	Nausea/Vomiting
Alocril	Ophthalmic - Antihistamines
Apraclonidine 0.5%	Glaucoma - Alpha Adrenergics
Azelaic Acid 15% gel	Acne - other
Dicyclomine oral syrup	Diarrhea – Irritable Bowel Syndrome
Elmiron	Interstitial Cystitis
Epiduo 0.1-2.5% gel pump	Acne - Adapalene
Eprosartan Mesylate	Hypertension - ARBs
Eurax Cream	Lice
Humulin R U-500 Kwikpen	Diabetes - Insulin
Incruse Ellipta	Respiratory - Long Acting Anticholinergics
Lansoprazole	Proton Pump Inhibitors
Neomycin-Bacitracin-Polymyxin eye ointment	Ophthalmic - Anti-infectives
Neomycin-Polymyxin-Gramicidin eye drops	Ophthalmic - Anti-infectives
Praluent Pen	Lipid-Lowering Agents - PCSK9 Inhibitors
Proair Respiclick	Albuterol/Levalbuterol Rescue Inhalers
Repatha Pushtronex	Lipid-Lowering Agents - PCSK9 Inhibitors
Repatha Sureclick	Lipid-Lowering Agents - PCSK9 Inhibitors
Repatha Syringe	Lipid-Lowering Agents - PCSK9 Inhibitors
Taclonex ointment	Antipsoriatics – Topical
Tekturna Hct	Hypertension – Renin Inhibitors

Drug	Class
Tirosint tablets	Non-Preferred Dosage Forms
Tretinoin 0.05% gel	Acne - Retinoid
Vimovo	NSAIDs - Oral
Zetonna	Steroids - Nasal
Zolpidem 10 mg	Sedatives/Hypnotics
Zolpidem ER	Sedatives/Hypnotics

# Hepatitis C Treatments

## [Prior Authorization Form – Hepatitis C](#)

### **Category Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- Chronic Hepatitis C must be documented by one of the following:
  - **Liver fibrosis F1 and below:** 2 positive HCV RNA levels at least 6 months apart.
  - **Liver fibrosis F2 and above:** 1 positive HCV RNA test within the last 12 months.
- The patient must be drug (illicit use of drugs by injection) and alcohol free as documented by 2 drug and alcohol tests dated at least 3 months apart and meet criteria as outlined below:
  - **If the patient has a history of alcohol use disorder,** the patient must have abstained from alcohol for at least 12 months OR patient must:
    - have abstained from alcohol for at least 3 months AND
    - be receiving treatment from an enrolled provider and agree to abstain from alcohol during treatment AND
    - be under the care of an addiction medicine/chemical dependency treatment provider and the provider attests the patient has abstained from alcohol use for at least 3 months
  - **If the patient has a history of illicit use of drugs by injection,** the patient must have abstained from drug use for at least 12 months OR patient must:
    - have abstained from drug use for at least 3 months AND
    - be receiving treatment from an enrolled provider and agree to abstain from said drug use during treatment AND
    - be under the care of an addiction medicine/chemical dependency treatment (or buprenorphine waived provider) provider and the provider attests the patient agrees to abstain from drug use for at least 3 months
- The patient must not be receiving a known recreationally used high risk combination of drugs (e.g. “the holy trinity”) for the past 6 months.
- Patient must attest that they will continue treatment without interruption for the duration of therapy.
- Prescriber must be, or consult with, a hepatology, gastroenterology, or infectious disease specialist.
- Females using ribavirin must have a negative pregnancy test in the last 30 days and receive monthly pregnancy tests during treatment.
- Patient must have established compliant behavior including attending scheduled provider visits (defined as 1 or less no-shows) and filling maintenance medications on time as shown in the prescription medication history for the past 6 months.
- Patient must be tested for hepatitis B, and if the test is positive, hepatitis B must either be treated or closely monitored if patient does not need treatment.
- Patient must not have life expectancy of less than 12 months due to non-liver related comorbid conditions.
- PA approval duration will be based on label recommendation.

### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had a trial of each preferred treatment options indicated for the patient's genotype, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
EPCLUSA (sofosbuvir/velpatasvir) <i>Brand Preferred</i> ***	HARVONI (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir) 90mg/400mg tablet
HARVONI (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir) 45 mg/200mg tablet	Ledipasvir/sofosbuvir
MAVYRET (glecaprevir/pibrentasvir)***	Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir
SOVALDI (sofosbuvir) 200mg tablet	SOVALDI (sofosbuvir) 400mg tablet
	VIEKIRA PAK (dasabuvir/ombitasvir/paritaprevir/ritonavir)
	VOSEVI (sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir)***
	ZEPATIER (elbasvir/grazoprevir)

# Insulin

## [Insulin Prior Authorization Form](#)

### **Group Criteria:**

- **Non-preferred insulins:**
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred products (subject to clinical review).
- **Syringe/Pens:**
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred insulin vial/pen products (subject to clinical review).

### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- **\*\*\*Humulin N/Humulin 70/30:** One of the following must be met (A or B):
  - A. The patient must be pregnant or breastfeeding
  - B. Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred products (subject to clinical review).
- **\*\*\*Fiasp:** The patient must have had a 3-month trial of one of the following agents, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
  - Novolog, Humalog, or Apidra
- **\*\*\*Basaglar:** Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred products (subject to clinical review).
- **\*\*\*Toujeo/Tresiba:**
  - **Initial Criteria:** Approval 6 months
    - The requested agent must be prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist or diabetes specialist.
    - One of the following must be met (medical documentation of reported events must be provided):
      - The patient experiences recurrent episodes of hypoglycemia on Insulin glargine U100, insulin detemir U100, or U-500R despite adjustments to current regimen (prandial insulin, interacting drugs, meal and exercise timing).
      - The patient currently experiences inconsistent blood sugars with a basal insulin requirement of a minimum of 100 units/day for a minimum of 3 months with good compliance, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy print outs.
      - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient needs for a smaller volume of insulin (max is 80 units/injection for both Insulin glargine 300 units/mL and 100 units/mL. Patients using Insulin glargine 300 unit/mL may require more basal insulin than those receiving 100 units/mL).
    - **If dose is >200 units of insulin per day,** clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is not a candidate for U-500R (Toujeo and Tresiba are not intended as replacements for U500 insulin).
  - **Renewal Criteria:** Approval 12 months
    - The patient must have experienced at least one of the following, as evidenced by provided clinical notes or labs:
      - Reduction in frequency and/or severity of hypoglycemia
      - Improved glycemic control (A1C)

++ Clinically Non-preferred: Lantus and Levemir have been demonstrated to reduce the risk of symptomatic and nocturnal hypoglycemia compared with NPH insulin.



PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
APIDRA (insulin glulisine) VIAL	ADMELOG (insulin lispro) VIAL
APIDRA SOLOSTAR (insulin glulisine) INSULIN PEN	ADMELOG SOLOSTAR (insulin lispro) INSULIN PEN
HUMALOG JUNIOR KWIKPEN (insulin lispro)	AFREZZA (insulin regular, human)
**++HUMALOG MIX 50/50 (insulin NPL/insulin lispro) KWIKPEN	BASAGLAR KWIKPEN U-100 (insulin glargine)***
**++HUMALOG MIX 75/25 (insulin NPL/insulin lispro) KWIKPEN	FIASP (insulin aspart) CARTRIDGE***
HUMALOG MIX 50/50 (insulin NPL/insulin lispro) VIAL	FIASP (insulin aspart) VIAL***
HUMALOG MIX 75/25 (insulin NPL/insulin lispro) VIAL	HUMALOG U-100 (insulin lispro) KWIKPEN
***++HUMULIN 70/30 (insulin NPH human/regular insulin human) VIAL	HUMALOG (insulin lispro) VIAL
***++HUMULIN 70/30 (insulin NPH human/regular insulin human) KWIKPEN	HUMALOG (insulin lispro) CARTRIDGE
***++HUMULIN N (insulin NPH human isophane) VIAL	HUMALOG U-200 (insulin lispro) KWIKPEN
***++HUMULIN N (insulin NPH human isophane) KWIKPEN	Insulin aspart flexpan
HUMULIN R (insulin regular, human) VIAL	Insulin aspart vial
HUMULIN R (Insulin regular, human) U-500 KWIKPEN	Insulin aspart protamine/insulin aspart
HUMULIN R U-500 (insulin regular, human) VIAL	++NOVOLIN 70-30 (insulin NPH human/regular insulin human) VIAL
Insulin lispro vial	++NOVOLIN 70-30 (insulin NPH human/regular insulin human) FLEXPEN
Insulin lispro syringe	++NOVOLIN N (insulin NPH human isophane) FLEXPEN
LANTUS (insulin glargine) SOLOSTAR	++NOVOLIN N (insulin NPH human isophane) VIAL
LANTUS (insulin glargine) VIAL	TOUJEO MAX SOLOSTAR (insulin glargine)***
LEVEMIR (insulin detemir) VIAL	TOUJEO SOLOSTAR (insulin glargine)***
LEVEMIR (insulin detemir) FLEXTOUCH	TRESIBA (insulin degludec) FLEXTOUCH U-100***
NOVOLIN R (insulin regular, human) VIAL	TRESIBA (insulin degludec) FLEXTOUCH U-200***
NOVOLOG (insulin aspart) CARTRIDGE – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	TRESIBA (insulin degludec) VIAL***
NOVOLOG (insulin aspart) FLEXPEN – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	
NOVOLOG (insulin aspart) VIAL – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	
NOVOLOG MIX 70/30 (insulin aspart protamine/insulin aspart) FLEXPEN	
NOVOLOG MIX 70/30 (insulin aspart protamine/insulin aspart) VIAL	

## Diarrhea – Irritable Bowel Syndrome

### *Electronic Step Care and Concurrent Medications*

- Xifaxan: Xifaxan does not require prior authorization for hepatic encephalopathy if used concurrently with lactulose
  - A total of 30 days of Lactulose must be paid within 65 days prior to Xifaxan's date of service.

### *Prior Authorization Criteria*

#### General Prior Authorization Form

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must be 18 years of age or older.
- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

#### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- **\*\*\*Alosetron**: The patient must be a female.
- **\*\*\*Xifaxan**: Must be used for an FDA-approved indication for use (meeting label recommendations for diagnosis, age, and duration of treatment)
- **\*\*\* Dicyclomine Oral Syrup**: The patient must be unable to ingest solid dosage form as evidenced by swallow study documentation

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS:
Dicyclomine Capsule	Alosetron***
Dicyclomine Oral Syrup***	
Dicyclomine Tablet	
LOTIRONEX (alosetron)***	
VIBERZI (eluxadoline)	
XIFAXAN (rifaximin) 550 mg tablet***	

## Traveler's Diarrhea

### *Electronic Step Care and Concurrent Medications*

- Xifaxan: Xifaxan does not require prior authorization for hepatic encephalopathy if used concurrently with lactulose
  - A total of 30 days of Lactulose must be paid within 65 days prior to Xifaxan's date of service.

### *Prior Authorization Criteria*

#### **Category Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had a trial of appropriate duration with azithromycin and a fluoroquinolone

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS:
Azithromycin	XIFAXAN (Rifaximin) 550mg
Ciprofloxacin	
Levofloxacin	

Nasal

**Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had 30-day trials of 2 oral and 1 topical preferred agents, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use another dosage form (subject to clinical review).

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFFERED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
	Ketorolac Nasal Spray
	SPRIX (Ketorolac) NASAL SPRAY

## Medications that cost over \$3000/month

### General Prior Authorization Form

#### Group Criteria:

- **Initial Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 6 months*
  - The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- **Renewal Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 12 months*
  - The provider must have experienced and maintained clinical benefit since starting treatment with the requested medication, as evidenced by medical documentation (e.g. chart notes) attached to the request (subject to clinical review).

PA REQUIRED
GATTEX (teduglutide)
INCRELEX (mecasermin)
OXERVATE (cenegermin-bkbj)
TRIENTINE

## Hypertension

### Calcium Channel Blockers

#### General Prior Authorization Form

#### Group Criteria:

- **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 12 months*
  - The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
  - The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred agent of a unique active ingredient, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use all other products to treat hypertension (subject to clinical review).

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Amlodipine	CONJUPRI (levamlodipine)
Felodipine	
Isradipine	
Nicardipine	
Nifedipine	
Nisoldipine	



## General Prior Authorization Form

**Fax Completed Form to:**  
**855-207-0250**  
**For questions regarding this**  
**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a prescription for non-preferred medications to meet specific diagnosis and step-therapy requirements. Criteria for agents requiring prior authorization can be found at one of the following locations:

- The Preferred Drug List (PDL) available at [www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf](http://www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf)
- Prior Authorization Criteria available at [www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/2018/Criteria/PA\\_Criteria.pdf](http://www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/2018/Criteria/PA_Criteria.pdf)

**\*\*\*Completed Medwatch form(s) must be attached to this request for failed trial(s) in which the active ingredient of the failed product is the same as the requested product\*\*\***

### Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHYSICIAN

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name		Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)			
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:			Diagnosis for this request:		
List all failed medications:				Start Date:	End Date:
<b>Additional Qualifications for Coverage</b> (e.g. medical justification explaining inability to meet required trials) <input type="checkbox"/> Patient is pregnant: Due Date _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Patient has inability to take or tolerate solid oral dosage forms (please attach swallow study) <input type="checkbox"/> Patient has feeding tube in place: (please state specific type of feeding tube _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please fill out below)					
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**				Date	
<i>** : By completing this form, I hereby certify that the above request is true, accurate and complete. That the request is medically necessary, does not exceed the medical needs of the member, and is clinically supported in the patient's medical records. I also understand that any misrepresentations or concealment of any information requested in the prior authorization request may subject me to audit and recoupment.</i>					

### Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:		
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	DRUG	NDC #		

# REVIEW OF CFTR MODULATORS FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS

## Overview:

- Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a multisystem genetic disorder affecting the lungs, digestive system, sweat glands, and reproductive tract
- It is caused by pathogenic variants of the CF transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) gene, which leads to insufficient activity of CFTR proteins, resulting in abnormal transport of chloride and sodium across secretory epithelia, resulting in thickened, viscous secretions
  - The CFTR protein is present at the surface of epithelial cells in multiple organ systems that functions as a regulated chloride channel
    - Through its chloride regulation, CFTR protein can also regulate the activity of other chloride and sodium channels at the cell surface
- While there are multiple different mutations that can cause CF, all of these mutations result in inadequate CFTR activity in 1 of the following ways:
  - **Class I mutations:** Defective CFTR protein production
  - **Class II mutations:** Defective CFTR protein processing (vast majority of CF patients)
    - includes the F508del mutation
  - **Class III mutations:** Defective CFTR protein regulation
    - “gating mutations”
  - **Class IV mutations:** Defective CFTR conduction
  - **Class V mutations:** Reduced amounts of functional CFTR protein
    - Residual function mutations
- There is no cure for CF, and progressive lung disease continues to be the major cause of morbidity and mortality for most patients.

## CFTR Modulators:

- Cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) modulators are a class of drugs that act by improving production, intracellular processing, and/or function of the defective CFTR protein
  - Advantageous over prior therapies as these target the production or function of the mutant CFTR protein rather than its downstream consequences
  - Have been shown to improve forced expiratory volume in one second (FEV<sub>1</sub>) and symptom-related quality of life (QoL) and reduce acute pulmonary exacerbations in patients with CF
- All CFTR modulators are indicated for the treatment of cystic fibrosis but have different age and genetic testing requirements for use
- Their indications and efficacy depend upon the CFTR mutations in an individual patient
- **Products Available:**
  - Trikafta (elexacaftor/tezacaftor/ivacaftor)
    - **Tablet therapy pack:** Elexacaftor 100 mg / tezacaftor 50 mg / ivacaftor 75 mg tablets AND Ivacaftor 150 mg tablets
  - Kalydeco (ivacaftor)
    - **Oral Packet:** 25 mg, 50 mg, and 75 mg
    - **Tablet:** 150 mg
  - Orkambi (lumacaftor/ivacaftor)
    - **Oral Packet:** lumacaftor 100 mg / ivacaftor 125 mg
    - **Oral Packet:** lumacaftor 150 mg / ivacaftor 188 mg
    - **Tablet:** lumacaftor 100 mg / ivacaftor 125 mg
    - **Tablet:** lumacaftor 200 mg / ivacaftor 125 mg
  - Symdeko (tezacaftor/ivacaftor)
    - **Tablet therapy pack:** Tezacaftor 50 mg / Ivacaftor 75 mg tablets AND Ivacaftor 75 mg tablets
    - **Tablet therapy pack:** Tezacaftor 100 mg / Ivacaftor 150 mg tablets AND Ivacaftor 150 mg tablets

- **FDA-Approved Indications (specific mutations and age)**

	<b>Kalydeco</b>	<b>Orkambi</b>	<b>Symdeko</b>	<b>Trikafta</b>
<b>Age Requirement</b>	≥6 months	≥2 years	≥6 years	≥12 years
<b>Homozygous F508del mutation</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Heterozygous F508del mutation</b>	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Gating mutations*</b>	Yes	No	No	No
<b>Residual function mutations*</b>	Yes	No	Yes	No
* = Genetic testing of specific residual function mutations and gating mutations is required.				

- **Efficacy Comparison**

- Based on the above chart, there are scenarios that would drive clinical decisions to one agent over another based on genetic testing and patient age
- Specific Efficacy Comparison:
  - Homozygous F508del mutation
    - In a 4-week clinical trial, Trikafta achieved greater improvements in FEV1 and symptom-related QoL compared with Symdeko in treating patients that had a homozygous F508del mutation

- **Mechanism of Action/Pharmacology:**

- **Elexacaftor & Tezacaftor**
  - Facilitates the cellular processing and trafficking of normal and select mutant forms of CFTR (including F508del-CFTR) to increase the amount of mature CFTR protein delivered to the cell surface
- **Ivacaftor**
  - Increases chloride transport via potentiation of channel opening probability of CFTR proteins located at the cell surface
    - Improves the regulation of salt and water absorption and secretion in various tissues (eg, lung, GI tract)
- **Lumacaftor:**
  - Lumacaftor improves the conformational stability of F508del-CFTR, resulting in increased processing and trafficking of mature protein to the cell surface

- **Contraindications:**

<b>Kalydeco</b>	<b>Orkambi</b>	<b>Symdeko</b>	<b>Trikafta</b>
There are no contraindications listed in the manufacturer's labeling	There are no contraindications listed in the manufacturer's labeling	There are no contraindications listed in the manufacturer's labeling	There are no contraindications listed in the manufacturer's labeling

• **Warnings/Precautions:**

<b>Ivacaftor</b>		
<b>Hepatic effects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased LFTs may occur. Interrupt therapy for elevated LFTs. Consider the benefits and risks prior to resuming</li> </ul> <b>Cataracts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-congenital lens opacities and cataracts have been reported in pediatric patients treated with ivacaftor</li> </ul>		
<b>Orkambi</b>	<b>Symdeko</b>	<b>Trikafta</b>
<b>Same as Kalydeco +...</b>  <b>Respiratory events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use was associated with an increased incidence of respiratory events; may result in drug discontinuation and may be serious</li> </ul> <b>Hypertension</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased BP has been observed</li> </ul> <b>Organ transplant recipients</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not recommended in (has not been studied).</li> </ul>	<b>Same as Kalydeco +...</b>  <b>CNS effects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May cause dizziness, which may impair physical or mental abilities; patients must be cautioned about performing tasks that require mental alertness (eg, operating machinery, driving).</li> </ul>	<b>Same as Kalydeco</b>

• **Dosing:**

	<b>Kalydeco</b>	<b>Orkambi</b>	<b>Symdeko</b>	<b>Trikafta</b>
<b>Adults*</b>	150 mg q12h	400/250 mg q12h	100/150 mg qam, ivacaftor 150 mg qpm	2 tablets qam and 1 ivacaftor 150 mg qpm
<b>Pediatric*</b>	<b>≥6 years:</b> 150 mg every 12 hours <b>6 months-6 years:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥14 kg: 75 mg q12h</li> <li>7-14 kg: 50 mg q12h</li> <li>5-7 kg: 25 q12h</li> </ul>	<b>≥12 years:</b> 400/250 mg q12h <b>6-11 years:</b> 200/250 mg q12h <b>2-5 years:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥14 kg: 150/188 mg q12h</li> <li>&lt;14 kg: 100/125 mg q12h</li> </ul>	<b>≥12 years or ≥6 years + ≥30 kg:</b> same as adult  <b>6-12 years, &lt;30 kg:</b> 50/75 mg qam, ivacaftor 75 mg qpm	<b>≥12 years:</b> Same as adults
<b>Renal Impairment</b>	eGFR <30: Use with caution	eGFR <30: Use with caution	eGFR <30: Use with caution	eGFR <30: Use with caution
<b>Hepatic Impairment</b>	<b>Mild:</b> No adjustment necessary <b>Moderate:</b> Reduce dose to once daily <b>Severe:</b> has not been studied	<b>Mild:</b> No adjustment necessary <b>Moderate:</b> 1/2 evening dose <b>Severe:</b> dose adjustments required. Use with caution	<b>Mild:</b> No adjustment necessary <b>Moderate:</b> Omit ivacaftor dose <b>Severe:</b> Omit ivacaftor dose	<b>Mild:</b> No adjustment necessary <b>Moderate:</b> Omit ivacaftor dose <b>Severe:</b> Not recommended

\*: Dosing recommendations for concomitant medication use are also in the label for each agent:

- All agents have specific dosage recommendations if taken with **STRONG CYP3A4 inhibitors**
- Symdeko, Kalydeco, and Trikafta have specific dosage recommendations if taken with **MODERATE CYP3A4 inhibitors**
- Kalydeco is not recommended to be used with **strong CYP3A4 inducers**



- Adverse Reactions**

<b>Kalydeco</b>	<b>Orkambi</b>	<b>Symdeko</b>	<b>Trikafta</b>
<b>CNS:</b> Headache (24%); Dizziness (9%) <b>Dermatologic:</b> Skin rash (13%); Acne vulgaris (4% to 7%) <b>Endocrine &amp; metabolic:</b> ↑ BG (4-7%) <b>GI:</b> Abdominal pain (16%); diarrhea (13%), nausea (12%) <b>Hepatic:</b> ↑ liver enzymes (4-7%) <b>Infection:</b> Bacterial infection (4-7%) <b>Neuromuscular &amp; skeletal:</b> Arthralgia (4-7%); musculoskeletal chest pain (4-7%), myalgia (4-7%) <b>Respiratory:</b> Oropharyngeal pain (22%); URTI (22%); nasal congestion (20%); nasopharyngitis (15%)	<b>CV:</b> Chest discomfort (≤22%, children: ≤11%); ↑ BP (≤4%) <b>CNS:</b> Headache (13%); Fatigue (9%) <b>Dermatologic:</b> Skin rash (7%) <b>Endocrine &amp; metabolic:</b> Menstrual disease (10%) <b>GI:</b> Nausea (13%); upper abdominal pain (13%); diarrhea (12%); Flatulence (7%) <b>Hepatic:</b> ↑ LFTs >3x ULN: ≤15% <b>Infection:</b> Influenza (5%) <b>Neuromuscular &amp; skeletal:</b> ↑ creatine phosphokinase (≤7%) <b>Respiratory:</b> Dyspnea (13-22%, children: ≤11%); changes in respiration (9-22%; children: ≤11%); cough (18%); congestion (17%); nasopharyngitis (13%); ↑ bronchial secretions (11%); URTI (10%); rhinorrhea (6%)	<b>CNS:</b> Headache (15%); Dizziness (4%) <b>GI:</b> Nausea (9%) <b>Respiratory:</b> Paranasal sinus congestion (4%)	<b>CV:</b> ↑ BP (4%) <b>CNS:</b> Headache (17%); Dizziness (2-5%) <b>Dermatologic:</b> Skin rash (10%), acne (2-5%), eczema (2-5%), pruritus (2-5%) <b>Endocrine &amp; metabolic:</b> Hypoglycemia (2-5%) <b>Genitourinary:</b> Dysmenorrhea (2% to <5%), urinary tract infection (2% to <5%) <b>GI:</b> Abdominal pain (14%); diarrhea (13%); Abdominal distention (2-5%); flatulence (2-5%) <b>Hematologic &amp; oncologic:</b> ↑ C-RP (2-5%) <b>Hepatic:</b> ↑ indirect serum bilirubin (11%) <b>Respiratory:</b> URTI (16%)

- Drug Interactions**

- Numerous drug interactions for all agents due to their active ingredients being metabolized primarily by CYP3A4, as well as some drug interaction potential for drugs affecting P-gp.

<b>Ivacaftor</b>	<b>Lumacaftor</b>	<b>Tezacaftor</b>	<b>Elxacaftor</b>
<b>Substrate</b> of CYP3A4 (major); <b>Inhibits</b> CYP3A4 (weak), P-glycoprotein/ABCB1 (weak), possibly inhibits CYP2C9	<b>Induces</b> CYP3A4 (strong)	<b>Substrate</b> of BCRP/ABCG2, CYP3A4 (major), OATP1B1/1B3, P-glycoprotein/ABCB1 <b>Inhibits</b> P-glycoprotein/ABCB1	<b>Substrate</b> of BCRP/ABCG2, CYP3A4 (major), OATP1B1/1B3, P-glycoprotein/ABCB1 <b>Inhibits</b> P-glycoprotein/ABCB1

**COST**

Drug	Strength	Package Size	AWP Pkg Price	AWP Unit Price
<b>Trikafta</b>	100 mg-75 mg-50 mg	84	\$ 28,675.36	\$ 341.37
<b>Kalydeco</b>	150 mg tab	60	\$30,723.60	\$512.06
<b>Kalydeco</b>	25 mg/1 packet 50 mg/1 packet 75 mg/1 packet	56	\$ 28,675.36	\$512.06
<b>Orkambi</b>	125 mg-100 mg tab 188 mg-150 mg tab	112	\$25,103.08	\$224.13
<b>Orkambi</b>	125 mg-100 mg granules 188 mg-150 mg granules	56	\$25,103.08	\$448.27
<b>Symdeko</b>	75 mg; 75 mg-50 mg 150 mg; 150 mg-100 mg	56	\$26,880.00	\$480.00

**CURRENT UTILIZATION**

ND Medicaid Utilization (03/2019 – 02/2020)			
Label Name	Rx Num	Patients	Total Reimb Amt
<b>Trikafta</b>	3	2	\$47,827.81
<b>Kalydeco</b>	5	1	\$119,542.95
<b>Orkambi</b>	8	2	\$148,896.25
<b>Symdeko</b>	23	4	\$409,324.48

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# REVIEW OF ACL INHIBITORS

## Overview of ACL:

- Adenosine triphosphate-citrate lyase (ACL) inhibitors lower low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) by inhibiting cholesterol synthesis in the liver
  - ACL is a cytoplasmic enzyme that is responsible for the generation of acetyl coenzyme A for the de novo synthesis of fatty acids and cholesterol
  - ACL's activity lies upstream of HMG-CoA reductase in the cholesterol biosynthesis pathway
    - HMG-CoA is formed from acetoacetyl-CoA, which is comprised of 2 acetyl coenzyme A molecules

## ACL INHIBITORS:

### • **Current products**

- Currently, bempedoic acid is the only FDA-approved ACL inhibitor, with two products available:
  - Nexletol (bempedoic acid)
    - Oral tablet: bempedoic acid 180 mg
  - Nexlizet (bempedoic acid and ezetimibe)
    - Oral tablet: bempedoic acid 180 mg / ezetimibe 10 mg

### • **Indications**

- Treatment of established atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, as an adjunct to diet and maximally tolerated statin therapy, in adult patients who require additional lowering of low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C)
- Treatment of heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia, as an adjunct to diet and maximally tolerated statin therapy, in adult patients who require additional lowering of LDL-C
- Limitations of use
  - The effect on cardiovascular morbidity and mortality has not been determined

### • **Mechanism of Action/Pharmacology:**

- Bempedoic acid and its active metabolite, ESP15228, require coenzyme A (CoA) activation by very long-chain acyl-CoA synthetase 1 (ACSVL1) to ETC-1002-CoA and ESP15228-CoA
  - Inhibition of ACL by ETC-1002-CoA causes ↓ cholesterol synthesis in the liver
    - Lowers LDL-C in blood via upregulation of LDL receptors
  - ESP15228 likely makes a minor contribution to overall clinical activity

### • **Contraindications:**

- Nexletol (bempedoic acid)
  - There are no contraindications listed in the manufacturer's labeling
- Nexlizet (bempedoic acid and ezetimibe)
  - Hypersensitivity (eg, anaphylaxis, angioedema, rash, urticaria) to ezetimibe or any component of the formulation.

- **Warnings/Precautions:**

- **Hyperuricemia**

- Increases in serum uric acid have occurred (usually within the first 4 weeks of treatment) and persisted throughout treatment
      - Assess uric acid levels periodically as clinically indicated
      - Individuals who have a prior history of gout are at increased risk
      - Monitor for s/s and initiate treatment with urate-lowering drugs as needed

- **Tendon rupture**

- Tendon rupture or injury has occurred within weeks to months of treatment initiation
      - Risk factors:
        - Patients >60 years of age
        - Taking corticosteroid or fluoroquinolone drugs
        - Patients with renal failure.
      - Consider alternative therapy in patients with a history of tendon disorders or tendon rupture.
      - Consider discontinuing therapy if joint pain, swelling, or inflammation occurs; discontinue immediately if tendon rupture occurs

- **Dosing:**

- For adults (safety and efficacy not established in pediatric patients)

- Recommended dose for both FDA-approved indications:

- Nexletol: 180 mg once daily
      - Nexlizet: 1 tablet (bempedoic acid 180 mg / ezetimibe 10 mg) once daily

- **Renal Impairment:**

- eGFR <30 mL/minute/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>
      - There are no dosage adjustments provided in labeling (limited experience)
    - End-stage renal disease receiving dialysis
      - Has not been studied

- **Hepatic Impairment**

- Mild to moderate impairment (Child-Pugh class A and B)
      - No dosage adjustment necessary
    - Severe impairment (Child-Pugh class C)
      - Has not been studied

- **Adverse Reactions**

- **Commonly reported:**

<b>Bempedoic acid</b>	<b>Ezetimibe</b>
Endocrine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hyperuricemia (4% to 26%)</li> </ul> Cardiovascular <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Atrial fibrillation (2%), increased serum creatine kinase (1%)</li> </ul> Gastrointestinal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Abdominal distress (<math>\leq 3\%</math>), abdominal pain (<math>\leq 3\%</math>)</li> </ul> Genitourinary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Benign prostatic hyperplasia (1%)</li> </ul> Hematologic & oncologic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Anemia (3%), leukopenia (9%), thrombocythemia (10%)</li> </ul> Hepatic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increased liver enzymes (2%), increased serum aspartate aminotransferase (1%)</li> </ul> Neuromuscular & skeletal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Back pain (3%), limb pain (3%), muscle spasm (4%)</li> </ul> Renal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increased blood urea nitrogen (4%), increased serum creatinine (2%)</li> </ul> Respiratory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Upper respiratory tract infection (5%)</li> </ul>	CNS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fatigue (2.4%)</li> </ul> Gastrointestinal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Diarrhea (4.1%)</li> </ul> Neuromuscular & skeletal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Arthralgia (3%), pain in extremity (2.7%)</li> </ul> Respiratory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Upper respiratory tract infection (4.3%)</li> <li>○ Sinusitis (2%)</li> </ul>

- **Drug Interactions**

- Inhibits OATP1B1/1B3 (SLCO1B1/1B3)

<b>Nexletol</b>	<b>Nexlizet</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Asunaprevir</li> <li>○ Elagolix</li> <li>○ Grazoprevir</li> <li>○ Revefenacin</li> <li>○ Voxilaprevir</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Dose modification               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Eluxadoline (<math>\downarrow</math> dose to 75 mg BID)</li> <li>○ Simvastatin (limit to 20 mg)</li> <li>○ Pravastatin (limit to 40 mg)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Nexletol + interactions with ezetimibe</li> <li>• Avoid               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fibric Acid Derivatives (<math>\uparrow</math> ezetimibe)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Consider Modifications               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bile Acid Sequestrants (<math>\downarrow</math> ezetimibe)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Monitor               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cyclosporine (<math>\uparrow</math> ezetimibe)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## COST

Drug	Strength	Package Size	WAC Pkg Price	WAC Unit Price
Nexletol	180 mg tab	30	\$330.00	\$11.00
Nexlizet	No pricing information available			
Atorvastatin	80 mg tab	90	\$27.13	\$0.30
Rosuvastatin	40 mg tab	90	\$25.00	\$0.28

## CURRENT UTILIZATION

ND Medicaid Utilization (01/2020 – 03/2020)			
Label Name	Rx Num	Patients	Total Reimb Amt
Nexletol	0	0	\$0.00
Atorvastatin	3,906	1,761	\$55,497.49
Lovastatin	46	21	\$660.45
Pitavastatin	3	1	\$930.66
Pravastatin	308	135	\$4,565.21
Rosuvastatin	1,189	2	\$17,521.64
Simvastatin	909	386	\$11,746.14

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# REVIEW OF ANTIFIBRINOLYTIC AGENTS

## ANTIFIBRINOLYTIC AGENTS

- **Current products**
  - **Tranexamic acid**
    - **Cyklokapron:** 1000 mg /10 mL solution for IV injection
    - **Lysteda:** 650 mg oral tablet
  - **Aminocaproic acid**
    - **Generic:** 250 mg/mL solution for IV injection
    - **Amicar:**
      - Oral solution: 25%
      - Oral tablet: 500 mg, 1,000 mg
- **Indications for Use**
  - **FDA-Approved Indications**
    - **Cyklokapron:**
      - Short-term use in hemophilia patients to reduce or prevent hemorrhage and reduce the need for replacement therapy during and following tooth extraction
    - **Lysteda:**
      - Treatment of cyclic heavy menstrual bleeding
    - **Aminocaproic acid for injection**
      - Excessive bleeding: Aminocaproic acid is useful in enhancing hemostasis when fibrinolysis contributes to bleeding.
    - **Amicar:**
      - To enhance hemostasis when fibrinolysis contributes to bleeding (causes may include cardiac surgery, hematologic disorders, neoplastic disorders, abruptio placentae, hepatic cirrhosis, and urinary fibrinolysis)
- **Mechanism of Action/Pharmacology:**
  - **Tranexamic acid**
    - Forms a reversible complex that displaces plasminogen from fibrin resulting in inhibition of fibrinolysis
    - Inhibits the proteolytic activity of plasmin
      - Reduces activation of complement and consumption of C1 esterase inhibitor thereby decreasing inflammation associated with hereditary angioedema
  - **Aminocaproic acid**
    - Binds competitively to plasminogen; blocking the binding of plasminogen to fibrin and the subsequent conversion to plasmin, resulting in inhibition of fibrin degradation (fibrinolysis).

- **Contraindications:**

<b>Tranexamic acid</b>	<b>Aminocaproic acid</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hypersensitivity to tranexamic acid or any component of the formulation</li><li>• Acquired defective color vision</li><li>• Active intravascular clotting</li><li>• Subarachnoid hemorrhage</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evidence of an active intravascular clotting process</li><li>• Disseminated intravascular coagulation without concomitant heparin</li></ul>

• **Warnings/Precautions:**

<b>Tranexamic acid</b>	<b>Aminocaproic acid</b>
<b>Thrombotic events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Venous and arterial thrombosis or thromboembolism has been reported. Use with caution in patients with thromboembolic disease.</li> </ul> <b>Vascular disease</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use with caution in patients with uncorrected cardiovascular or cerebrovascular disease due to complications of thrombosis</li> </ul> <b>Ocular effects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual defects (eg, color vision change, visual loss) and retinal venous and arterial occlusions have been reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ D/c if ocular changes occur</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <b>Seizures</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seizures have been reported with use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ D/c if seizures occur</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <b>Ureteral obstruction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ureteral obstruction due to clot formation has been reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Use with caution in patients with upper urinary tract bleeding,</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <b>Disseminated intravascular coagulation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use with extreme caution in patients with disseminated intravascular coagulation</li> </ul>	<b>Upper urinary tract bleeding</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May cause intrarenal obstruction via thrombosis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Should not be used in hematuria of upper urinary tract unless the possible benefits outweigh the risk</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <b>Skeletal muscle weakness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rare muscle weakness with necrosis of muscle fibers has been reported following prolonged administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ D/c if a rise in CPK is noted</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <b>Cardiac/Hepatic lesions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have also been noted with muscle necrosis</li> </ul> <b>Hyperfibrinolysis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The drug should not be administered without a definite diagnosis and/or laboratory finding indicative of hyperfibrinolysis</li> </ul> <b>Neurological events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incidence of hydrocephalus, cerebral ischemia, or cerebral vasospasm associated with the use of antifibrinolytic agents in the treatment of subarachnoid hemorrhage (SAH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Drug relatedness remains unclear</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <b>Thrombophlebitis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrombophlebitis should be guarded against by strict attention to the proper insertion of the needle and the fixing of its position.</li> </ul>

• **Dosing:**

	<b>Cyklokapron</b>	<b>Lysteda</b>	<b>aminocaproic acid</b>	<b>Amicar</b>
<b>Adults</b>	10 mg/kg IV with replacement therapy immediately before tooth extraction, followed by 10 mg/kg 3 to 4 times daily for 2-8 days	1.3 g three times daily for up to 5 days during monthly menstruation	5 g, followed by 1-1.25 g hourly	5 g during the first hour 1 g or 1.25 g each hour after for 8 hours or until the bleeding situation has been controlled
<b>Pediatric</b>	Same as adult	<b>≥ 12 years old:</b> 1.3 g TID for up to 5 days per month	Not approved	Not approved
<b>Renal Impairment</b>	<b>SCr 1.36-2.83 mg/dl:</b> 10 mg/kg BID  <b>SCr 2.83-5.66 mg/dl:</b> 10 mg/kg once daily  <b>SCr &gt;5.66 mg/dL:</b> 10 mg/kg q48h or 5 mg/kg daily	<b>SCr 1.4-2.8 mg/dL:</b> 1.3 g twice BID (up to 5 days)  <b>SCr 2.9-5.7 mg/dL:</b> 1.3 g daily (up to 5 days)  <b>SCr &gt;5.7 mg/dL:</b> 650 g daily (up to 5 days)	Administer with caution.	Administer with caution. May accumulate in patients with decreased renal function
<b>Hepatic Impairment</b>	No dosage adjustment	No dosage adjustment	Administer with caution.	No dosage adjustment



- Adverse Reactions**

<b>Tranexamic acid</b>	<b>Aminocaproic acid</b>
<b>CNS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Headache (oral: 50%), Fatigue (oral: 5%)</li> </ul> <b>GI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abdominal pain (oral: 20%)</li> </ul> <b>Neuromuscular &amp; skeletal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Back pain (oral: 21%), musculoskeletal pain (oral: 11%), Arthralgia (oral: 7%), muscle cramps (oral: ≤7%), muscle spasm (oral: ≤7%)</li> </ul> <b>Respiratory</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nasal signs and symptoms (oral: 25%; including sinus symptoms)</li> </ul> <b>Hematologic &amp; oncologic</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anemia (oral: 6%)</li> </ul>	<b>Cardiovascular</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bradycardia; hypotension; peripheral ischemia; thrombosis.</li> </ul> <b>CNS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confusion; convulsions; delirium; dizziness; hallucinations; intracranial hypertension; stroke; syncope. Two cases of convulsions following IV administration have been reported.</li> </ul> <b>Dermatologic</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pruritus; rash.</li> </ul> <b>GI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abdominal pain; diarrhea; nausea; vomiting.</li> </ul> <b>GU</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BUN increased; renal failure.</li> </ul> <b>Hematologic</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agranulocytosis; coagulation disorder; leukopenia; thrombocytopenia.</li> </ul> <b>Hypersensitivity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allergic and anaphylactoid reactions; anaphylaxis.</li> </ul> <b>Local</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Injection site reactions; pain and necrosis.</li> </ul> <b>Musculoskeletal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CPK increased; muscle weakness; myalgia; myopathy (see Warnings); myositis; rhabdomyolysis.</li> </ul> <b>Respiratory</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dyspnea; nasal congestion; pulmonary embolism.</li> </ul> <b>Special Senses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tinnitus; vision decreased; watery eyes.</li> </ul> <b>Miscellaneous</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Edema; headache; malaise.</li> </ul>

- Drug Interactions**

<b>Tranexamic acid</b>	<b>Aminocaproic acid</b>
<b>Avoid (↑ thrombogenic effects)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anti-inhibitor Coagulant Complex (Human)</li> <li>Estrogen Derivatives (Contraceptive)</li> <li>Progestins (Contraceptive)</li> <li>Tretinoin (Systemic)</li> </ul>	<b>Avoid (↑ thrombogenic effects)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anti-inhibitor Coagulant Complex (Human)</li> <li>Factor IX Complex (human)</li> <li>Tretinoin (Systemic)</li> </ul>

## COST

Drug	Strength	Package Size	AWP Pkg Price	AWP Price per dose
Amicar	0.25 g / 1 mL oral sln	236.5 mL	\$3,018.57	\$63.80
Amicar	500 mg tablet	30 tablets	\$659.64	\$43.98
	1,000 mg tablet	30 tablets	\$1,319.27	\$43.98
Aminocaproic acid	250 mg/1 ml IV sln	20 ml	\$10.80	\$2.70
Lysteda	650 mg oral tab	30 tablets	\$195.50	\$19.56
Generic tranexamic acid	650 mg oral tab	30 tablets	\$156.60	\$15.66
Cyklokapron	100 mg/mL IV sln	10	\$360.00	Cost per mL: \$3.60

## CURRENT UTILIZATION

ND Medicaid Utilization (03/2019 – 02/2020)			
Label Name	Rx Num	Patients	Total Reimb Amt
Amicar tabs	5	4	\$13,767.37
Amicar sln	6	5	\$17,299.84
Lysteda	0	0	\$0.00
Tranexamic acid oral (generic)	42	25	\$2,435.94

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# REVIEW OF PALFORZIA (peanut allergen powder)

## Overview of Peanut Allergy:

- Food allergy causing a type 1 hypersensitivity reaction
  - Based on the severity of the reaction, can cause symptoms ranging from a runny nose, skin reactions, itching, digestive problems, and breathing issues, to anaphylaxis and death
- 1.2% of the overall US population and about 2.5% of the pediatric population have a peanut allergy (most common food allergy in children at ~25%)
  - U.S. peanut allergy prevalence has more than tripled 1997 and 2008, and increased another 21% since 2010
  - Only 20% of children will outgrow this allergy
- No cure. The principal treatment for anaphylaxis is the injection of epinephrine

## PALFORZIA:

### • **Product Indication:**

- Oral immunotherapy for mitigation of allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis, that may occur with accidental exposure to peanut in patients with a confirmed diagnosis of peanut allergy.
  - Initial dose escalation may be administered to patients 4 to 17 years of age.
  - Up-dosing and maintenance may be continued in patients ≥4 years of age.
  - Peanut allergen powder is to be used in conjunction with a peanut-avoidant diet.
- **\*\*Limitation of Use\*\***
  - Not indicated for the emergency treatment of allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis

### • **Box Warning:**

- Peanut allergen powder can cause anaphylaxis, which may be life-threatening and can occur at any time during therapy.
- Prescribe injectable epinephrine, instruct and train patients on its appropriate use, and instruct patients to seek immediate medical care upon its use.
- Do not administer peanut allergen powder to patients with uncontrolled asthma.
- Dose modifications may be necessary following an anaphylactic reaction.
- Observe patients during and after administration of the initial dose escalation and the first dose of each up-dosing level, for at least 60 minutes.
- Because of the risk of anaphylaxis, peanut allergen powder is available only through a restricted program under a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) called the Palforzia REMS
  - Prescribers must be specially certified to prescribe Palforzia
    - Before treatment initiation, the prescriber must enroll each patient in the REMS Program
    - Provide patient counseling on anaphylaxis risks, s/s/, and management; monitoring requirements; peanut avoidance; and having epinephrine
    - Requires reporting of treatment discontinuation or transfer of care
  - Pharmacies must be specially certified to dispense Palforzia
    - Must verify prescriber certification, patient enrollment, and that initial escalation is only being dispensed to certified healthcare settings
    - Only one dose level is dispensed to the patient at a time during up-dosing
    - Must provide patient counseling

### • **Contraindications:**

- Uncontrolled asthma; history of eosinophilic esophagitis and other eosinophilic GI disease

- **Warnings/Precautions:**

- **Anaphylaxis:**

- Most commonly occurs within 2 hours after a dose but may be >10 hours
    - Do not initiate therapy in patients who have had severe or life-threatening anaphylaxis in the previous 60 days
    - Increased risk of anaphylaxis may occur with potential cofactors, including exercise, hot water exposure, illness, fasting, menstruation, sleep deprivation, NSAID use, or uncontrolled asthma

- **Respiratory disease:**

- Do not administer to patients with uncontrolled asthma
      - Risk factor for serious outcome in anaphylaxis, including death
    - Withhold treatment if patient is experiencing an acute asthma exacerbation
    - Reevaluate patients with recurrent asthma exacerbations and consider discontinuation
    - Use has not been studied in patients with severe asthma, persistently uncontrolled asthma, or in patients on long-term systemic corticosteroid therapy

- **Esophagitis**

- Eosinophilic esophagitis has been reported
    - Discontinue therapy in patients who experience severe or persistent GI symptoms (eg, dysphagia, vomiting, nausea, gastroesophageal reflux disease, chest pain, abdominal pain)

- **GI effects**

- GI adverse reactions (including abdominal pain, vomiting, nausea, oral pruritus, and oral paresthesia) have been reported
      - Dose adjustment may be necessary.

- **Dosing:**

- Injectable epinephrine must be available during treatment
  - Do not initiate treatment if the patient has experienced severe or life-threatening anaphylaxis in the last 60 days
  - Do not swallow capsule or inhale powder
    - Open capsule or sachet and empty the entire dose of peanut allergen powder onto a few spoonfuls of refrigerated or room temperature semisolid food and mix well
    - Consume the entire volume of prepared mixture promptly
  - Treatment is administered in 3 phases: initial dose escalation phase, up-dosing phase, and maintenance phase
    - **Initial dose escalation phase:**
      - To be completed in a single day under the direct supervision of a certified health care provider
        - Observe patient for 20 to 30 minutes between each dose level and for 60 minutes after last dose of the initial phase
      - **Dose Modification:**
        - Doses should not be modified during this phase

Initial Dose Escalation Phase	
Dose Level	Dose
A	0.5 mg
B	1 mg
C	1.5 mg
D	3 mg
E	6 mg

- **Up-dosing phase:**
  - Should begin the day after initial dose escalation phase or within 4 days.
    - If not started within 4 days, the initial dose escalation phase must be repeated
  - The first dose at each level should be administered under the supervision of a health care provider and the patient should be observed for at least 60 minutes.
    - Subsequent doses at the dose level once daily (preferably in the pm).
  - **Dose Modification:**
    - Do not omit any dose levels
    - Do not progress dose more frequently than at 2-week intervals
    - May maintain dose level for longer than 2 weeks, reduce dose withhold dose, or discontinue therapy if needed due to severe reactions
    - Dose modifications may also be necessary for missed doses or patient convenience

Daily Dosing for Up-Dosing Phase	
Dose Level*	Dose
1	3 mg
2	6 mg
3	12 mg
4	20 mg
5	40 mg
6	80 mg
7	120 mg
8	160 mg
9	200 mg
10	240 mg
11	300 mg
*: The recommended duration of each dosing level is 2 weeks	

- **Maintenance phase:**
  - Dose is 300 mg once daily
  - **Dose Modification:**
    - May reduce dose withhold dose, or discontinue therapy if needed due to severe reactions
    - Dose modifications may also be necessary for missed doses or patient convenience.
  - There are no dosage adjustments provided for renal or hepatic impairment
- **Adverse Reactions**
  - **Most common:**
    - Dermatologic
      - Pruritus (8% to 33%), urticaria (4% to 28%)
    - Gastrointestinal
    - Abdominal pain (26% to 67%), vomiting (3% to 37%), nausea (9% to 32%), oral paresthesia (2% to 14%)
    - Respiratory
      - Throat irritation (9% to 40%), cough (3% to 32%), rhinorrhea (1% to 21%), sneezing (3% to 20%), pharyngeal edema (3% to 14%), wheezing (≤12%)
  - **Less Common**
    - Gastrointestinal
      - Eosinophilic esophagitis (1%)
    - Hypersensitivity
      - Anaphylaxis (≤9%)
    - Respiratory
      - Dyspnea (≤8%)

- **Drug Interactions**

- There are no known significant interactions.

## **COST**

Drug	Strength	Package Size	AWP Pkg Price	AWP Unit Price
Palforzia	Dose escalation (0.5, 1 mg)	13 each	\$36.00	\$2.77
Palforzia	Level 1 (1 mg)	45	\$534.00	\$11.87
Palforzia	Level 2 (1 mg)	90	\$534.00	\$5.93
Palforzia	Level 3 (1, 10 mg)	45 each	\$534.00	\$11.87
Palforzia	Level 4 (20 mg)	15	\$534.00	\$35.60
Palforzia	Level 5 (20 mg)	30	\$534.00	\$17.80
Palforzia	Level 6 (20 mg)	60	\$534.00	\$8.90
Palforzia	Level 7 (20 mg, 100 mg)	30 each	\$534.00	\$17.80
Palforzia	Level 8 (20 mg, 100 mg)	60 each	\$534.00	\$8.90
Palforzia	Level 9 (100 mg)	30	\$534.00	\$17.80
Palforzia	Level 10 (20 mg, 100 mg)	60 each	\$534.00	\$8.90
Palforzia	Level 11 (300 mg)	15	\$534.00	\$35.60
Palforzia	Level 11 (300 mg)	30	\$1,068.00	\$35.60

## **CURRENT UTILIZATION**

ND Medicaid Utilization (03/2019 – 02/2020)			
Label Name	Rx Num	Patients	Total Reimb Amt
Palforzia	0	0	\$0.00

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**NORTH DAKOTA MEDICAID  
RETROSPECTIVE DRUG UTILIZATION REVIEW  
CRITERIA RECOMMENDATIONS  
2ND QUARTER 2020**

***Criteria Recommendations***

***Approved   Rejected***

**1. Binimetinib / Overuse**

Alert Message: Mektovi (binimetinib) may be over-utilized. The recommended dosage of binimetinib is 45 mg orally taken twice daily, approximately 12 hours apart, in combination with encorafenib until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Negating)

Binimetinib

Cirrhosis

Hepatic Failure

Max Dose: 90 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Mektovi Prescribing Information, Jan. 2019, Array BioPharma Inc.

**2. Binimetinib / Overuse Hepatic Impairment**

Alert Message: For patients with moderate (total bilirubin greater than 1.5 and less than or equal to  $3 \times$  ULN and any AST) or severe (total bilirubin levels greater than  $3 \times$  ULN and any AST) hepatic impairment, the recommended dosage of Mektovi (binimetinib) is 30 mg orally taken twice daily. Dose adjustment of binimetinib is not recommended in patients with mild hepatic impairment.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Include)

Binimetinib

Cirrhosis

Hepatic Failure

Max Dose: 60 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Mektovi Prescribing Information, Jan. 2019, Array BioPharma Inc.

**3. Binimetinib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: A review of the patient's drug profile does not reveal a prescription for an encorafenib. Mektovi (binimetinib) is approved to be used in combination with encorafenib. If encorafenib is permanently discontinued, discontinue binimetinib.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Negating)

Binimetinib

Encorafenib

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Mektovi Prescribing Information, Jan. 2019, Array BioPharma Inc.

**4. Binimetinib / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: Based on findings from animal reproduction studies and its mechanism of action, Mektovi (binimetinib) can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. In animal reproduction studies, oral administration of binimetinib during the period of organogenesis was embryotoxic and an abortifacient in rabbits at doses greater than or equal to those resulting in exposures approximately 5 times the human exposure at the clinical dose of 45 mg twice daily. Advise pregnant women of the potential risk to a fetus.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C (Negating)</u>
Binimetinib	Pregnancy	Abortion Delivery Miscarriage

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Mektovi Prescribing Information, Jan. 2019, Array BioPharma Inc.

**5. Binimetinib / Lactation**

Alert Message: There are no data on the presence of Mektovi (binimetinib) or its active metabolite in human milk, or the effects of binimetinib on the breastfed infant, or milk production. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions from binimetinib in breastfed infants, advise women not to breastfeed during treatment with binimetinib and for 3 days after the final dose.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Binimetinib	Lactation	

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Mektovi Prescribing Information, Jan. 2019, Array BioPharma Inc.

**6. Binimetinib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with Mektovi (binimetinib) and for at least 30 days after the final dose. Binimetinib can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C (Negating)</u>
Binimetinib		Contraceptives

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Mektovi Prescribing Information, Jan. 2019, Array BioPharma Inc.



**7. Binimetinib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Mektovi (binimetinib) have not been established in pediatric patients.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Binimetinib

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Mektovi Prescribing Information, Jan. 2019, Array BioPharma Inc.

**8. Binimetinib / Cardiomyopathy**

Alert Message: Cardiomyopathy, manifesting as left ventricular dysfunction associated with symptomatic or asymptomatic decreases in ejection fraction, has been reported in patients treated with Mektovi (binimetinib) in combination with encorafenib. Patients with cardiovascular risk factors should be monitored closely when treated with binimetinib. Withhold, reduce dose per official prescribing information, or permanently discontinue based on the severity of the adverse reaction.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Binimetinib

Cardiomyopathy

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Mektovi Prescribing Information, Jan. 2019, Array BioPharma Inc.

**9. Binimetinib / Venous Thromboembolism**

Alert Message: In a clinical trial, venous thromboembolism (VTE) occurred in 6% of patients receiving Mektovi (binimetinib) in combination with encorafenib, including 3.1% of patients who developed pulmonary embolism (PE). For patients who develop uncomplicated DVT or PE, withhold binimetinib until improvement to Grade 0-1, and resume at a reduced dose. If no improvement, permanently discontinue binimetinib. Permanently discontinue binimetinib in cases of life-threatening PE.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Binimetinib

Deep Vein Thrombosis  
Pulmonary Embolism

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Mektovi Prescribing Information, Jan. 2019, Array BioPharma Inc.

**10. Binimetinib / Retinopathy**

Alert Message: In a clinical trial, serous retinopathy occurred in approximately 20% of patients treated with Mektovi (binimetinib) in combination with encorafenib. Assess visual symptoms at each patient visit. Perform an ophthalmologic examination at regular intervals, for new or worsening visual disturbances, and to follow new or persistent ophthalmologic findings. If symptomatic serous retinopathy or retinal pigment epithelial detachments occur, withhold binimetinib for up to 10 days. If condition improves or becomes asymptomatic, resume binimetinib at the same dose. If no improvement occurs, resume binimetinib at a lower dose or permanently discontinue.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Binimetinib	Retinal Detachment	
	Macular Edema	
	Retinopathy	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Mektovi Prescribing Information, Jan. 2019, Array BioPharma Inc.

**11. Binimetinib / Retinal Vein Occlusion**

Alert Message: Retinal vein occlusion (RVO) is a known class-related adverse reaction of MEK inhibitors and may occur in patients treated with Mektovi (binimetinib) in combination with encorafenib. The safety of binimetinib has not been established in patients with a history of RVO or current risk factors for RVO, including uncontrolled glaucoma or a history of hyperviscosity or hypercoagulability syndromes. Perform an ophthalmologic evaluation for patient-reported acute vision loss or other visual disturbance within 24 hours. Permanently discontinue binimetinib in patients with documented RVO.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Binimetinib	Retinal Vein Occlusion	
	Glaucoma	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Mektovi Prescribing Information, Jan. 2019, Array BioPharma Inc.

**12. Binimetinib / Uveitis**

Alert Message: Uveitis has been reported in patients treated with Mektovi (binimetinib) in combination with encorafenib. Assess visual symptoms at each patient visit. Perform an ophthalmologic evaluation at regular intervals, and for new or worsening visual disturbances. For patients who develop Grade 3 uveitis or Grade 1 or 2 that does not respond to specific ocular therapy, withhold binimetinib for up to 6 weeks. If condition improves, resume binimetinib at the same or a reduced dose or if no improvement permanently discontinue therapy. For Grade 4 uveitis, permanently discontinue.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Binimetinib	Uveitis	
	Iridocyclitis	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Mektovi Prescribing Information, Jan. 2019, Array BioPharma Inc.

**13. Binimetinib / Interstitial Lung Disease**

Alert Message: Mektovi (binimetinib) can cause interstitial lung disease (ILD), including pneumonitis. Assess new or progressive unexplained pulmonary symptoms or findings for possible ILD. For patients who develop Grade 2 ILD, withhold binimetinib for up to 4 weeks. If toxicity improves to Grade 0-1, resume at a reduced dose. If toxicity does not resolve within 4 weeks, permanently discontinue binimetinib. For patients with Grade 3 or 4 ILD, permanently discontinue binimetinib.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Binimetinib	Dyspnea Cough Fever Interstitial Pneumonia	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Mektovi Prescribing Information, Jan. 2019, Array BioPharma Inc.

**14. Binimetinib / Hepatotoxicity**

Alert Message: Hepatotoxicity can occur when Mektovi (binimetinib) is administered in combination with encorafenib. Monitor liver laboratory tests before initiation of binimetinib, monthly during treatment, and as clinically indicated. For patients who develop toxicities, withhold, reduce dose, or permanently discontinue binimetinib therapy based on the severity of the adverse reaction.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Binimetinib	Encorafenib	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Mektovi Prescribing Information, Jan. 2019, Array BioPharma Inc.

**15. Binimetinib / Rhabdomyolysis**

Alert Message: Rhabdomyolysis can occur when Mektovi (binimetinib) is administered in combination with encorafenib. Monitor CPK and creatinine levels prior to initiating binimetinib, periodically during treatment, and as clinically indicated. For patients who develop Grade 4 asymptomatic elevated CPK level or any grade elevated CPK level with symptoms or renal impairment, hold binimetinib for up to 4 weeks. If the toxicity improves to grade 1 or less, resume binimetinib at a reduced dose. If the toxicity does not resolve within 4 weeks, permanently discontinue binimetinib.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Binimetinib	Myopathy Rhabdomyolysis	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Mektovi Prescribing Information, Jan. 2019, Array BioPharma Inc.

**16. Binimetinib / Hemorrhage**

Alert Message: Hemorrhage can occur when Mektovi (binimetinib) is administered in combination with encorafenib. In a clinical trial, hemorrhage occurred in 19% of patients receiving binimetinib in combination with encorafenib. The most frequent hemorrhagic events were gastrointestinal. Fatal intracranial hemorrhage in the setting of new or progressive brain metastases occurred in 1.6% of patients. Withhold, reduce dose, or permanently discontinue binimetinib based on the severity of the adverse reaction.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Binimetinib

Util B

Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage

Intracranial Hemorrhage

Subarachnoid Hemorrhage

Util C

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Mektovi Prescribing Information, Jan. 2019, Array BioPharma Inc.

**17. Amlodipine/Celecoxib / Overutilization**

Alert Message: The recommended dose of Consensi (amlodipine/celecoxib) is 10 mg amlodipine/200 mg celecoxib per day. Use the lowest effective dosage of the celecoxib-containing product for the shortest duration consistent with individual treatment goals. If analgesic therapy is no longer indicated, discontinue amlodipine/celecoxib and initiate patient on alternative antihypertensive therapy, such as amlodipine monotherapy.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Amlodipine/Celecoxib

Util BUtil C

Max Dose: 10 mg amlodipine/200 mg celecoxib

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts &amp; Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**18. Amlodipine/Celecoxib / Advanced Renal Disease**

Alert Message: The use of Consensi (amlodipine/celecoxib) should be avoided in patients with advanced renal disease unless the benefits are expected to outweigh the risk of worsening renal function. The celecoxib component of the combination product may hasten the progression of renal dysfunction in patients with preexisting renal disease. If use of the celecoxib-containing product cannot be avoided in patients with advanced renal disease, monitor patients for signs of worsening renal function.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Amlodipine/Celecoxib

Util BUtil C (Include)

CKD Stage 3, 4, &amp; 5

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts &amp; Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**19. Amlodipine/Celecoxib / Heart Failure**

Alert Message: Avoid the use of Consensi (amlodipine/celecoxib) in patients with severe heart failure unless the benefits are expected to outweigh the risk of worsening heart failure. If a celecoxib-containing product is used in patients with severe heart failure, monitor the patients for signs of worsening heart failure.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C (Include)</u>
Amlodipine/Celecoxib	Heart Failure	Edema

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**20. Amlodipine/Celecoxib / Recent Myocardial Infarction**

Alert Message: Avoid the use of Consensi (amlodipine/celecoxib) in patients with a recent myocardial infarction unless the benefits are expected to outweigh the risk of recurrent CV thrombotic events. If use of a celecoxib-containing product cannot be avoided in patients with a recent myocardial infarction, monitor the patients for signs of cardiac ischemia.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Amlodipine/Celecoxib	Myocardial Infarction	

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**21. Amlodipine/Celecoxib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and efficacy of Consensi (amlodipine/celecoxib) in pediatric patients have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Amlodipine/Celecoxib		

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**22. Triclabendazole / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Egaten (triclabendazole) in pediatric patients below the age of 6 years have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Triclabendazole		

Age Range: 0 – 5 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Egaten Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.

**23. Triclabendazole / QT prolongation**

Alert Message: Egaten (triclabendazole) should be used with caution in patients with a known history of QT prolongation or other conditions that may increase the risk of QT prolongation. Transient prolongation of the mean QTc interval was noted on the electrocardiographic recordings in dogs. Monitor ECG in patients with a history of prolongation of the QTc interval or a history of symptoms compatible with a long QT interval or when triclabendazole is used in patients who receive drugs that prolong the QT interval.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>		<u>Util C</u>
Triclabendazole	Abiraterone	Efavirenz	Rilpivirine
	Alfuzosin	Eliglustat	Risperidone
	Amiodarone	Encorafenib	Ritonavir
	Amitriptyline	Entrectinib	Romidepsin
	Anagrelide	Eribulin	Saquinavir
	Aripiprazole	Erythromycin	Sertraline
	Arsenic Trioxide	Escitalopram	Siponimod
	Asenapine	Ezogabine	Solifenacin
	Atazanavir	Famotidine	Sotalol
	Atomoxetine	Felbamate	Sunitinib
	Azithromycin	Fingolimod	Tacrolimus
	Bedaquiline	Flecainide	Tamoxifen
	Bortezomib	Fluconazole	Telavancin
	Bendamustine	Fluoxetine	Tetrabenazine
	Bosutinib	Fluvoxamine	Thioridazine
	Buprenorphine	Foscarnet	Tizanidine
	Ceritinib	Galantamine	Tolterodine
	Chloroquine	Ganciclovir	Toremifene
	Chlorpromazine	Gemifloxacin	Tramadol
	Cilostazol	Gilteritinib	Trazodone
	Ciprofloxacin	Glasdegib	Trimipramine
	Citalopram	Granisetron	Valbenazine
	Clarithromycin	Haloperidol	Vandetanib
	Clomipramine	Hydroxychloroquine	Vemurafenib
	Clozapine	Hydroxyzine	Venlafaxine
	Crizotinib	Ibutilide	Voriconazole
	Dabrafenib	Iloperidone	
	Dasatinib	Imipramine	
	Desipramine	Indapamide	
	Deutetrabenazine	Indinavir	
	Diphenhydramine	Ivabradine	
	Disopyramide	Itraconazole	
	Dofetilide	Ivosidenib	
	Dolasetron	Ketoconazole	
	Donepezil	Lapatinib	
	Doxepin	Lefamulin	
	Dronedarone	Lenvatinib	
	Droperidol	Leuprolide	
		Levofloxacin	
		Lithium	
		Lofexidine	
		Loperamide	
		Maprotiline	
		Methadone	
		Metoclopramide	
		Midostaurin	
		Mifepristone	
		Mirabegron	
		Mirtazapine	
		Moexipril	
		Moxifloxacin	
		Nelfinavir	
		Nilotinib	
		Nortriptyline	
		Ofloxacin	
		Ondansetron	
		Osimertinib	
		Oxaliplatin	
		Paliperidone	
		Panobinostat	
		Paroxetine	
		Pasireotide	
		Pazopanib	
		Pentamidine	
		Pimavanserin	
		Pimozide	
		Pitolisant	
		Posaconazole	
		Procainamide	
		Promethazine	
		Propafenone	
		Quetiapine	
		Quinidine	
		Quinine	
		Ranolazine	
		Ribociclib	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Egaten Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.

**24. Triclabendazole / QT prolongation**

Alert Message: Egaten (triclabendazole) should be used with caution in patients with a known history of QT prolongation or other conditions that may increase the risk of QT prolongation. Transient prolongation of the mean QTc interval was noted on the electrocardiographic recordings in dogs. Monitor ECG in patients with a history of prolongation of the QTc interval or a history of symptoms compatible with a long QT interval or when triclabendazole is used in patients who receive drugs that prolong the QT interval.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Triclabendazole	Long QT Syndrome Arrhythmias Bradycardia Hypokalemia Hypomagnesemia	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Egaten Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.

**25. Triclabendazole / Lactation**

Alert Message: There are no data on the presence of Egaten (triclabendazole) in human milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effects on milk production. Published animal data indicate that triclabendazole is detected in animal milk. When a drug is present in animal milk, it is likely that the drug will be present in human milk. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for triclabendazole and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from triclabendazole or from the underlying maternal condition.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Triclabendazole	Lactation	

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Egaten Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.

**26. Venetoclax / Posaconazole**

Alert Message: In patients with AML, the steady daily dose of Venclexta (venetoclax), after completion of the initiation and ramp-up phase for venetoclax, should not exceed 70 mg per day when also receiving posaconazole. Posaconazole is a strong CYP3A4 and P-gp inhibitor, and venetoclax is a substrate for both CYP3A4 and P-gp. In drug studies, concurrent use of these agents resulted in significant increases in venetoclax AUC and Cmax. Coadministration of posaconazole with venetoclax is contraindicated during the initiation and ramp-up phase in patients with CLL or SLL.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C (Include)</u>
Venetoclax 100mg	Posaconazole	AML

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**27. Lumateperone / Overuse**

Alert Message: Caplyta (lumateperone) may be over-utilized. The recommended daily dose of lumateperone for adult patients with schizophrenia is 42 mg orally once daily with food.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Lumateperone

Max Dose: 42 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Caplyta Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Intra-Cellular Therapies, Inc.

**28. Lumateperone / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Caplyta (lumateperone) have not been established in pediatric patients.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Lumateperone

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Caplyta Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Intra-Cellular Therapies, Inc.

**29. Lumateperone / Cirrhosis**

Alert Message: The use of Caplyta (lumateperone) should be avoided in patients with moderate to severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh B or C). Patients with moderate to severe hepatic impairment experience higher exposure to lumateperone and are at increased risk for lumateperone-related adverse reactions. No dosage adjustment is recommended for patients with mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh A).

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Lumateperone Cirrhosis

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Caplyta Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Intra-Cellular Therapies, Inc.



**30. Lumateperone / Tardive Dyskinesia**

Alert Message: Like other antipsychotics, Caplyta (lumateperone) may cause tardive dyskinesia. Lumateperone should be prescribed in a manner to most likely reduce the risk of tardive dyskinesia, i.e., using the lowest dose and for the shortest duration of treatment producing a satisfactory clinical response. If signs and symptoms of tardive dyskinesia appear, drug discontinuation should be considered.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Lumateperone Tardive Dyskinesia

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts &amp; Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Caplyta Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Intra-Cellular Therapies, Inc.

**31. Lumateperone / Seizures**

Alert Message: Caplyta (lumateperone) should be used with caution in patients with a history of seizures or with conditions that lower the seizure threshold. Like other antipsychotics, lumateperone may cause seizures. Conditions that lower the seizure threshold may be more prevalent in older patients.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Lumateperone Seizures  
Epilepsy  
Stroke  
Head Trauma  
Intracranial infection  
Anorexia Nervosa  
Meningitis

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Caplyta Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Intra-Cellular Therapies, Inc.

Oh CY and Bainbridge J. Lowering the Seizure Threshold Associated with Antidepressants, Stimulants, Antipsychotics, and Others. Mental Health Clinician: Nov. 2012, Vol 2, No. 5, pp.127 – 128.

**32. Lumateperone / CYP3A4 Inducers**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Caplyta (lumateperone) with CYP3A4 inducers should be avoided. Lumateperone is a CYP3A4 substrate, and coadministration with a CYP3A4 inducer may result in decreased lumateperone exposure and loss of efficacy.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Lumateperone Apalutamide Mitotane  
Bosentan Modafinil  
Carbamazepine Phenobarbital  
Dexamethasone Phenytoin  
Efavirenz Primidone  
Enzalutamide Rifabutin  
Etravirine Rifampin  
Lumacaftor Rifapentine

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts &amp; Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**33. Lumateperone / Moderate to Strong CYP3A4 Inhibitors**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Caplyta (lumateperone) with CYP3A4 inhibitors should be avoided. Lumateperone is a CYP3A4 substrate, and coadministration with a CYP3A4 inhibitor may result in increased lumateperone exposure and risk of lumateperone-related adverse reactions.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Lumateperone	Atazanavir	Aprepitant
	Clarithromycin	Cimetidine
	Cobicistat	Ciprofloxacin
	Idelalisib	Clotrimazole
	Indinavir	Crizotinib
	Itraconazole	Cyclosporine
	Ketoconazole	Diltiazem
	Nefazodone	Dronedarone
	Nelfinavir	Erythromycin
	Posaconazole	Fluconazole
	Ritonavir	Fluvoxamine
	Saquinavir	Fosamprenavir
	Tipranavir	Verapamil
	Voriconazole	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Caplyta Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Intra-Cellular Therapies, Inc.

FDA: Drug Development and Drug Interactions: Tables of Substrates, Inhibitors and Inducers. Available at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/DevelopmentResources/DrugInteractionLabeling/ucm093664.htm>

**34. Lumateperone / UGT Inhibitors**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Caplyta (lumateperone) with UGT inhibitors should be avoided. Lumateperone is a UGT substrate, and coadministration with a UGT inhibitor may result in increased lumateperone exposure and risk of lumateperone-related adverse reactions.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Lumateperone	Probenecid	
	Valproic Acid	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Caplyta Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Intra-Cellular Therapies, Inc.

FDA: Drug Development and Drug Interactions: Tables of Substrates, Inhibitors and Inducers. Available at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/DevelopmentResources/DrugInteractionLabeling/ucm093664.htm>

**35. Lumateperone / Lactation**

Alert Message: Based on findings of toxicity in animal studies and the potential for serious adverse reactions in the breastfed infant, breastfeeding is not recommended during treatment with Caplyta (lumateperone). There are no available data on the presence of lumateperone or its metabolites in human milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effects on milk production.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Lumateperone Lactation

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Caplyta Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Intra-Cellular Therapies, Inc.

**36. Lumateperone / Non-adherence**

Alert Message: Based on refill history, your patient may be under-utilizing Caplyta (lumateperone). Nonadherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in sub-therapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased patient outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Lumateperone

References:

Theida P, et.al., An Economic Review of Compliance with Medication Therapy in the Treatment of Schizophrenia, Psychiatric Services, 2003;54:508-516.

Acsher-Svanum H, Zhu B, Faries DE, et al., The Cost of Relapse and the Predictors of Relapse in the Treatment of Schizophrenia. BMC Psychiatry 2010, 10:2.

Berger A, Edelsbery J, Sanders KN, et al., Medication Adherence and Utilization in Patients with Schizophrenia or Bipolar Disorder Receiving Aripiprazole, Quetiapine, or Ziprasidone at Hospital Discharge: A Retrospective Cohort Study. BMC Psychiatry 2012,12:99.

Stephenson JJ, Tuncelli O, Gu T, et al., Adherence to Oral Second-Generation Antipsychotic Medications in Patients with Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder: Physicians' Perceptions of Adherence vs. Pharmacy Claims. Int J Clin Pract, June 2012, 66, 6, 565-573.

**37. Lasmiditan / Overuse**

Alert Message: Reyvow (lasmiditan) may be over-utilized. The maximum dose of lasmiditan is 200 mg. The recommended dose of lasmiditan is 50 mg, 100 mg, or 200 mg taken orally, as needed. No more than one dose should be taken in a 24 hour period. A second dose of lasmiditan has not been shown to be effective for the same migraine attack. The safety of treating more than 4 migraine attacks in a 30-day period has not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Lasmiditan

Max Dose: 200 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Reyvow Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Eli Lilly and Company.

**38. Lasmiditan / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Reyvow (lasmiditan) in pediatric patients have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Lasmiditan

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Reyvow Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Eli Lilly and Company.

**39. Lasmiditan / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Reyvow (lasmiditan) has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh C), and its use in these patients is not recommended.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Lasmiditan

Cirrhosis

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Reyvow Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Eli Lilly and Company.

**40. Lasmiditan / CNS Depressants**

Alert Message: Reyvow (lasmiditan) can cause central nervous system (CNS) depression, including dizziness and sedation. Because of the potential for lasmiditan to cause sedation, other cognitive and/or neuropsychiatric adverse reactions, and driving impairment, lasmiditan should be used with caution if used in combination with alcohol or other CNS depressants.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Lasmiditan

Anticonvulsants

Antidepressants

Antihistamines

Antipsychotics

Barbiturates

Benzodiazepines

Cannabidiol

Muscle Relaxants

Narcotics

Sedative/Hypnotics

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Reyvow Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Eli Lilly and Company.

**41. Lasmiditan / Serotonergic Agents**

Alert Message: Caution should be exercised when Reyvow (lasmiditan) is co-administered with drugs that increase serotonin (i.e., SSRIs, SNRIs, TCAs, and MAOIs) due to the increased risk for serotonin syndrome. In clinical trials, the use of lasmiditan (a 5-HT<sub>1F</sub> receptor agonist) has been associated with reactions consistent with serotonin syndrome. Lasmiditan should be discontinued if serotonin syndrome is suspected.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Lasmiditan	Buspirone	Trazodone
	Bupropion	Tramadol
	Fentanyl	Triptans
	Linezolid	
	MAOIs	
	Meperidine	
	SNRIs	
	SSRIs	
	TCA's	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Reyvow Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Eli Lilly and Company.

**42. Lasmiditan / P-gp and BCRP Substrates**

Alert Message: Concomitant use of Reyvow (lasmiditan) and drugs that are P-gp or BCRP substrates should be avoided. Lasmiditan has been shown to inhibit P-gp and BCRP transport in vitro. Concurrent use of lasmiditan with these substrates would be expected to decrease substrate exposure and efficacy.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Lasmiditan	Afatinib	Methotrexate
	Apixaban	Morphine
	Aliskiren	Nilotinib
	Alpelisib	Quinidine
	Ambrisentan	Paliperidone
	Canagliflozin	Pazopanib
	Colchicine	Pibrentasvir
	Dabigatran	Prazosin
	Digoxin	Ranolazine
	Dolutegravir	Rivaroxaban
	Edoxaban	Rosuvastatin
	Empagliflozin	Saxagliptin
	Erythromycin	Sirolimus
	Everolimus	Sitagliptin
	Fexofenadine	Sulfasalazine
	Fluvastatin	Talazoparib
	Gefitinib	Tenofovir
	Glyburide	Topotecan
	Imatinib	Verapamil
	Indinavir	
	Lapatinib	
	Loperamide	
	Maraviroc	

## References:

Reyvow Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Eli Lilly and Company.

Lee CA, O'Connor MA, Ritchie TK, et al., Breast Cancer Resistance Protein (ABCG2) in Clinical Pharmacokinetics and Drug Interactions: Practical Recommendations for Clinical Victim and Perpetrator Drug-Drug Interaction Study Design. Drug Metab Dispos. 2015 Apr;43(4):490-509. doi:10.1124/dmd.114.062174.

**43. Lasmiditan / Heart Rate Lowering Drugs**

Alert Message: Caution should be exercised when Reyvow (lasmiditan) is co-administered with drugs that lowering heart rate, due to the risk of decreased heart rate. In clinical trials, lasmiditan use was associated with a mean decrease in heart rate of 5 to 10 beats per minute (bpm).

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Lasmiditan	Amiodarone	Flecainide
	Beta Blockers	Galantamine
	Brigatinib	Ivabradine
	Carbamazepine	Lacosamide
	CCBs	Lanreotide
	Ceritinib	Lithium
	Clonidine	Mexiletine
	Crizotinib	Pasireotide
	Digoxin	Procainamide
	Disopyramide	Propafenone
	Donepezil	Quinidine
	Dronedarone	Rivastigmine
	Fingolimod	Siponimod
		Thalidomide

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Reyvow Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Eli Lilly and Company.

**44. Dimethyl Fumarate / Overuse**

Alert Message: Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate) may be over-utilized. The recommended maintenance dose after 7 days of initial treatment is 240 mg twice a day orally.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Dimethyl Fumarate		

Max Dose: 480 mg/day

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Tecfidera Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Biogen.

**45. Dimethyl Fumarate / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate) in pediatric patients have not been established.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Dimethyl Fumarate		

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Tecfidera Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Biogen.

**46. Dimethyl Fumarate / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: There are no adequate data on the developmental risk associated with the use of Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate) in pregnant women. Dimethyl fumarate may cause fetal harm. In animals, adverse effects on offspring survival, growth, sexual maturation, and neurobehavioral function were observed when dimethyl fumarate was administered during pregnancy and lactation at clinically relevant doses.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C (Negating)</u>
Dimethyl Fumarate	Pregnancy	Abortion Delivery Miscarriage

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Tecfidera Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Biogen.

**47. Dimethyl Fumarate / Lactation**

Alert Message: There are no data on the presence of Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate) or its active metabolite monomethyl fumarate (MMF) in human milk. The effects on the breastfed infant and on milk production are unknown. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for dimethyl fumarate and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from the drug or from the underlying maternal condition.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Dimethyl Fumarate	Lactation	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Tecfidera Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Biogen.

**48. Dimethyl Fumarate / Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy**

Alert Message: Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML) has occurred in patients with MS treated with Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate). At the first sign or symptom suggestive of PML, withhold dimethyl fumarate and perform an appropriate diagnostic evaluation.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Dimethyl Fumarate	Visual Disturbances Muscle Weakness Disorientation Altered Mental Status	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Tecfidera Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Biogen.

**49. Dimethyl Fumarate / Flushing / Aspirin**

Alert Message: Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate) may cause flushing (e.g., warmth, redness, itching, and/or burning sensation). Administration of dimethyl fumarate with food may reduce the incidence of flushing. Alternatively, administration of non-enteric coated aspirin (up to a dose of 325 mg) 30 minutes prior to dosing may reduce the incidence or severity of flushing.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C (Negating)</u>
Dimethyl Fumarate	Flushing	Aspirin

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Tecfidera Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Biogen.

**50. Dimethyl Fumarate / Serious Opportunistic Infections**

Alert Message: Serious opportunistic infections have occurred with Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate), including cases of serious viral (herpes simplex virus, West Nile virus, cytomegalovirus), fungal (Candida and Aspergillus), and bacterial (Nocardia, Listeria monocytogenes, Mycobacterium tuberculosis) infections. Patients with symptoms and signs consistent with any of these infections should undergo prompt diagnostic evaluation and receive appropriate treatment. Consider withholding dimethyl fumarate treatment in patients with herpes zoster or other serious infections until the infection has resolved.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Dimethyl Fumarate	Herpes West Nile Virus Cytomegalovirus Candida Aspergillus Nocardia Listeria monocytogenes Mycobacterium Tuberculosis	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Tecfidera Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Biogen.

**51. Tenapanor / Overuse**

Alert Message: The recommended maximum daily dose of Ibsrela (tenapanor) is 50 mg twice daily.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Tenapanor		

Max Dose: 100 mg/day

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Ibsrela Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Ardelyx, Inc.



**52. Tenapanor / Gastrointestinal Obstruction**

Alert Message: Ibsrela (tenapanor) is contraindicated in patients with known or suspected mechanical gastrointestinal obstruction.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Tenapanor

Gastrointestinal Obstruction

Impaction of Intestine

Paralytic Ileus

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Ibsrela Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Ardelyx, Inc.

**53. Tenapanor / Therapeutic Appropriateness (Black Box)**

Alert Message: Ibsrela (tenapanor) is contraindicated in patients less than 6 years of age. The use of tenapanor should be avoided in patients 6 years to less than 12 years of age. In young juvenile rats (less than 1 week old; approximate human age equivalent to less than 2 years of age), decreased body weight and deaths occurred, presumed to be due to dehydration, following oral administration of tenapanor. There are no data available in older juvenile rats (human age equivalent 2 years to less than 12 years). The safety and effectiveness of tenapanor in patients less than 18 years of age have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Tenapanor

Age Range: 0 – 5 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Ibsrela Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Ardelyx, Inc.

**54. Tenapanor / Therapeutic Appropriateness (Black Box)**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Ibsrela (tenapanor) in patients less than 18 years of age have not been established. In young juvenile rats (less than 1 week old; approximate human age equivalent of less than 2 years of age), decreased body weight and deaths occurred, presumed to be due to dehydration, following oral administration of tenapanor. There are no data available in older juvenile rats (human age equivalent 2 years to less than 12 years). The use of tenapanor should be avoided in patients 6 years to less than 12 years of age. Tenapanor is contraindicated in patients less than 6 years of age.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Tenapanor

Age Range: 6 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Ibsrela Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Ardelyx, Inc.

**55. Tenapanor / Diarrhea**

Alert Message: Ibsrela (tenapanor) has been shown to cause severe diarrhea. Diarrhea was the most common adverse reaction in two randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trials of IBS-C. Severe diarrhea was reported in 2.5% of tenapanor-treated patients. If severe diarrhea occurs, suspend tenapanor dosing and rehydrate the patient.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Tenapanor

Diarrhea

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Ibsrela Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Ardelyx, Inc.

**56. Odactra / Overutilization**

Alert Message: The recommended daily dose of Odactra (dust mite allergen extract) in adults, 18 through 65 years of age, is one tablet sublingually once daily.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Odactra

Max Dose: 1 tablet daily

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Odactra Prescribing Information, April 2017, Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.

**57. Odactra / Contraindications**

Alert Message: Odactra (dust mite allergen extract) is contraindicated in patients with severe, unstable or uncontrolled asthma, a history of severe allergic reactions, a history of any severe local reaction after taking any sublingual allergen immunotherapy, and a history of eosinophilic esophagitis.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Odactra

Severe Persistent Asthma

Eosinophilic Esophagitis

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Odactra Prescribing Information, April 2017, Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.

**58. Odactra / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Odactra (dust mite allergen extract) have not been established in patients younger than 18 years of age.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Odactra

Age Range: ≤ 18 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Odactra Prescribing Information, April 2017, Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.

**59. Odactra / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Odactra (dust mite allergen extract) have not been established in patients older than 65 years of age.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Odactra

Age Range: > 65 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Odactra Prescribing Information, April 2017, Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.

**60. Odactra / Oral Wounds or Oral Inflammation**

Alert Message: Discontinue treatment with Odactra (dust mite allergen extract) to allow for complete healing of the oral cavity in patients with oral inflammation (e.g., oral lichen planus, mouth ulcers, or thrush) or oral wounds, such as those following oral surgery or dental extraction.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Odactra

Lesions of oral mucosa

Candidal Stomatitis

Oral Mucositis

Encounter for surgical aftercare following surgery on teeth or oral cavity

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Odactra Prescribing Information, April 2017, Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.

**61. Odactra / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: A review of the patient's prescription history does not reveal a current prescription for auto-injectable epinephrine. Odactra (dust mite allergen extract) can cause systemic allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis, which may be life-threatening. Patients should be informed of the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis and prescribed an epinephrine auto-injector along with training on how and when to use it.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Negating)

Odactra

Epinephrine Injection

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Odactra Prescribing Information, April 2017, Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.

**62. Nuedexta / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: Based on animal data, Nuedexta (dextromethorphan/quinidine) may cause fetal harm. There are no adequate data on the developmental risk associated with the use of dextromethorphan/quinidine in pregnant women. In oral studies conducted in rats and rabbits, a combination of dextromethorphan/quinidine demonstrated developmental toxicity, including teratogenicity (rabbits) and embryoletality, when given to pregnant animals.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Dextromethorphan/quinidine

Util B

Pregnancy

Util C (Negating)

Abortion

Delivery

Miscarriage

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

Gender: Female

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nuedexta Prescribing Information, June 2019, Avanir Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**63. Nuedexta / Lactation**

Alert Message: The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for Nuedexta (dextromethorphan/quinidine) and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from dextromethorphan/quinidine or from the underlying maternal condition. Quinidine is excreted in human milk. It is not known whether dextromethorphan is excreted in human milk. There are no data on the effects of quinidine or dextromethorphan on the breastfed infant or the effects on milk production.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Dextromethorphan/quinidine

Util B

Lactation

Util C

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

Gender: Female

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nuedexta Prescribing Information, June 2019, Avanir Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**64. Sonidegib / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: Based on its mechanism of action and data from animal reproduction studies, Odomzo (sonidegib) can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. There are no available data on the use of sonidegib in pregnant women. In animal reproduction studies, sonidegib was embryotoxic, fetotoxic, and teratogenic at maternal exposures below the recommended dose of 200 mg. Teratogenic effects observed included severe midline defects, missing digits, and other irreversible malformations. Advise pregnant women of the potential risk to a fetus.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Sonidegib

Util B

Pregnancy

Util C (Negating)

Abortion

Delivery

Miscarriage

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Odomzo Prescribing Information, May 2019, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.

**65. Sonidegib / Lactation**

Alert Message: No information is available on the presence of Odomzo (sonidegib) in human milk, the effects of the drug on the breastfed infant, or the effects of the drug on milk production. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in breastfed infants from sonidegib, advise a nursing woman not to breastfeed during treatment with sonidegib and for 20 months after the last dose.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Sonidegib

Lactation

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Odomzo Prescribing Information, May 2019, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.

**66. Sonidegib / Females of Reproductive Potential**

Alert Message: Verify pregnancy status of females of reproductive potential prior to initiating Odomzo (sonidegib) treatment. Advise pregnant women of the potential risk to a fetus. Advise females to use effective contraception during treatment with sonidegib and for at least 20 months after the last dose.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C (Negating)

Sonidegib

Contraceptives

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Odomzo Prescribing Information, May 2019, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.

**67. Sonidegib / Males**

Alert Message: Advise male patients with female partners with reproductive potential to use condoms, even after a vasectomy, during treatment with Odomzo (sonidegib) and for at least 8 months after the last dose to avoid potential drug exposure in pregnant females or females of reproductive potential.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Sonidegib

Gender: Male

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Odomzo Prescribing Information, May 2019, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.

**68. Sonidegib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Odomzo (sonidegib) have not been established in pediatric patients. Epiphyseal disorders, including premature fusion of the epiphyses, have been reported in pediatric patients exposed to sonidegib in a clinical trial. In some cases, pediatric patients treated with other Hh pathway inhibitors have experienced progression of epiphyseal fusion despite discontinuation of the Hh pathway inhibitor.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Sonidegib

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Odomzo Prescribing Information, May 2019, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.

**69. Sonidegib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The recommended dosage of Odomzo (sonidegib) is 200 mg taken orally once daily on an empty stomach, at least 1 hour before or 2 hours after a meal, administered until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Sonidegib

Max Dose: 200 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Odomzo Prescribing Information, May 2019, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.

**70. Sonidegib / Nonadherence**

Alert Message: Based on the refill history, your patient may be under-utilizing Odomzo (sonidegib). Non-adherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in sub-therapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased patient outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Sonidegib

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Odomzo Prescribing Information, May 2019, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.

Greer JA, Amoyal N, Nisotel L, et al. Systemic Review of Adherence to Oral Antineoplastic Therapies. The Oncologist. 2016;21:354-376.

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. N Engl J Med 2005; 353:487- 497.

**71. Darolutamide / Overutilization**

Alert Message: Nubeqa (darolutamide) may be over-utilized. The recommended dose of darolutamide is 600 mg (two 300 mg film-coated tablets) taken orally, twice daily, equivalent to a total daily dose of 1200 mg. Patients receiving darolutamide should also receive a gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) analog concurrently or should have had a bilateral orchiectomy.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C (Negating)

Darolutamide

CKD 4, 5, &amp; ESRD

Hepatic Impairment

Max Dose: 1200 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nubeqa Prescribing Information, August 2019, Bayer Healthcare Pharma.

**72. Darolutamide / Overutilization – Renal Impairment**

Alert Message: For patients with severe renal impairment (eGFR 15–29 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>) not receiving hemodialysis, the recommended dose of Nubeqa (darolutamide) is 300 mg twice daily. No dose reduction is needed for patients with mild or moderate renal impairment (eGFR 30–89 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>). The effect of end-stage renal disease (eGFR ≤15 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>) on darolutamide pharmacokinetics is unknown.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C (Include)

Darolutamide

CKD 4, 5, &amp; ESRD

Max Dose: 600 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nubeqa Prescribing Information, August 2019, Bayer Healthcare Pharma.

**73. Darolutamide / Overutilization – Hepatic Impairment**

Alert Message: For patients with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class B), the recommended dose of Nubeqa (darolutamide) is 300 mg twice daily. Darolutamide undergoes hepatic metabolism, and moderate hepatic impairment will result in higher exposure to darolutamide. No dose reduction is needed for patients with mild hepatic impairment. The effect of severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh C) on darolutamide pharmacokinetics is unknown.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C (Include)

Darolutamide

Hepatic Impairment

Max Dose: 600 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nubeqa Prescribing Information, August 2019, Bayer Healthcare Pharma.

**74. Darolutamide / Embryo-Fetal Toxicity**

Alert Message: Based on the mechanism of action, advise male patients with female partners of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment and for 1 week after the last dose of Nubeqa (darolutamide).

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Darolutamide

Gender: Male

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nubeqa Prescribing Information, August 2019, Bayer Healthcare Pharma.

**75. Darolutamide / Therapeutic Appropriateness (0 - 17 yoa)**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Nubeqa (darolutamide) in pediatric patients have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Darolutamide

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nubeqa Prescribing Information, August 2019, Bayer Healthcare Pharma.

**76. Darolutamide / Combined P-gp and Strong or Moderate 3A4 Inducers**

Alert Message: Concomitant use of Nubeqa (darolutamide), a P-gp and CYP3A4 substrate, with a combined P-gp and strong or moderate CYP3A4 inducer decreases darolutamide exposure, which may decrease darolutamide activity. Avoid concomitant use of darolutamide with combined P-gp and strong or moderate CYP3A4 inducers.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Darolutamide

Apalutamide

Carbamazepine

Lumacaftor

Phenobarbital

Phenytoin

Primidone

Rifampin

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nubeqa Prescribing Information, August 2019, Bayer Healthcare Pharma.



**77. Darolutamide / Combined P-gp and Strong or Moderate 3A4 Inhibitors**

Alert Message: Concomitant use of Nubeqa (darolutamide), a P-gp and CYP3A4 substrate, with a combined P-gp and strong or moderate CYP3A4 inhibitor increases darolutamide exposure, which may increase the risk of darolutamide-related adverse reactions. Monitor patients more frequently for darolutamide adverse reactions and modify darolutamide dosage as needed.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Darolutamide	Clarithromycin	
	Cobicistat	
	Ritonavir	
	Nelfinavir	
	Saquinavir	
	Itraconazole	
	Ketoconazole	
	Posaconazole	
	Mifepristone	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nubeqa Prescribing Information, August 2019, Bayer Healthcare Pharma.

**78. Darolutamide / BCRP Substrates**

Alert Message: Nubeqa (darolutamide) is an inhibitor of BCRP transporter. Concomitant use of darolutamide increases the AUC and Cmax of BCRP substrates, which may increase the risk of BCRP substrate-related toxicities. Avoid concomitant use of a darolutamide with drugs that are BCRP substrates where possible. If used together, monitor patients more frequently for adverse reactions, and consider a dose reduction of the BCRP substrate drug. Consult the approved product labeling of the BCRP substrate when used concomitantly with darolutamide.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Darolutamide	Alpelisib	
	Dasabuvir/Ombitasvir/Paritaprevir/Ritonavir	
	Dolutegravir	
	Dantrolene	
	Methotrexate	
	Pazopanib	
	Pibrentasvir	
	Prazosin	
	Rosuvastatin	
	Talazoparib	
	Tenofovir	
	Sulfasalazine	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nubeqa Prescribing Information, August 2019, Bayer Healthcare Pharma.

FDA: Drug Development and Drug Interactions: Tables of Substrates, Inhibitors and Inducers. Available at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/DevelopmentResources/DrugInteractionalLabeling/ucm093664.htm>

**79. Darolutamide / Nonadherence**

Alert Message: Based on refill history, your patient may be under-utilizing Nubeqa (darolutamide). Non-adherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in subtherapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased patient outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Darolutamide

References:

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. *N Engl J Med* 2005; 353:487- 497.

Paoella GA, Boyd AD, Wirth SM, Cuellar S, Venepalli NK, Crawford SY. Adherence to Oral Anticancer Medications: Evolving Interprofessional Roles and Pharmacist Workforce Considerations. *Pharmacy (Basel)*. 2018;6(1):23. Published 2018 Mar 8. doi:10.3390/pharmacy6010023.

Greer JA, Amoyal N, Nisotel L, Fishbein JN, et al., A Systematic Review of Adherence to Oral Antineoplastic Therapies. *The Oncologist*. 2016;21:354–376.

**80. Amifampridine / Overutilization**

Alert Message: Ruzurgi (amifampridine) may be over-utilized. The recommended maximum total daily dosage of amifampridine in pediatric patients 6 to less than 17 years of age weighing 45 kg or more is 100 mg. The recommended maximum total daily dosage of amifampridine in pediatric patients 6 to less than 17 years of age weighing less than 45 kg is 50 mg.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Amifampridine

Max Dose: 100 mg/day

Age Range: 6 – 16 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Ruzurgi Prescribing Information, May 2019, Jacobus Pharmaceutical Company, Inc.

**81. Amifampridine / History of Seizures**

Alert Message: Ruzurgi (amifampridine) is contraindicated in patients with a history of seizures. Seizures have been observed in patients with and without a history of seizures taking amifampridine at the recommended doses, and at various times after initiation of treatment. Many of the patients were taking medications or had comorbid medical conditions that may have lowered the seizure threshold. Seizures may be dose-dependent. Consider discontinuation or dose-reduction of amifampridine in patients who have a seizure while on treatment.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C (Include)

Amifampridine

Seizures

Convulsions

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Ruzurgi Prescribing Information, May 2019, Jacobus Pharmaceutical Company, Inc.

**82. Amifampridine / Cholinergic Drugs**

Alert Message: The concomitant use of Ruzurgi (amifampridine) and drugs with cholinergic effects (e.g., direct or indirect cholinesterase inhibitors) may increase the risk of adverse reactions due to additive cholinergic effects.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Amifampridine

Donepezil

Galantamine

Pyridostigmine

Rivastigmine

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Ruzurgi Prescribing Information, May 2019, Jacobus Pharmaceutical Company, Inc.

**83. Amifampridine / Drugs that Lower Seizure Threshold**

Alert Message: The concomitant use of Ruzurgi (amifampridine) with drugs that lower seizure threshold may lead to an increased risk of seizures. The decision to administer amifampridine concomitantly with drugs that lower the seizure threshold should be carefully considered in light of the severity of the associated risks.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Amifampridine

1<sup>st</sup> Generation Antipsychotics

Aripiprazole

Asenapine

Baclofen

Bupropion

Clozapine

Diphenhydramine

Olanzapine

Paliperidone

Quetiapine

Quinolones

SNRIs

SSRIs

Steroids

Stimulants

Tacrolimus

TCAs

Tramadol

Ziprasidone

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Ruzurgi Prescribing Information, May 2019, Jacobus Pharmaceutical Company, Inc.

**84. Amifampridine / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: There are no data on the developmental risk associated with the use of Ruzurgi (amifampridine) in pregnant women. In animal studies, administration of amifampridine phosphate to rats during pregnancy and lactation resulted in developmental toxicity (increase in stillbirths and pup deaths, reduced pup weight, and delayed sexual development) at doses associated with maternal plasma drug levels lower than therapeutic drug levels.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Amifampridine

Util B

Pregnancy

Util C (Negating)

Abortion

Delivery

Miscarriage

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

Gender: Female

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Ruzurgi Prescribing Information, May 2019, Jacobus Pharmaceutical Company, Inc.

**85. Amifampridine / Lactation**

Alert Message: There are no data on the presence of Ruzurgi (amifampridine) in human milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effects on milk production. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for amifampridine and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from amifampridine or the underlying maternal condition. In lactating rats, amifampridine was excreted in milk and reached levels similar to those in maternal plasma.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Amifampridine

Util B

Lactation

Util C

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

Gender: Female

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Ruzurgi Prescribing Information, May 2019, Jacobus Pharmaceutical Company, Inc.

**86. Amifampridine / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Ruzurgi (amifampridine) in pediatric patients have not been established.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Amifampridine

Util BUtil C

Age Range: 0 – 5 yoa

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Ruzurgi Prescribing Information, May 2019, Jacobus Pharmaceutical Company, Inc.

**87. Amifampridine / Nonadherence**

Alert Message: Based on the refill history, your patient may be underutilizing Ruzurgi (amifampridine). Non-adherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in sub-therapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased patient outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Amifampridine

References:

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. N Engl J Med 2005; 353:487- 497.

Marcum ZA, Sevick MA, Handler SM. Medication Nonadherence: A Diagnosable and Treatable Medical Condition. JAMA. 2013;309(20):2105–2106. doi:10.1001/jama.2013.4638.

Kleinsinger F. The Unmet Challenge of Medication Nonadherence. Perm J. 2018;22:18–033. doi:10.7812/TPP/18-033.

**88. Venlafaxine ER / Renal Impairment**

Alert Message: The total daily dose of venlafaxine extended release (ER) should be reduced by 25% to 50% in patients with mild (CLcr = 60–89 mL/min) or moderate (CLcr = 30–59 mL/min) renal impairment. In patients undergoing hemodialysis or with severe renal impairment (CLcr < 30 mL/min), the total daily dose of venlafaxine ER should be reduced by 50% or more. Because there was much individual variability in clearance between patients with renal impairment, individualization of dosage may be desirable in some patients.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C (Include)

Venlafaxine ER

Renal Impairment

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2019, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**89. Nintedanib / Overutilization**

Alert Message: The manufacturer's recommended daily dose of Ofev (nintedanib) 150 mg twice daily, approximately 12 hours apart taken with food.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C (Negating)

Nintedanib

Hepatic Impairment

Max Dose: 300 mg/day

References:

Ofev Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**90. Nintedanib / Overutilization – Hepatic Impairment**

Alert Message: The manufacturer's recommended daily dose of Ofev (nintedanib) in patients with mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh A) is 100 mg twice daily, approximately 12 hours apart taken with food. Monitor the patient for adverse reactions and consider treatment interruption or discontinuation for the management of adverse reactions. Treatment of patients with moderate (Child-Pugh B) and severe (Child-Pugh C) hepatic impairment with nintedanib is not recommended.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C (Include)

Nintedanib

Hepatic Impairment

Max Dose: 200 mg/day

References:

Ofev Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**91. Nintedanib / Gastrointestinal Disorders**

Alert Message: Ofev (nintedanib) therapy can result in gastrointestinal disorders (i.e., diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting), which may become severe. Treat patients at first signs with adequate hydration and antidiarrheal medicine or antiemetics. Discontinue nintedanib if severe diarrhea, nausea or vomiting persists despite symptomatic treatment.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Nintedanib

References:

Ofev Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**92. Nintedanib / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: Ofev (nintedanib) can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. Women of childbearing potential should be advised to avoid becoming pregnant while receiving nintedanib treatment. These patients should use highly effective contraception during treatment and for at least 3 months after the last dose of nintedanib.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C (Negating)

Nintedanib

Pregnancy

Abortion

Delivery

Miscarriage

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

Gender: Female

References:

Ofev Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**93. Nintedanib / Lactation**

Alert Message: There is no information on the presence of Ofev (nintedanib) in human milk, the effects on the breast-fed infant, or the effects on milk production. Nintedanib and its metabolites are present in the milk of lactating rats. Because of the potential for serious nintedanib-related adverse reactions in nursing infants, advise women that breastfeeding is not recommended during treatment with nintedanib.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Nintedanib	Lactation	

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

Gender: Female

References:

Ofev Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**94. Nintedanib / Arterial Thromboembolic Events**

Alert Message: Arterial thromboembolic events, including myocardial infarction, have been reported in patients treated with Ofev (nintedanib). Use caution when treating patients with a higher cardiovascular risk, including coronary artery disease.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C (Include)</u>
Nintedanib		Coronary Atherosclerosis Ischemic Heart Disease

References:

Ofev Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Kamba T and McDonald DM. Mechanism of Adverse Effects of Anti-VEGF Therapy for Cancer. Br Jnl Can. 2017(96);1788-1795.

**95. Nintedanib / Anticoagulants - Increased Risk of Bleeding**

Alert Message: Concurrent use of Ofev (nintedanib) with an anticoagulant agent may increase the risk of bleeding. Carefully monitor patients who are receiving nintedanib with anticoagulant therapy and adjust anticoagulation treatment as necessary.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Nintedanib	Apixaban Dabigatran Dalteparin Enoxaparin Fondaparinux Heparin Rivaroxaban Warfarin	

References:

Ofev Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**96. Nintedanib / Gastrointestinal Perforation**

Alert Message: Serious gastrointestinal (GI) perforation events have been reported with Ofev (nintedanib), some of which were fatal. Nintedanib therapy should be discontinued if GI perforation develops. Advise patients to report signs and symptoms of gastrointestinal perforation. Only use nintedanib in patients with a known risk of gastrointestinal perforation if the anticipated benefit outweighs the potential risk.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Nintedanib

Util B

Gastrointestinal Perforation

Util C

References:

Ofev Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**97. Nintedanib / Diverticular Disease**

Alert Message: Serious gastrointestinal (GI) perforation events have been reported with Ofev (nintedanib), some of which were fatal. Use caution when treating patients who have had recent abdominal surgery, previous history of diverticular disease or receiving concomitant corticosteroids or NSAIDs. Nintedanib therapy should be discontinued if GI perforation develops. Only use nintedanib in patients with a known risk of gastrointestinal perforation if the anticipated benefit outweighs the potential risk.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Nintedanib

Util B

Util C (Include)

Diverticular Disease

References:

Ofev Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**98. Nintedanib / NSAIDS & Corticosteroids**

Alert Message: Serious gastrointestinal (GI) perforation events have been reported with Ofev (nintedanib), some of which were fatal. Use caution when treating patients who have had recent abdominal surgery, previous history of diverticular disease or receiving concomitant corticosteroids or NSAIDs. Nintedanib therapy should be discontinued if GI perforation develops. Only use nintedanib in patients with a known risk of gastrointestinal perforation if the anticipated benefit outweighs the potential risk.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Nintedanib

Util B

NSAIDS

Util C

Corticosteroids

References:

Ofev Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.



**99. Nintedanib / P-gp & CYP3A4 Inhibitors**

Alert Message: Concurrent use of Ofev (nintedanib) with a P-gp and CYP3A4 inhibitor may result in increased exposure to nintedanib and risk of adverse effects. If co-administration is necessary, patients should be monitored closely for tolerability of nintedanib. Management of adverse reactions may require interruption, dose reduction, or discontinuation of nintedanib therapy.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Nintedanib	Amiodarone	Itraconazole
	Ciprofloxacin	Ivacaftor
	Clarithromycin	Ketoconazole
	Cobicistat	Lapatinib
	Cyclosporine	Mifepristone
	Dronedarone	Nelfinavir
	Erythromycin	Posaconazole
	Fostamatinib	Ranolazine
		Ritonavir
		Saquinavir
		Ticagrelor
		Tipranavir
		Verapamil

## References:

Ofev Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**100. Nintedanib / P-gp & CYP3A4 Inducers**

Alert Message: Concurrent use of Ofev (nintedanib) with a P-gp and CYP3A4 inducer should be avoided. Co-administration of these agents may result in decreased exposure to nintedanib and loss of efficacy.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Nintedanib	Apalutamide	
	Carbamazepine	
	Fosphenytoin	
	Phenobarbital	
	Phenytoin	
	Primidone	
	Rifampin	

## References:

Ofev Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**101. Nintedanib / Nicotine Dependence, Cigarettes**

Alert Message: A review of the diagnostic history reveals that the patient may smoke. Smoking has been shown to decrease the exposure to Ofev (nintedanib), which may alter the efficacy profile of nintedanib. Encourage patients to stop smoking prior to treatment with nintedanib and to avoid smoking when using nintedanib. Smoking has been associated with decreased exposure to nintedanib.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Nintedanib	Nicotine Dependence, Cigarettes	

## References:

Ofev Prescribing Information, Sept. 2019, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**102. Nintedanib / Therapeutic Appropriateness < 18 yoa**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Ofev (Nintedanib) in pediatric patients have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Nintedanib

Age Range: 0 - 17 yoa

References:

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**North Dakota Medicaid  
Drug Utilization Review Board  
Meeting  
September 2, 2020  
Via Teleconference**

**North Dakota Medicaid  
DUR Board Meeting Agenda**  
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**September 2, 2020**

**1:00 pm**

1. Administrative items
  - DHS announcements
2. Old business
  - Review and approval of June 2020 meeting minutes
  - Budget update
  - Review top 25 drugs for second quarter of 2020
  - Prior authorization/PDL update
  - Second review of Palforzia
  - Second review of Mytesti
  - Second review of antifibrinolytic agents
  - Second review of ACL inhibitors
  - Second review of cystic fibrosis agents
3. New business
  - Retrospective DUR criteria recommendations
  - Review of agents for the treatment of diabetic gastroparesis
  - Review of Ohriahnn (elagolix/estradiol/norethindrone)
  - Review of Dojolvi (triheptanoin)
  - Review of utilization data for select medication classes
  - Upcoming meeting date/agenda.
    - Next meeting is December 2, 2020
4. Adjourn

**Please remember to silence all cellular phones during the meeting.**

## **Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Meeting Minutes June 3, 2020**

**Members Present:** Andrea Honeyman, Tanya Schmidt, Jennifer Iverson, Gabriela Balf, Laura Schield, Jennifer Iverson, Mary Aaland, Peter Woodrow, Amy Werremeyer, Cory Miller

**Medicaid Pharmacy Department:** Alexi Murphy, Brendan Joyce, LeNeika Roerich

### **Old Business**

Chair A. Honeyman called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Chair A. Honeyman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting. L. Schield moved that the minutes be approved, and T. Schmidt seconded the motion. The chair called for a voice vote to approve the minutes. The motion passed with no audible dissent.

### **Review Top 25 Drugs**

T. DeRuiter and A. Murphy presented the quarterly review of the top 25 drugs based on total cost of claims, as well as the top 25 drugs based on the total number of claims for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020.

### **PDL/PA Criteria Updates**

A. Murphy shared with the Board all of changes made to the Preferred Drug List since the most recent version of the Preferred Drug List was posted. Notable changes included updates to the criteria for Hepatitis C Treatments and Insulin, as well as changes to coverage requirements for Xifaxan in the Diarrhea – Irritable Bowel Syndrome and Traveler's Diarrhea criteria. All PDL updates are listed in the handouts for the June 2020 DUR Board meeting. When a new version of the PDL is published and posted to the website, all updates/changes made since the last version are called out at the top of the document itself.

### **Update to Criteria for Medications Costing >\$3,000**

A. Murphy presented a proposed update to the prior authorization criteria for medications that cost >\$3,000. The update included new renewal criteria which requires documentation indicating that the patient has experienced and maintained a clinical benefit since starting the requested medication. There was no public comment. Chair A. Honeyman called for a voice vote to approve the updated criteria, which passed with no audible dissent.

### **Second Review of Conjupri**

A motion and second was made at the March 2020 DUR Board meeting to place Conjupri on prior authorization. The topic was brought up for a second review. Prior authorization criteria were presented to the Board by T. DeRuiter. There were no public comments. Chair A. Honeyman called for a voice vote to approve the updated criteria, which passed with no audible dissent.

## **New Business**

### **Review of Cystic Fibrosis Agents**

T. DeRuiter and A. Murphy presented a review of CFTR modulators for the treatment of cystic fibrosis to the Board. During public comment, J. Rusinak from Vertex Pharmaceuticals presented an overview of clinical information on the available CFTR modulators to the Board. A motion was made by L. Schield to manage these medications through prior authorization. The motion was seconded by P. Woodrow. Prior authorization criteria for these agents will be presented, reviewed, and voted on by the Board at the next meeting.

### **Review of ACL Inhibitors**

T. DeRuiter and A. Murphy presented a review of ACL inhibitors to the Board. A motion was made by A. Werremeyer to manage these medications through prior authorization. The motion was seconded by P. Woodrow. Prior authorization criteria for these agents will be presented, reviewed, and voted on by the Board at the next meeting.

### **Review of Antifibrinolytic Agents**

T. DeRuiter and A. Murphy presented a review of antifibrinolytic agents to the Board. A motion was made by T. Schmidt to manage these medications through prior authorization. The motion was seconded by P. Woodrow. Prior authorization criteria for these agents will be presented, reviewed, and voted on by the Board at the next meeting.

### **Review of Palforzia**

T. DeRuiter and A. Murphy presented a review of Palforzia for use in patients with a peanut allergy to the Board. A. Honeyman and M. Aaland inquired as to the recommended duration of use. S. Payne from Aimmune explained the recommendations on treatment duration to the Board. A motion was made by P. Woodrow to manage this medication through prior authorization. The motion was seconded by J. Iverson. Prior authorization criteria will be presented, reviewed, and voted on by the Board at the next meeting.

### **Retrospective Drug Utilization Review (RDUR) Criteria Recommendations**

The recommended RDUR criteria enclosed in the packet were developed from product information provided by the manufacturers and are consistent with new indications, new drugs added, and new warnings. These proposed criteria will be added to the current set of criteria and will be used in future DUR cycles. L. Schield moved to approve the new criteria and P. Woodrow seconded the motion. The motion passed with no audible dissent.

### **Adjournment and Upcoming Meeting Date**

Chair A. Honeyman adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm. The next DUR Board meeting will be held September 2, 2020 at 1:00 pm with location to be determined.

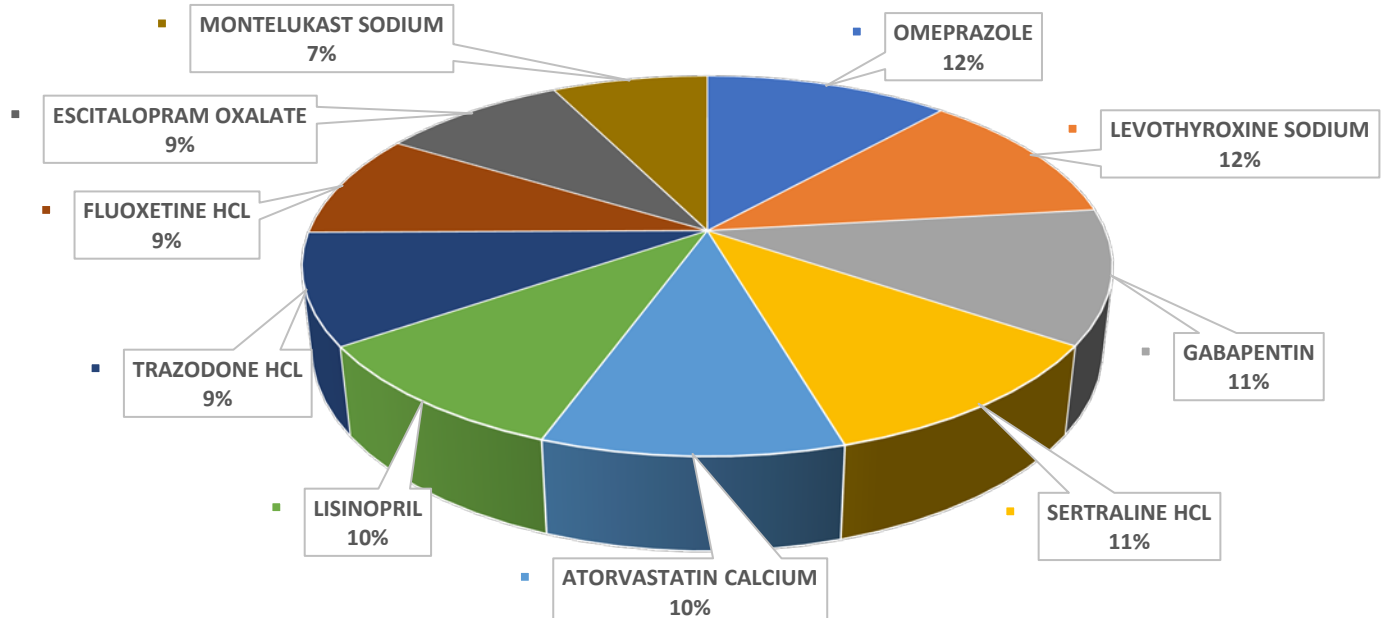
### Top 25 Drugs Based on Number of Claims from 04/01/2020 – 06/30/2020

Drug	AHFS Class	Claims	Claims Cost	Cost Per Claim	% Total Claims
OMEPRAZOLE	PROTON-PUMP INHIBITORS	4,421	\$57,716.90	\$13.06	1.92%
LEVOTHYROXINE SODIUM	THYROID AGENTS	4,369	\$81,280.27	\$18.60	1.90%
GABAPENTIN	ANTICONVULSANTS, MISC	4,316	\$70,284.45	\$16.28	1.87%
SERTRALINE HCL	ANTIDEPRESSANTS	4,141	\$55,929.71	\$13.51	1.80%
ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	STATINS	3,856	\$54,671.99	\$14.18	1.67%
LISINOPRIL	ACE INHIBITORS	3,733	\$47,482.79	\$12.72	1.62%
TRAZODONE HCL	ANTIDEPRESSANTS	3,587	\$49,919.95	\$13.92	1.56%
FLUOXETINE HCL	ANTIDEPRESSANTS	3,369	\$46,725.57	\$13.87	1.46%
ESCITALOPRAM OXALATE	ANTIDEPRESSANTS	3,365	\$44,832.14	\$13.32	1.46%
MONTELUKAST SODIUM	LEUKOTRIENE MODIFIERS	2,815	\$40,149.52	\$14.26	1.22%
METFORMIN HCL	BIGUANIDES	2,725	\$34,036.58	\$12.49	1.18%
BUPROPION XL	ANTIDEPRESSANTS	2,536	\$46,535.48	\$18.35	1.10%
DULOXETINE HCL	ANTIDEPRESSANTS	2,518	\$43,984.52	\$17.47	1.09%
HYDROCODONE-APAP	OPIATE AGONISTS	2,500	\$40,685.84	\$16.27	1.08%
PANTOPRAZOLE SODIUM	PROTON-PUMP INHIBITORS	2,490	\$33,985.61	\$13.65	1.08%
AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	DIHYDROPYRIDINES	2,285	\$28,810.56	\$12.61	0.99%
ARIPIRAZOLE	ANTIPSYCHOTIC AGENTS	2,201	\$34,545.56	\$15.70	0.96%
CLONIDINE HCL	CENTRAL ALPHA-AGONISTS	2,180	\$27,460.74	\$12.60	0.95%
BUPRENORPHINE-NALOXONE	OPIATE PARTIAL AGONISTS	2,162	\$124,696.96	\$57.68	0.94%
VYVANSE	AMPHETAMINES	2,107	\$537,697.83	\$255.20	0.91%
LAMOTRIGINE	ANTICONVULSANTS, MISC	2,076	\$28,404.11	\$13.68	0.90%
VENLAFAXINE HCL ER	ANTIDEPRESSANTS	2,010	\$33,804.42	\$16.82	0.87%
CLONAZEPAM	BENZODIAZEPINES	1,994	\$26,756.14	\$13.42	0.87%
QUETIAPINE FUMARATE	ANTIPSYCHOTIC AGENTS	1,988	\$28,299.07	\$14.23	0.86%
CYCLOBENZAPRINE HCL	SKELETAL MUSCLE RELAXNT	1,925	\$22,883.22	\$11.89	0.84%

Total Claims From 04/01/2020 – 06/30/2020

230,447

#### Top 10 Drugs by Claims Count



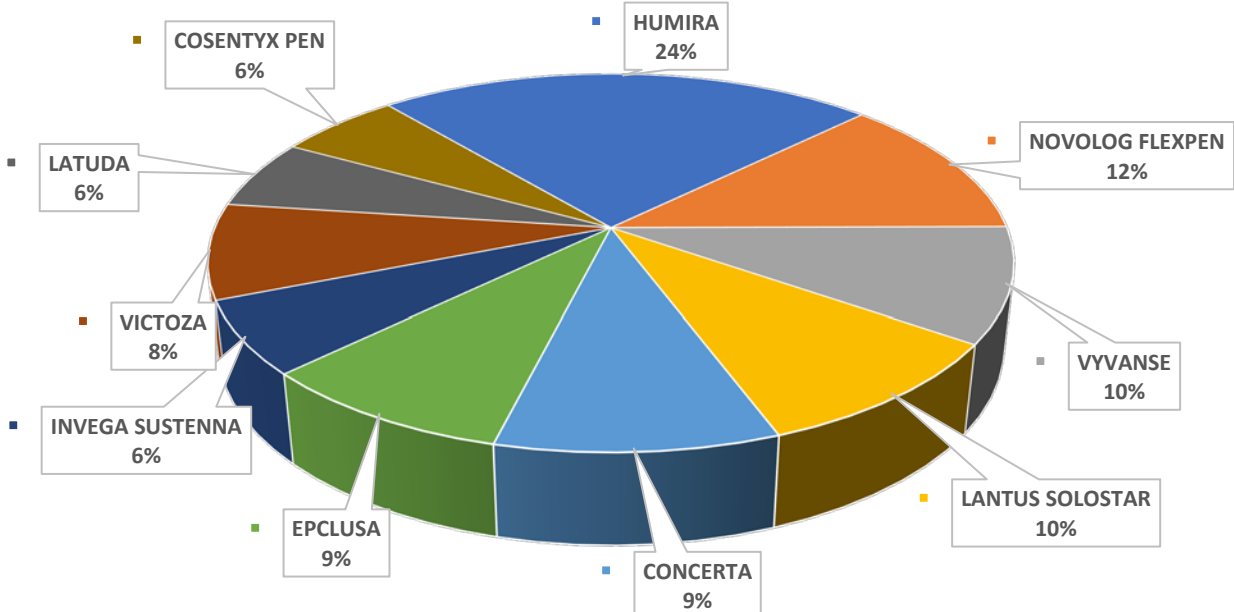
### Top 25 Drugs Based on Total Claims Cost from 04/01/2020 – 06/30/2020

Drug	AHFS Class	Claims Cost	Claims	Cost Per Claim	% Total Cost
HUMIRA	DMARDS	\$1,309,696.32	212	\$6,177.81	5.84%
NOVOLOG FLEXPEN	INSULINS	\$672,750.01	1,142	\$589.10	3.00%
VYVANSE	AMPHETAMINES	\$537,697.83	2,107	\$255.20	2.40%
LANTUS SOLOSTAR	INSULINS	\$529,917.69	1,196	\$443.07	2.36%
CONCERTA	AMPHETAMINES	\$528,520.86	1,491	\$354.47	2.36%
EPCLUSA	HCV ANTIVIRALS	\$486,516.26	20	\$24,325.81	2.17%
INVEGA SUSTENNA	ANTIPSYCHOTIC AGENTS	\$341,027.25	155	\$2,200.18	1.52%
VICTOZA	INCRETIN MIMETICS	\$447,832.12	582	\$769.47	2.00%
LATUDA	ANTIPSYCHOTIC AGENTS	\$326,972.27	408	\$801.40	1.46%
COSENTYX PEN	SKIN/MUCOUS MEMBRANE	\$322,897.19	56	\$5,766.02	1.44%
NORDITROPIN FLEXPEN	PITUITARY	\$318,597.15	94	\$3,389.33	1.42%
JARDIANCE	SGLT2 INHIB	\$302,636.13	681	\$444.40	1.35%
LEVEMIR FLEXTOUCH	INSULINS	\$292,073.03	574	\$508.84	1.30%
SYMBICORT	INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS	\$237,036.22	755	\$313.96	1.06%
SABRIL	ANTICONVULSANTS, MISC	\$230,220.79	12	\$19,185.07	1.03%
XIFAXAN	ANTIBACTERIALS, MISC	\$228,838.91	108	\$2,118.88	1.02%
TRIKAFTA	CFTR CORRECTORS	\$215,177.31	9	\$23,908.59	0.96%
BIKTARVY	ANTIRETROVIRALS	\$193,652.45	121	\$1,600.43	0.86%
GENVOYA	ANTIRETROVIRALS	\$193,495.86	130	\$1,488.43	0.86%
ABILIFY MAINTENA	ANTIPSYCHOTIC AGENTS	\$192,822.28	98	\$1,967.57	0.86%
CONTOUR NEXT TEST STRIP	DIABETES MELLITUS	\$189,195.98	1,649	\$114.73	0.84%
NOVOLOG	INSULINS	\$180,676.45	310	\$582.83	0.81%
ELIQUIS	ANTICOAGULANTS	\$157,740.03	385	\$409.71	0.70%
BYDUREON PEN	INCRETIN MIMETICS	\$155,519.00	248	\$627.09	0.69%
FLOVENT HFA	INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS	\$155,257.85	668	\$232.42	0.69%

Total Claims Cost From 04/01/2020 – 06/30/2020

\$22,407,994.13

#### Top 10 Drugs by Claims Cost





**Top 15 Therapeutic Classes Based on Number of Claims from 04/01/2020 – 06/30/2020**

Therapeutic Class Description	Claims	Claims Cost	Cost per Claim	% Total Claims
ANTIDEPRESSANTS	27,567	\$570,724.84	\$20.70	11.96%
ANTICONVULSANTS, MISC	13,019	\$853,288.73	\$65.54	5.65%
ANTIPSYCHOTIC AGENTS	8,986	\$1,494,611.38	\$166.33	3.90%
PROTON-PUMP INHIBITORS	7,387	\$126,311.82	\$17.10	3.21%
OPIATE AGONISTS	6,511	\$131,054.36	\$20.13	2.83%
NSAIDS	6,390	\$90,885.56	\$14.22	2.77%
HMG-COA REDUCTASE INHIBITORS	6,357	\$91,192.10	\$14.35	2.76%
BETA-ADRENERGIC BLOCKING AGENTS	5,631	\$105,371.79	\$18.71	2.44%
ANXIOLYTICS, SEDATIVES, AND HYPNOTICS	5,561	\$90,345.20	\$16.25	2.41%
ACE INHIBITORS	4,794	\$68,150.76	\$14.22	2.08%
THYROID AGENTS	4,648	\$90,533.43	\$19.48	2.02%
AMPHETAMINES	4,342	\$689,297.87	\$158.75	1.88%
NON-AMPHETAMINE STIMULANTS	3,982	\$749,548.50	\$188.23	1.73%
BIGUANIDES	3,960	\$54,699.52	\$13.81	1.72%
INSULINS	3,615	\$1,845,924.41	\$510.63	1.57%

**Top 15 Therapeutic Classes Based on Claims Cost from 04/01/2020 – 06/30/2020**

Therapeutic Class Description	Claims Cost	Claims	Cost/Claim	% Total Cost
INSULINS	\$1,845,924.41	3,615	\$510.63	8.24%
DMARDS	\$1,767,487.97	373	\$4,738.57	7.89%
ANTIPSYCHOTICS	\$1,494,611.38	8,986	\$166.33	6.67%
SKIN AND MUCOUS MEMBRANE AGENTS, MISC.	\$932,354.99	437	\$2,133.54	4.16%
ANTICONVULSANTS, MISC	\$853,288.73	13,019	\$65.54	3.81%
ANTIRETROVIRALS	\$835,623.66	750	\$1,114.16	3.73%
NON-AMPHETAMINE STIMULANTS	\$749,548.50	3,982	\$188.23	3.35%
INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS	\$704,831.50	3,069	\$229.66	3.15%
AMPHETAMINES	\$689,297.87	4,342	\$158.75	3.08%
INCRETIN MIMETICS	\$632,450.02	880	\$718.69	2.82%
HCV ANTIVIRALS	\$627,486.89	32	\$19,608.97	2.80%
ANTIDEPRESSANTS	\$570,724.84	27,567	\$20.70	2.55%
ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	\$563,475.85	518	\$1,087.79	2.51%
IMMUNOMODULATORY AGENTS	\$443,496.65	61	\$7,270.44	1.98%
URINARY ANTISPASMODICS	\$368,465.70	1,614	\$228.29	1.64%

### PDL Update

<b>ADDED TO PA</b>	
<b>Drug</b>	<b>Class</b>
Ajovy Autoinjector	Prophylaxis of Migraine – CGRP Inhibitors
Arazlo	Acne - Retinoid
Asmanex HFA	Corticosteroids – Inhaled
Consensi	NSAIDs
Crinone	Progesterone
Cuvitru	Immune Globulins
Dexabliss	Steroids - Oral
Esperoct	Antihemophilic Factor Products
Gvoke Syringe	Glucose Rescue Medications
Halog Solution	Steroids - Topical
Harvoni Pallet	Hepatitis C Treatments
Helidac	Antibiotics - Resistance Prevention - H. pylori
Hizentra Syringe	Immune Globulins
Ingrezza Initiation Pack	Tardive Dyskinesia
Kynmobi	Parkinson’s disease
Licart	NSAIDs
Lumify	Glaucoma - Alpha Adrenergics
Molindone	Antipsychotics
Nalocet	Opioid Analgesic – Short Acting
Nurtec ODT	Migraine Treatment - Non-Triptan Agents
Nuzyra	Antibiotics - Resistance Prevention - MRSA
Osmolex Er 332 Mg/Day Pack	Parkinson’s disease
Oxervate	Medications >\$3,000
Promacta Suspension	Thrombocytopenia
Reyvow	Migraine Treatment - Non-Triptan Agents
Riomet ER	Non-Preferred Dosage Form
Skyrizi	Cytokine Modulators
Sovaldi Pallets	Hepatitis C Treatments
Teriparatide	Osteoporosis
Tiglutik	Medications >\$3,000
Trijardy XR	DPP4-Inhibitors/SGLT2 Inhibitors Combination
Udenyca	Hematopoietic, Colony Stimulating Factors
Xeljanz XR 22Mg	Cytokine Modulators
Xenleta	Antibiotics - Resistance Prevention - CAP
Zelnorm	Idiopathic Constipation
Zeposia	Multiple Sclerosis - Injectable Non-Interferons

# Palforzia

## Palforzia Prior Authorization Form

### Group Criteria:

- **Initial Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 6 months*
  - The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age)
  - The patient does not have any contraindications to treatment
  - The prescriber must be or be in consultation with an allergy and/or immunology specialist
  - The provider must attest that the patient has access to injectable epinephrine, and that the patient/caregiver has been instructed and trained on its appropriate use
  - The patient must not have any of the following:
    - Uncontrolled asthma
    - A history of eosinophilic esophagitis or another eosinophilic GI disease
    - Severe or life-threatening anaphylaxis in the 60 days prior to the request
  - The patient must have a clinical history of allergy to peanuts or peanut-containing foods AND one of the following:
    - The patient has had a serum immunoglobulin E (IgE) to peanut  $\geq 0.35$  kUA/L
    - Skin prick test (SPT) to peanut  $\geq 3$ mm compared to control
    - Allergic reaction produced during a provider observed intake of peanuts
- **Renewal Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 6 months for continued up-titration or 12 months for maintenance the 300mg dose*
  - The patient must have been compliant with Palforzia, as evidenced by pharmacy records or pharmacy claims history showing on-time fills during the last 6 months
  - The patient must not have any of the following:
    - Uncontrolled asthma
    - Severe or persistent GI symptoms
    - Eosinophilic esophagitis
  - The patient must have experienced and maintained clinical benefit since starting treatment with Palforzia, as evidenced by the following:
    - The patient continues to have a peanut allergy and has been/is being monitored for resolution of their allergy
    - The patient has been able to tolerate the maintenance dose of Palforzia (300 mg daily)  
OR
    - The prescriber has submitted a plan to continue up-titration to a final dose of 300 mg daily and have not already requested a renewal PA for the up-titration period

### PA REQUIRED

PALFORZIA (peanut allergen powder)



# **Palforzia** **Prior Authorization Form**

**Fax Completed Form to:**  
**855-207-0250**  
**For questions regarding this**  
**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a prescription for Palforzia to meet criteria confirming the medication is being used according to its FDA-approved indication. Please fill out the following form in its entirety.

## **Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHYSICIAN**

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name		Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)			
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:			Diagnosis for this request:		
Does the patient have uncontrolled asthma? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
Has the patient experienced severe or life-threatening anaphylaxis in the 60 days? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
Does the patient have a history of eosinophilic esophagitis or another eosinophilic GI disease? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
Has the patient/caregiver been educated on appropriate use of epinephrine? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
RENEWAL ONLY: Does the patient continue to have a peanut allergy and has been/is being monitored for resolution of their allergy? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
RENEWAL ONLY: Has the patient been able to tolerate the maintenance dose of Palforzia (300 mg daily)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
Additional Qualifications for Coverage (if applicable)					
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**					Date
<p><b>**:</b> By completing this form, I hereby certify that the above request is true, accurate and complete. That the request is medically necessary, does not exceed the medical needs of the member, and is clinically supported in the patient's medical records. I also understand that any misrepresentations or concealment of any information requested in the prior authorization request may subject me to audit and recoupment.</p>					

## **Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY**

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	DRUG	NDC #

## Mytesi

### General Prior Authorization Form

#### Group Criteria:

- **Initial Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 3 months*
  - The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age)
  - The provider must submit medical documentation confirming that infectious and medication-induced etiologies of diarrhea have been ruled out
  - The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred agent of a unique active ingredient, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
- **Renewal Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 12 months*
  - The patient must have experienced and maintained clinical benefit since starting treatment with Mytesi, as evidenced by medical documentation (e.g. chart notes) attached to the request (subject to clinical review)

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Loperamide	LOMOTIL (diphenoxylate HCl/atropine)
Diphenoxylate HCl / atropine	MYTESTI (crofelemer)

## Antifibrinolytic Agents

### General Prior Authorization Form

#### Group Criteria:

- **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 12 months*
  - The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age)
  - The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use all other products (subject to clinical review)

#### Product Specific Criteria:

- **Non-Solid Dosage Formulations:** The patient must be unable to ingest solid dosage form as evidenced by swallow study documentation

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
	LYSTEDA (tranexamic acid)
	AMICAR (aminocaproic acid) oral solution
	AMICAR (aminocaproic acid) tablet
	aminocaproic acid oral solution
	aminocaproic acid tablet
	tranexamic acid tablet

## Lipid-Lowering Agents

### General Prior Authorization Form

#### Additional Criteria for HMG-CoA (3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-CoA) REDUCTASE INHIBITORS

##### Group Criteria:

- **Initial Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 3 months*
  - The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age)
  - The patient must have LDL levels of >130 mg/dL after a 90-day trial of each of the following, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
    - A lipid lowering agent other than a statin combined with either Crestor (rosuvastatin) ≥20 mg or Lipitor (atorvastatin) ≥ 40 mg
    - A PCSK9 Inhibitor combined with either Crestor (rosuvastatin) ≥20 mg or Lipitor (atorvastatin) ≥ 40 mg
  - The patient must currently be receiving a maximally tolerated statin (HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor) agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use all other products to lower their cholesterol (subject to clinical review)
- **Renewal Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 12 months*
  - The patient must currently be receiving a maximally tolerated statin (HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor) agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
  - The patient must have experienced and maintained clinical benefit since starting treatment with the requested medication, as evidenced by medical documentation (e.g. chart notes) attached to the request (subject to clinical review)

ACL (ATP Citrate Lyase) INHIBITORS	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
	NEXLETOL (bempedoic acid)
	NEXLIZET (bempedoic acid and ezetimibe)
MTP (Microsomal Triglyceride Transfer Protein) INHIBITOR	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
	JUXTAPID (lomitapide)
PCSK9 (Proprotein Convertase Subtilisin/Kexin Type 9) INHIBITORS	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
PRALUENT PEN (alirocumab) – Labeler 72733	PRALUENT PEN (alirocumab) – Labeler 00024
REPATHA PUSHTRONEX (evolocumab)	
REPATHA SURECLICK (evolocumab)	
REPATHA SYRINGE (evolocumab)	

## CFTR Modulators

### General Prior Authorization Form

##### Group Criteria: *Approval Duration = 12 months*

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have a CFTR mutation that the requested medication is FDA-approved to treat, as evidenced by medical documentation (e.g. chart notes, genetic testing) that is attached to the request

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Kalydeco (ivacaftor)	
Orkambi (lumacaftor/ivacaftor)	
Symdeko (tezacaftor/ivacaftor)	
Trikafta (elexacaftor/tezacaftor/ivacaftor)	

**General  
Prior Authorization Form**

**Fax Completed Form to:  
855-207-0250  
For questions regarding this  
Prior authorization, call  
866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a prescription for non-preferred medications to meet specific diagnosis and step-therapy requirements. Criteria for agents requiring prior authorization can be found at one of the following locations:

- The Preferred Drug List (PDL) available at [www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf](http://www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf)
- Prior Authorization Criteria available at [www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/2018/Criteria/PA\\_Criteria.pdf](http://www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/2018/Criteria/PA_Criteria.pdf)

**\*\*\*Completed Medwatch form(s) must be attached to this request for failed trial(s) in which the active ingredient of the failed product is the same as the requested product\*\*\***

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHYSICIAN**

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name		Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)			
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:			Diagnosis for this request:		
List all failed medications:				Start Date:	End Date:
<b>Additional Qualifications for Coverage</b> (e.g. medical justification explaining inability to meet required trials) <input type="checkbox"/> Patient is pregnant: Due Date _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Patient has inability to take or tolerate solid oral dosage forms (please attach swallow study) <input type="checkbox"/> Patient has feeding tube in place: (please state specific type of feeding tube _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please fill out below)					
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**				Date	
<b>**:</b> By completing this form, I hereby certify that the above request is true, accurate and complete. That the request is medically necessary, does not exceed the medical needs of the member, and is clinically supported in the patient's medical records. I also understand that any misrepresentations or concealment of any information requested in the prior authorization request may subject me to audit and recoupment.					

**Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY**

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:		
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	DRUG	NDC #		

## REVIEW OF PHARMACOLOGIC TREATMENT OF DIABETIC GASTROPARESIS

### Diabetic Gastroparesis:

- Diabetic gastroparesis is thought to result from impaired neural control of gastric function in patients with diabetes mellitus
  - It is not progressive, and treatment is directed toward alleviating symptoms
    - Primary treatment of gastroparesis:
      - Improved glycemic control
      - Dietary modification
      - Administration of prokinetic agents
      - Avoidance of medications that can delay gastric emptying (e.g. incretin mimetics)

### Pharmacological Treatment

- Prokinetics: increase the rate of gastric emptying and should be administered 10 to 15 minutes before meals with an additional dose before bedtime in patients with persistent symptoms
  - **Metoclopramide (only Rx-only medication with FDA-approved indication for use)**
    - Oral tablet
    - ODT
    - Injection
    - Nasal (Gimoti)
  - Macrolide antibiotics (off-label)
    - Erythromycin
    - Azithromycin
  - *Investigational drugs*
    - *Domperidone*
    - *Cisapride*

### Metoclopramide:

- **Indication:**
  - Relief of symptoms associated with acute and recurrent diabetic gastric stasis
- **Mechanism of action:**
  - Dopamine 2 receptor antagonist, 5-HT4 agonist, & a weak 5-HT3 receptor antagonist
    - Enhances the response to acetylcholine of tissue in upper GI tract
      - Causes enhanced motility and accelerated gastric emptying; increases lower esophageal sphincter tone
- **Boxed Warning:**
  - Treatment with metoclopramide can cause tardive dyskinesia (TD). The risk of developing TD increases with duration of treatment and total cumulative dose. Discontinue metoclopramide therapy in patients who develop signs or symptoms of TD. There is no known treatment for tardive dyskinesia. In some patients, symptoms lessen or resolve after metoclopramide treatment is stopped.
- **Contraindications:**
  - Hypersensitivity to metoclopramide or any component of the formulation
  - Situations where stimulation of GI motility may be dangerous (GI obstruction, perforation, or hemorrhage)
  - Pheochromocytoma or other catecholamine-releasing paragangliomas
  - Seizure disorders (eg, epilepsy)
  - History of tardive dyskinesia or dystonic reaction to metoclopramide
  - Concomitant use with other agents likely to increase extrapyramidal reactions



- **Warnings/Precautions**

- Tardive dyskinesia
- May cause extrapyramidal symptoms, generally manifested as acute dystonic reactions within the initial 24 to 48 hours of use
  - Avoid with Parkinson's disease
- Use may be associated with neuroleptic malignant syndrome (NMS)
- May cause QT prolongation and torsades de pointes in certain individuals (eg, heart failure patients with renal impairment)
- Depression has occurred
- May elevate blood pressure; avoid use in patients with hypertension
- Elevates prolactin levels
- Use with caution in patients who are at risk of fluid overload (heart failure, cirrhosis)

- **Dosing:**

	<u>Solution</u>	<u>Oral Tablet</u>	<u>ODT</u>	<u>Injection</u>	<u>Nasal</u>
<u>Adult</u>	5-10 mg 2-3 times daily (max of 40 mg/day)				One spray (15 mg) in 1 nostril
<u>Pediatric</u>	Off-label only				N/A
Renal Impairment	Use with caution in patients with moderate to severe renal impairment; dosage adjustment recommended				
Hepatic Impairment	Use caution in patients with moderate to severe hepatic impairment; dosage adjustment recommended				
<b><i>In chronic therapy, limit course to ≤12 weeks. Consider a "drug holiday" or dose reduction (eg, 5 mg twice daily before the 2 main meals of the day) for ~2 weeks whenever clinically feasible or at least every 12 weeks (whichever is shorter) to evaluate efficacy and necessity of continued treatment</i></b>					

- **Drug interactions:**

- **Antipsychotics**
  - Potential for increased frequency and severity of TD, EPS, & NMS
- **Strong CYP2D6 Inhibitors**
  - Increased plasma concentrations of metoclopramide
- **MAOIs**
  - Increased risk of hypertension
- **CNS Depressants**
  - Increased risk of CNS depression
- **Drugs that Impair Gastrointestinal Motility**
  - Reduced efficacy
- **Dopamine Agonists**
  - Decreased therapeutic effect of metoclopramide due to opposing effects on dopamine

## **COST**

<b>Drug</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>Package Size</b>	<b>AWP Pkg Price</b>	<b>AWP Unit Price</b>
<b>Metoclopramide</b>	5 mg/ 5 mL	473 mL	\$35.40	\$0.07
<b>Metoclopramide</b>	5 mg tablet	100	\$32.00	\$0.32
<b>Metoclopramide</b>	10 mg tablet	1,000	\$215.00	\$0.21
<b>Metoclopramide</b>	5 mg/mL solution	2 mL (25 syr)	\$33.30	\$0.67
<b>Metoclopramide</b>	5 mg ODT	100	\$949.30	\$9.49
<b>Metoclopramide</b>	10 mg ODT	100	\$949.30	\$9.49
<b>Gimoti</b>	10 mL nasal spray	NA	NA	NA

**CURRENT UTILIZATION**

ND Medicaid Utilization (06/2019 – 06/2020)		
Label Name	Rx Num	Total Reimb Amt
Metoclopramide tablet	1,121	\$14,949.91
Metoclopramide oral sln	75	\$1,264.59
Metoclopramide ODT	0	-
Metoclopramide injection	1	\$15.96
Gimoti	0	-

**REFERENCES:**

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## REVIEW OF OHRIAHHN (elagolix/estradiol/norethindrone)

### **Indication:**

- Management of heavy menstrual bleeding associated with uterine leiomyomas (fibroids) in premenopausal women
  - Use should be limited to 24 months due to the risk of continued bone loss, which may not be reversible
- **Other agents used for this indication:**
  - Estrogen/progestin contraceptives
    - Oral contraceptive pills, vaginal ring, or transdermal patch
      - Little high-quality evidence supporting this practice, but many guidelines still recommend as first-line therapy
  - Progestin IUDs
    - Primarily levonorgestrel -releasing IUDs
      - Supporting data are mainly observational, but most guidelines support the use of LNG IUDs as a first-line agent
  - Progestin-only contraceptives
    - Little evidence for efficacy, but some guidelines support use
  - Tranexamic acid
    - Small studies have shown benefit

### **Mechanism of action**

- Elagolix is a short-acting, gonadotropin-releasing hormone antagonist that suppresses pituitary and ovarian hormone function in a dose-dependent manner
  - Concentrations of luteinizing hormone, follicle stimulating hormone, estradiol, and progesterone are decreased during therapy, reducing bleeding associated with uterine fibroids
- Estradiol may reduce the bone loss associated with elagolix
- Norethindrone may protect the uterus from adverse endometrial effects of unopposed estrogen

### **Boxed Warning:**

- Thromboembolic disorders and vascular events
  - Estrogen and progestin combinations increase the risk of thrombotic or thromboembolic disorders including pulmonary embolism, deep vein thrombosis, stroke, and myocardial infarction, especially in women at increased risk for these events. Elagolix, estradiol, and norethindrone is contraindicated in women with current or a history of thrombotic or thromboembolic disorders and in women at increased risk for these events, including women >35 years of age who smoke and women with uncontrolled hypertension

### **Contraindications:**

- Hypersensitivity to any ingredient of the formulation
- Osteoporosis
- Current or history of breast cancer or other hormone-sensitive malignancies, and with increased risk for hormone-sensitive malignancies
- Hepatic impairment or disease
- Undiagnosed abnormal uterine bleeding
- Concurrent use of organic anion transporting polypeptide (OATP)1B1 inhibitors that are known or expected to significantly increase elagolix plasma concentrations
- Pregnancy
- Females at high risk of arterial, venous thrombotic, or thromboembolic disorders
  - Women >35 years of age who smoke
  - Current diagnosis of or history of deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism, vascular disease, inherited or acquired hypercoagulopathies, uncontrolled hypertension, or headaches with focal neurological symptoms or have migraine headaches with aura if >35 years of age

**Warnings/Precautions:**

- Increased risk of thromboembolic disorders and vascular events
  - Discontinue use if an arterial or venous thrombotic event occurs or is suspected
- Retinal vascular thrombosis
  - Discontinue if unexplained loss of vision, proptosis, diplopia, papilledema, or retinal vascular lesions occur and immediately evaluate for retinal vein thrombosis
- May increase the risk for breast cancer and other hormone-sensitive malignancies
  - Discontinue if a hormone-sensitive malignancy is diagnosed
- Menstrual bleeding patterns may change
  - May alter the ability to detect pregnancy. Pregnancy testing should be conducted if pregnancy is suspected; discontinue use if pregnancy is confirmed
- Depression
  - May increase the risk of depression and mood changes. Consider risks and benefits of therapy if mood disturbances occur
- Bone mineral density loss
  - Associated with bone mineral density (BMD) loss; risk is increased with duration of use and may not be completely reversible following discontinuation. Evaluate BMD at baseline with dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry. Consider supplementation with calcium and vitamin D. Limit duration of treatment to 24 months to reduce the extent of BMD loss. Use caution in patients with risk factors for osteoporosis, including medications which may decrease BMD. Use is contraindicated in women with known osteoporosis.
- Gallbladder disease
  - May increase risk of gallbladder disease, especially in women with a history of cholestatic jaundice associated with past estrogen use or with pregnancy. Discontinue if jaundice occurs.
- Hypertension
  - Discontinue if BP rises significantly with use.
- Lipid effects
  - May adversely affect lipid levels, including serum triglycerides leading to pancreatitis.
- Diabetes
  - May impair glucose tolerance; closely monitor women with diabetes or prediabetes
- Alopecia
  - May cause alopecia. Reversibility is unknown; hair loss continued after discontinuation of therapy in most affected women. Consider discontinuation if alopecia occurs
- Drug-drug interactions
  - Potentially significant interactions may exist, requiring dose or frequency adjustment, additional monitoring, and/or selection of alternative therapy. Consult drug interactions database for more detailed information.
- Surgical patients
  - Whenever possible, discontinue 4 to 6 weeks prior to surgeries known to have an increased risk of thromboembolism or during periods of prolonged immobilization
- Tartrazine
  - Contains tartrazine (ie, FD&C Yellow No. 5), which may cause hypersensitivity reactions, especially in patients with aspirin hypersensitivity
- Laboratory changes
  - May change the results of some laboratory tests (eg, coagulation factors, lipids, glucose tolerance, binding proteins). Estrogens may raise serum concentrations of thyroxine-binding globulin, sex hormone-binding globulin, and cortisol-binding globulin. Females on thyroid replacement therapy may require higher doses of thyroid hormone while receiving estrogens

## **Dosing:**

- **Adults:**
  - Elagolix 300 mg/estradiol 1 mg/norethindrone 0.5 mg every morning and elagolix 300 mg every evening
    - Maximum of 24 months of treatment
    - Not indicated for use in postmenopausal females\*\*\*\*
- **Pediatric:**
  - Safety and efficacy have not been established
- **Renal Impairment**
  - No dosage adjustment necessary
- **Hepatic Impairment**
  - Contraindicated for use in mild, moderate or severe hepatic impairment

## **Drug interactions**

- Strong CYP3A4 Inhibitors
- OATP1B1/1B3 inhibitors
- P-glycoprotein/ABCB1 substrates
- Related to mechanism:
  - Anticoagulants: diminished therapeutic effect of anticoagulants
  - Anastrozole diminished therapeutic effect
  - Increase in effects of other drugs
  - Simvastatin
  - Cyclosporin

## **COST**

Drug	Strength	Package Size	AWP Pkg Price	AWP Unit Price
Oriahnn	300 mg – 300 mg – 1 mg	56 capsules	\$1,088.97	\$19.44
Tranexamic acid	650 mg oral tab	30 tablets	\$156.60	\$15.66
Mirena	52 mg	1 IUD	\$1,144.21	\$1,144.21
Ethinyl Estradiol and Levonorgestrel	0.02 mg – 0.1 mg	28 tablets	\$105.48	\$1.26

## **CURRENT UTILIZATION**

ND Medicaid Utilization (06/2019 – 06/2020)		
Label Name	Rx Num	Total Reimb Amt
Oriahnn	0	-

## **REFERENCES:**

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## REVIEW OF DOJOLVI (triheptanoin)

### Indication:

- As a source of calories and fatty acids for the treatment of molecularly confirmed long-chain fatty acid oxidation disorders (LC-FAOD) in adults and pediatric patients

### Long-Chain Fatty Acid Oxidation Disorders (LC-FAOD)

- Fatty acid oxidation disorders (FAODs) are autosomal recessive disorders of metabolism resulting in failure of mitochondrial beta-oxidation or the carnitine-based transport of fatty acids into mitochondria
  - Leads to deficient energy production and produce widely variable clinical presentations ranging from mild hypotonia in adults to sudden death in infants
- Treatment of LC-FAOD:
  - Treatment involves avoidance of prolonged fasting, dietary fat restriction, and medium chain triglyceride supplementation
    - High carb diet, low in long-chain fats

### Mechanism of action:

- It is a medium-chain triglyceride that provide a source of calories and fatty acids to bypass the long-chain fatty acid oxidation disorder enzyme deficiencies for energy production and replacement

### Contraindications:

- There are no contraindications listed in the manufacturer's labeling

### Warnings and Precautions:

- Avoid use in patients with pancreatic insufficiency; reduced absorption leading to insufficient supplementation of medium-chain fatty acids may occur
- Do not use PVC feeding tubes; the performance and functionality of feeding tubes may degrade over time depending on usage and environmental conditions

### Dosing:

- **Adults:**
  - Patients not currently receiving a medium-chain triglyceride product
    - ~10% of the patient's total prescribed daily caloric intake (DCI) divided into at least 4 times daily orally initially
    - Increase dosage by ~5% of the patient's total prescribed DCI every 2 to 3 days until target dose of up to 35% of the patient's prescribed DCI is achieved
  - Patients switching from another medium-chain triglyceride product
    - Prior to initiation, discontinue any other medium-chain triglyceride products
    - Initiate at the last tolerated daily dosage of medium-chain triglyceride divided into at least 4 times daily orally
    - Increase dosage by ~5% of the patient's total prescribed DCI every 2 to 3 days until target dose of up to 35% of the patient's prescribed DCI is achieved
  - Formula for triheptanoin dose
    - $\text{Total daily dose (mL)} = (\text{Patient's DCI [kcal]} \times \text{desired \% of DCI}) \text{ divided by } 8.3 \text{ kcal/mL.}$
- **Pediatric:**
  - Same as adult
    - In neonates, may need increased dosage due to higher fat intake
- **Renal Impairment**
  - No dosage adjustment provided per labeling
- **Hepatic Impairment**
  - No dosage adjustment provided per labeling

### Drug interactions

- Orlistat: may decrease active metabolite of Dojolvi

## COST

Drug	Strength	Package Size	AWP Pkg Price	AWP Unit Price
Dojolvi	100 %	500 mL	\$5,850.00	\$11.70

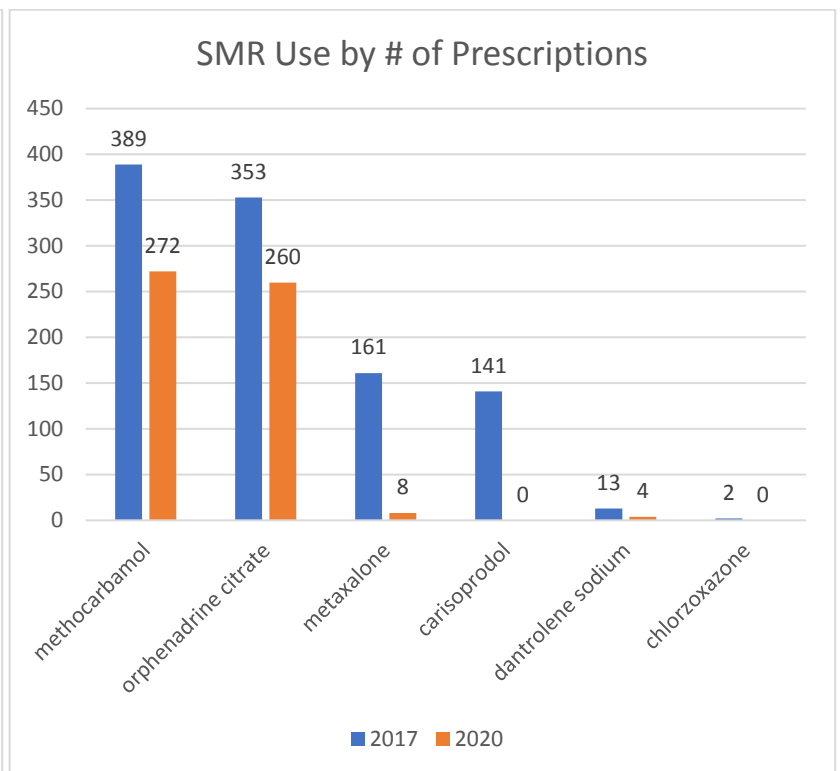
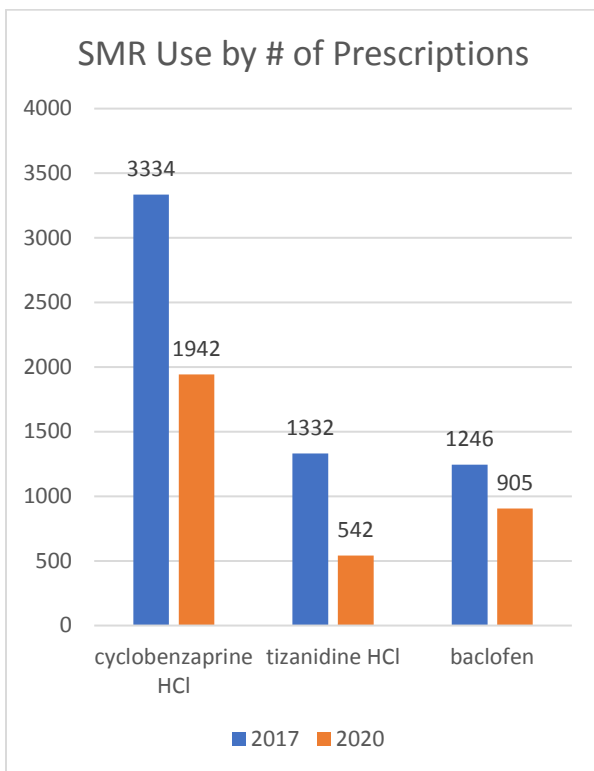
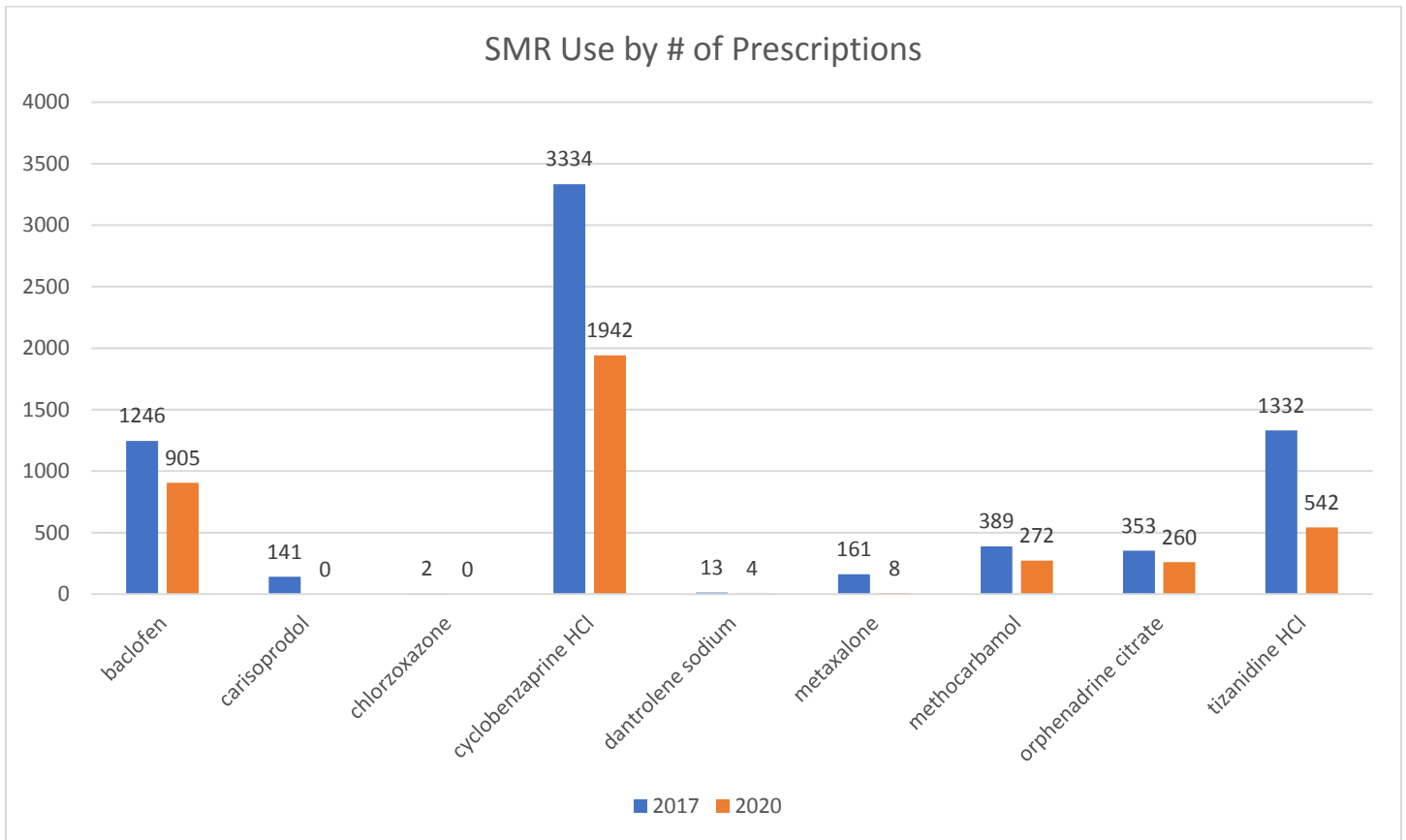
## CURRENT UTILIZATION

ND Medicaid Utilization (06/2019 – 06/2020)		
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Dojolvi	0	-

## REFERENCES:

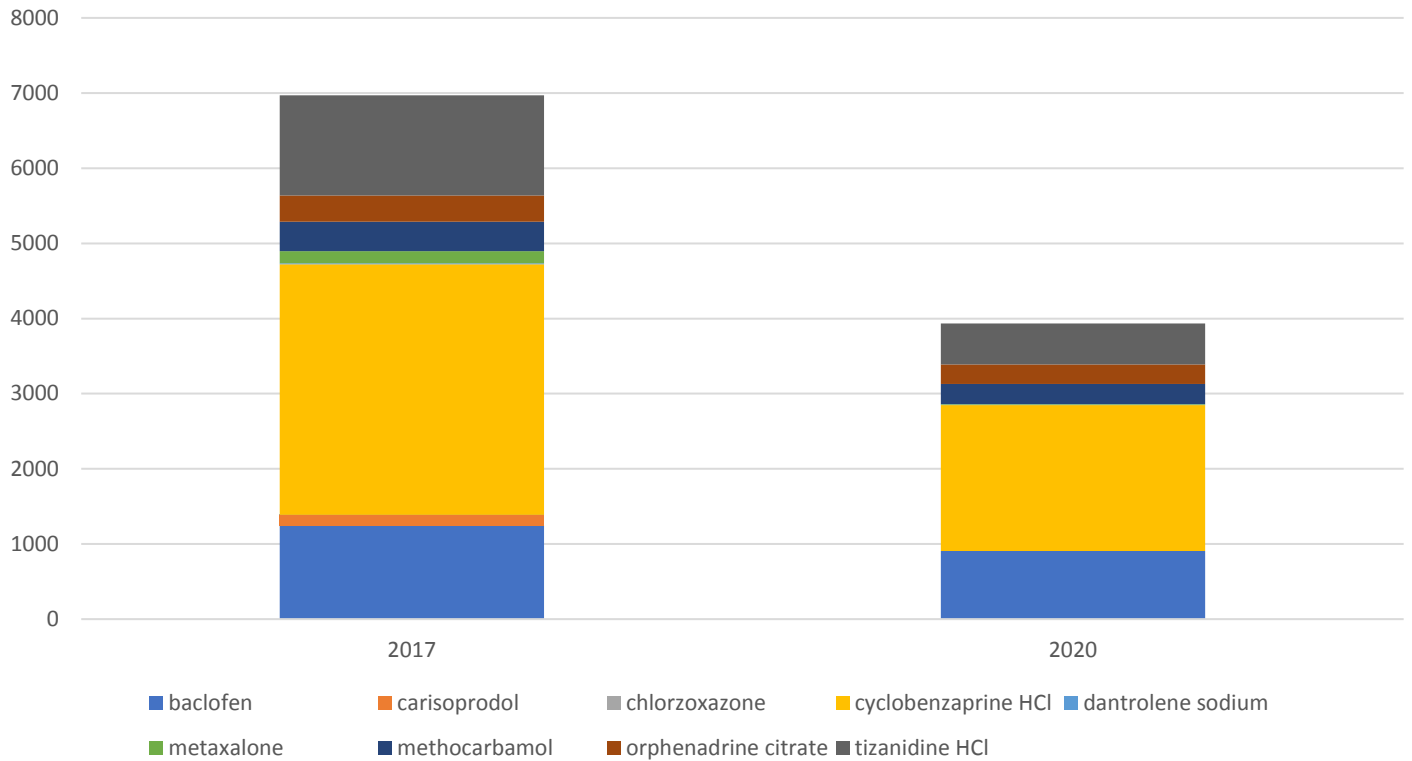
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## Skeletal Muscle Relaxant (SMR) Utilization

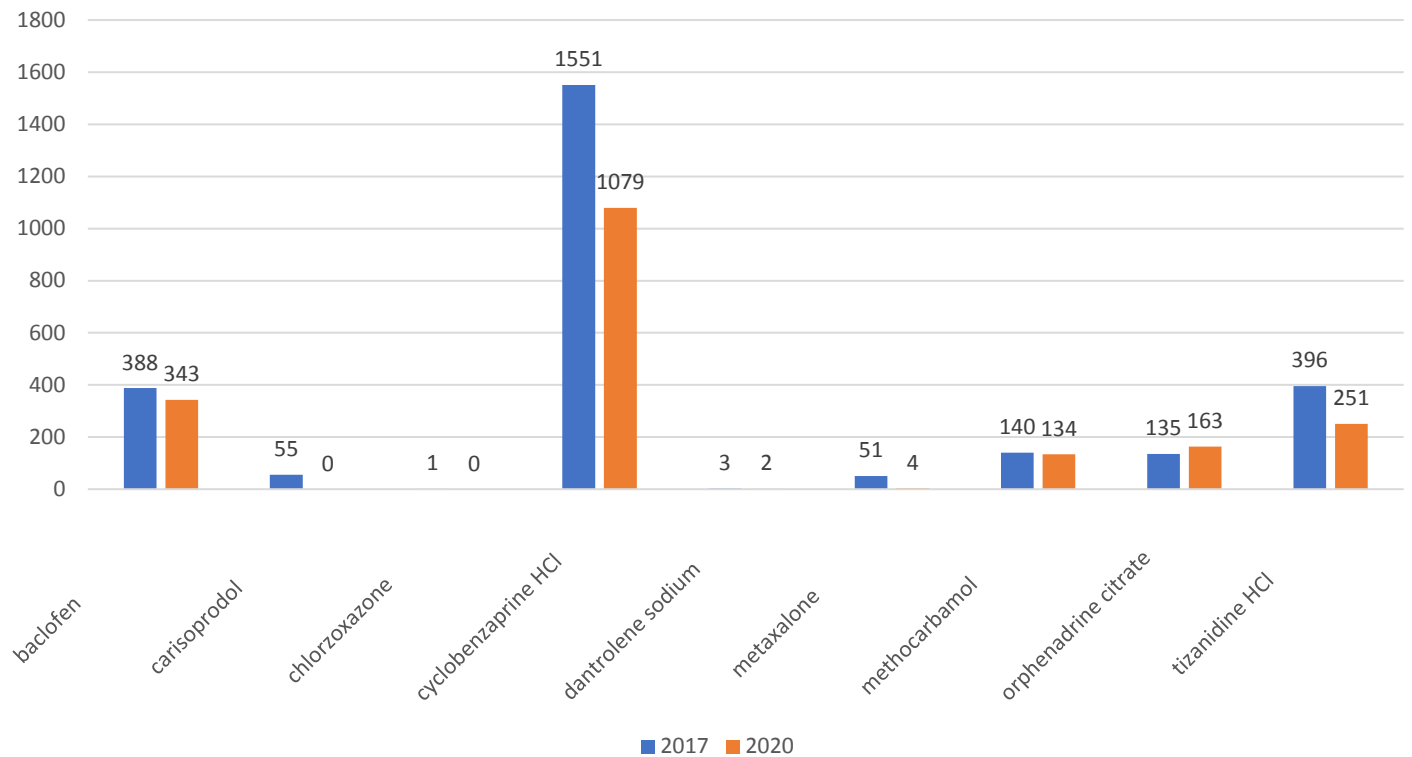




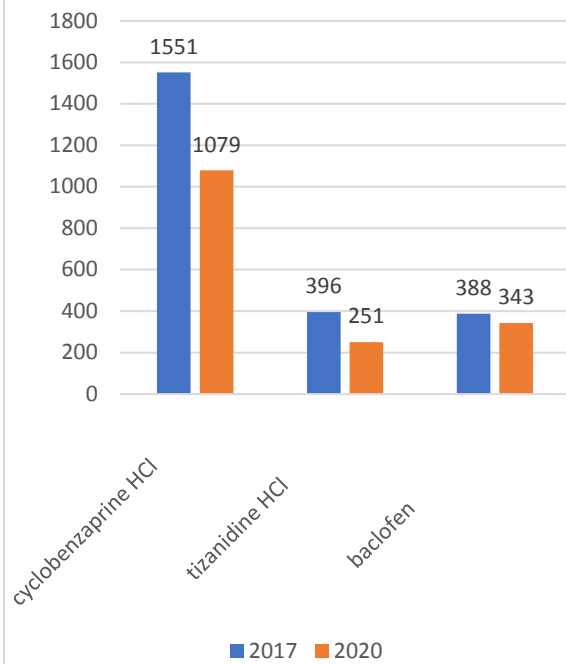
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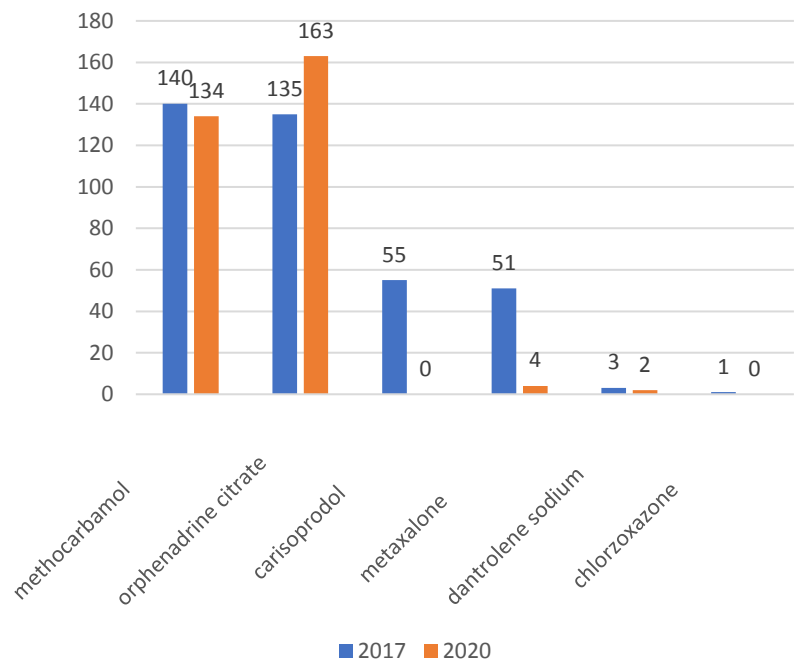
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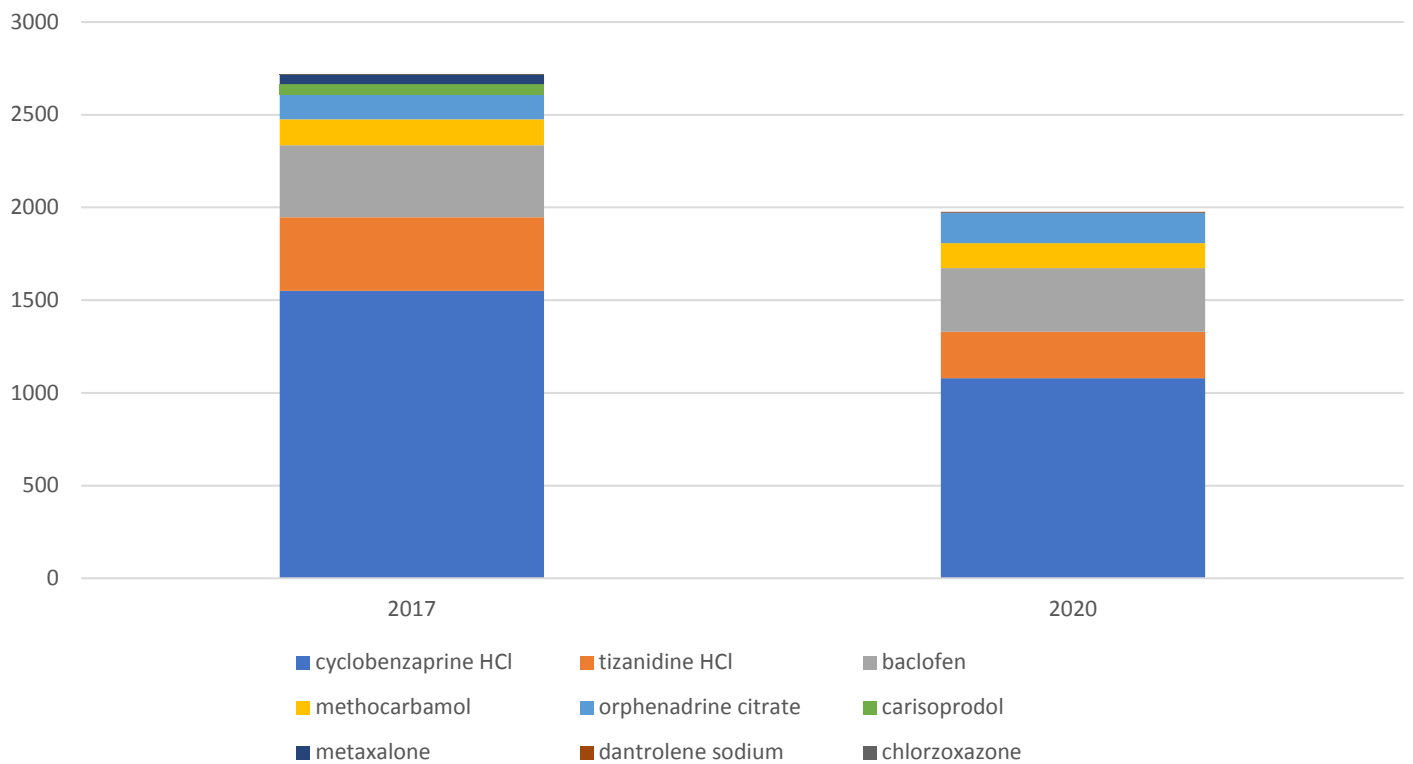
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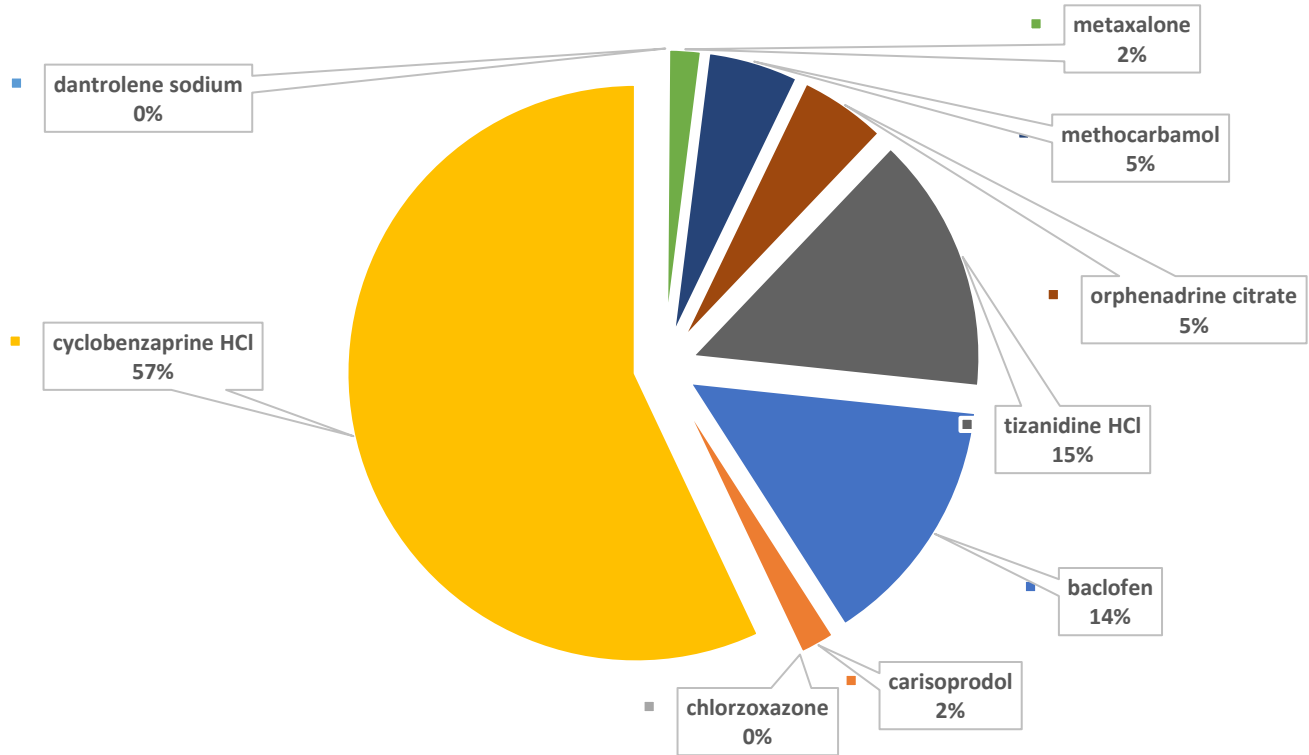
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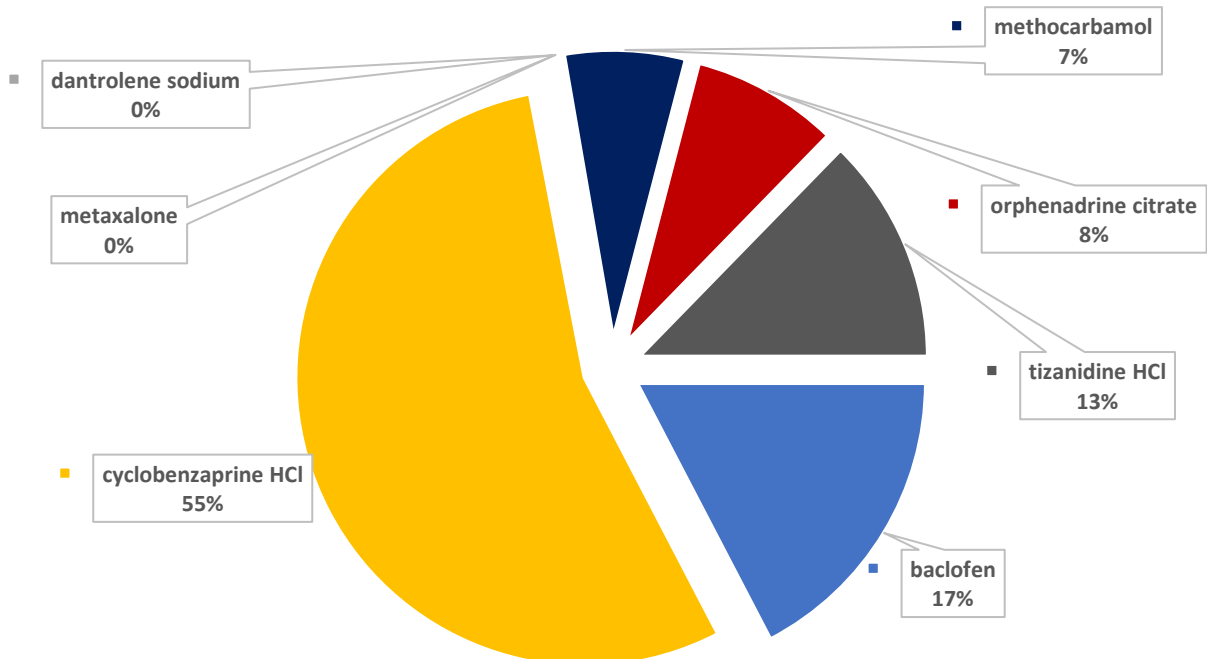
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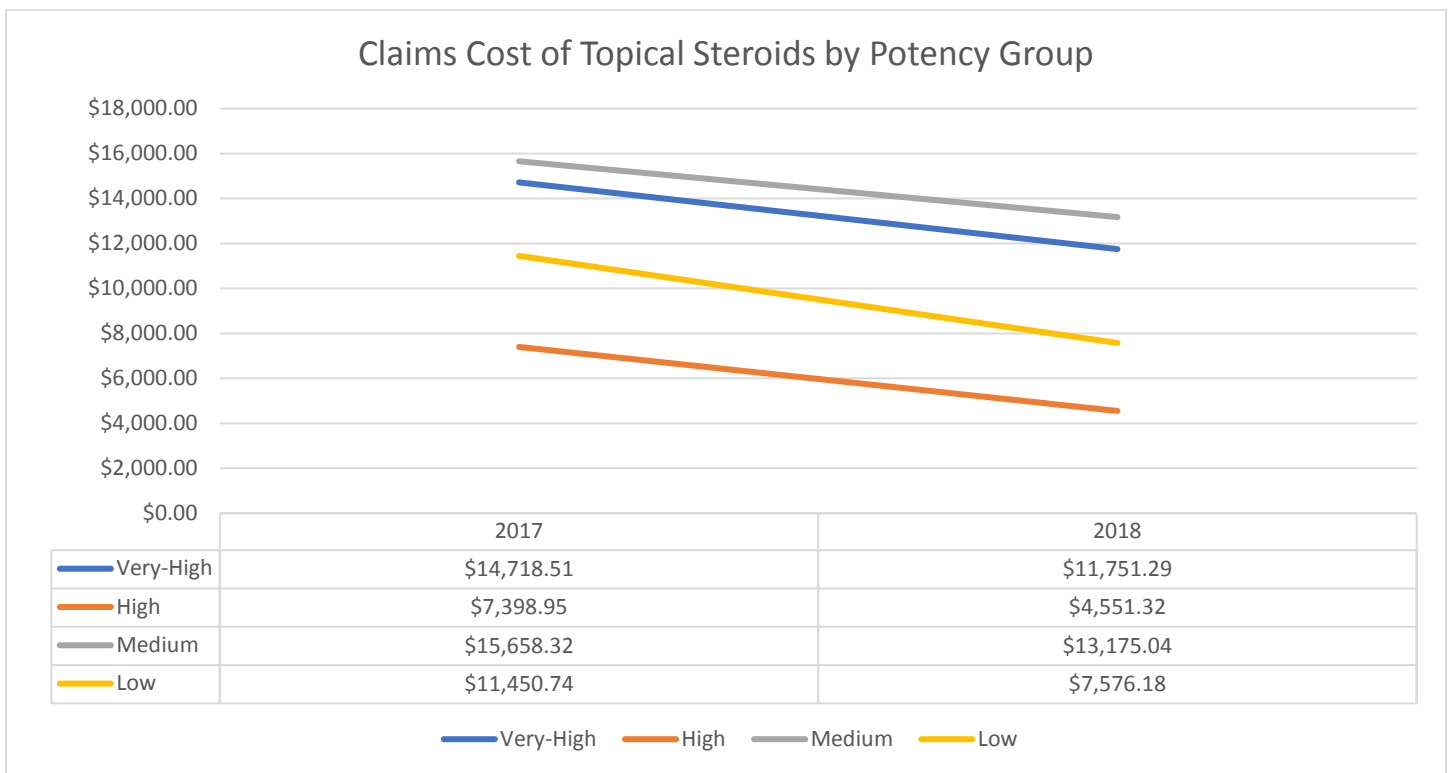
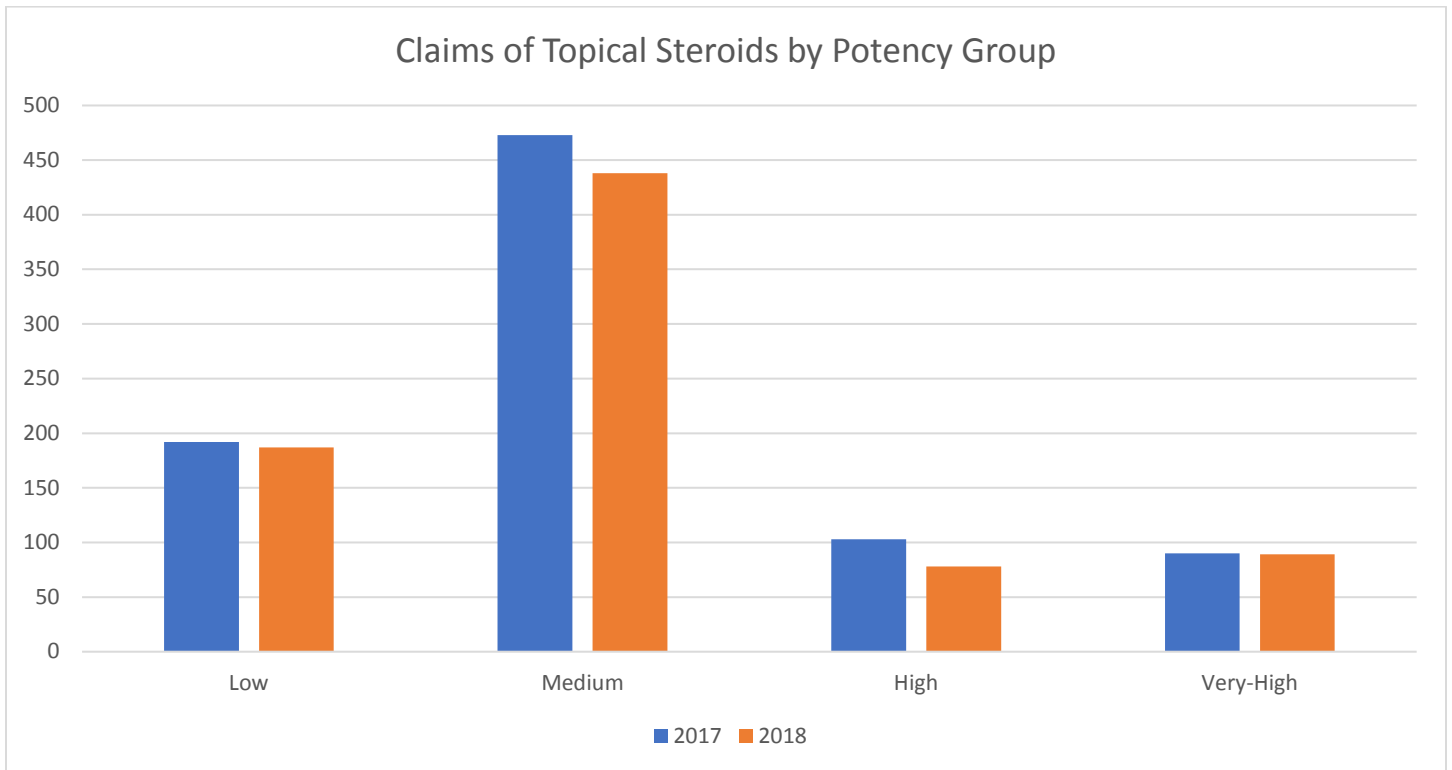
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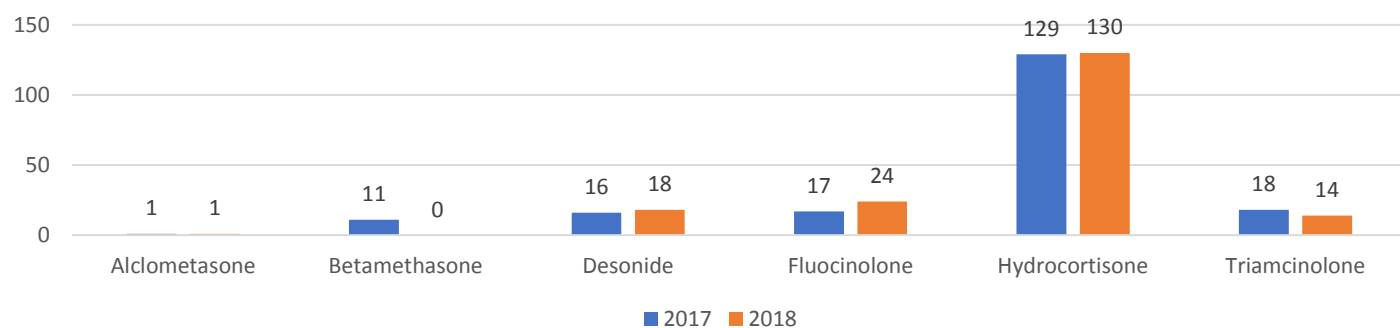
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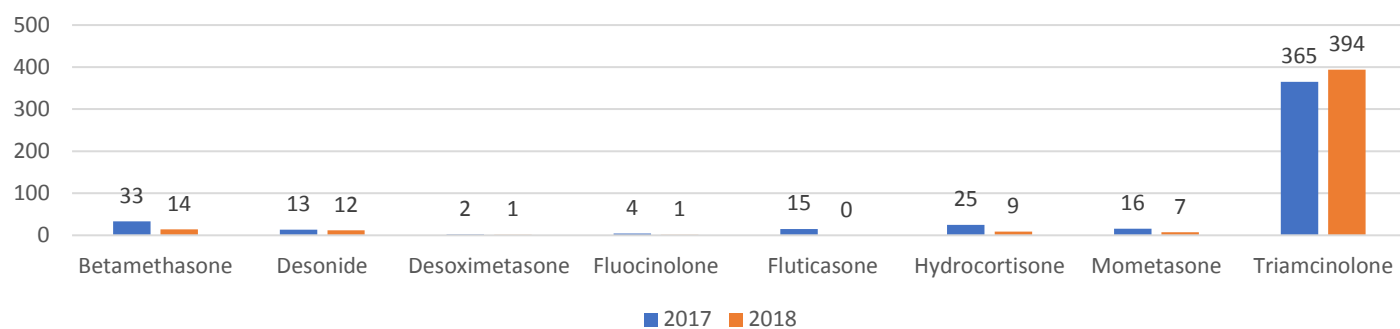
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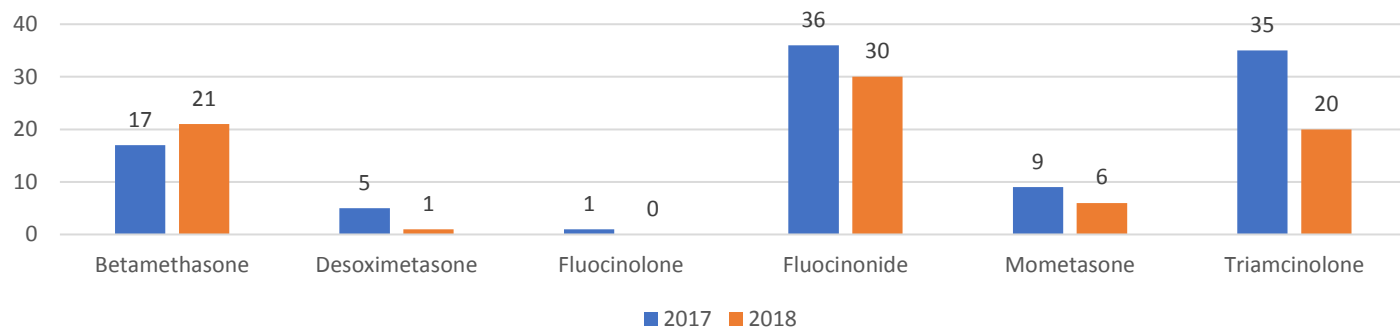
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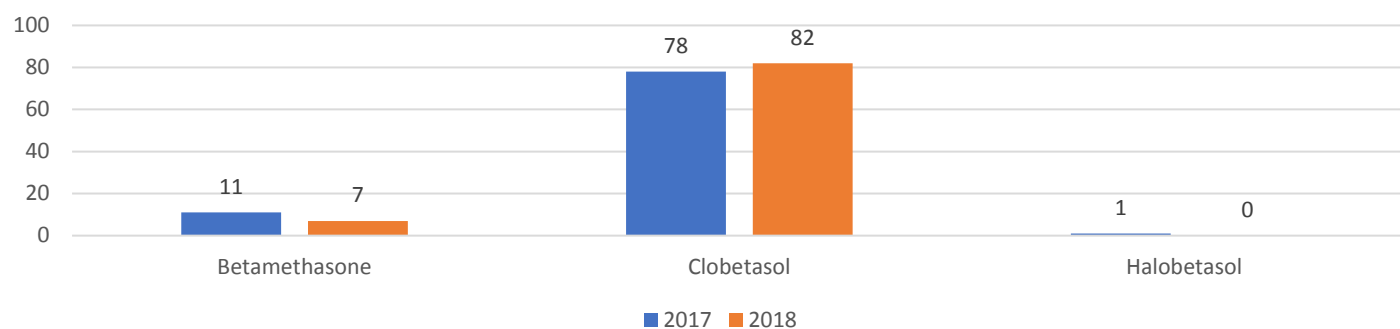
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### High Potency Topical Steroid Use by Claims



### Very High Potency Topical Steroid Use by Claims



# NORTH DAKOTA MEDICAID RETROSPECTIVE DRUG UTILIZATION REVIEW CRITERIA RECOMMENDATIONS 3RD QUARTER 2020

## *Criteria Recommendations*

*Approved    Rejected*

### **1. Lemborexant / Overuse**

Alert Message: The recommended dosage of Dayvigo (lemborexant) is 5 mg taken no more than once per night, immediately before going to bed, with at least 7 hours remaining before the planned time of awakening. The dose may be increased to the maximum recommended dose of 10 mg based on clinical response and tolerability.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Negate)

Lemborexant

Hepatic Impairment

Weak CYP3A4 Inhibitors

Max Dose: 10 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Dayvigo Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Eisai Inc.

### **2. Lemborexant 10 mg / Overuse – Hepatic Impairment**

Alert Message: The maximum recommended dose of Dayvigo (lemborexant) is 5 mg no more than once per night in patients with moderate hepatic impairment. In drug studies, lemborexant exposure (AUC and C<sub>max</sub>) and terminal half-life were increased in patients with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh B). Dosage adjustment is recommended in patients with moderate hepatic impairment. No dosage adjustment is recommended in patients with mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh A), but they may experience an increased risk of somnolence.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Include)

Lemborexant 10 mg

Hepatic Impairment

Max Dose: 5 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Dayvigo Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Eisai Inc.

### **3. Lemborexant / Cirrhosis**

Alert Message: Dayvigo (lemborexant) is not recommended in patients with severe hepatic impairment. In drug studies, lemborexant exposure (AUC and C<sub>max</sub>) and terminal half-life were increased in patients with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh B). Lemborexant has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Lemborexant

Cirrhosis

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Dayvigo Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Eisai Inc.

**4. Lemborexant / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Dayvigo (lemborexant) use is contraindicated in patients with narcolepsy. Lemborexant is a central nervous system (CNS) depressant that can impair daytime wakefulness even when used as prescribed.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C (Include)</u>
Lemborexant		Narcolepsy

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Dayvigo Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Eisai Inc.

**5. Lemborexant / Sleep Paralysis & Hallucinations**

Alert Message: Sleep paralysis (an inability to move or speak for up to several minutes during sleep-wake transitions) and hypnagogic/hypnopompic hallucinations (including vivid and disturbing perceptions) can occur with the use of Dayvigo (lemborexant). Symptoms similar to mild cataplexy also can occur with lemborexant. Such symptoms can include periods of leg weakness lasting from seconds to a few minutes, can occur either at night or during the day, and may not be associated with an identified triggering event (e.g., laughter or surprise). Prescribers should explain the nature of these events to patients when prescribing lemborexant.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Lemborexant	Recurrent Sleep Paralysis Hallucinations	

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Dayvigo Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Eisai Inc.

**6. Lemborexant / Complex Sleep Behaviors**

Alert Message: Complex sleep behaviors, including sleep-walking, sleep-driving, and engaging in other activities while not fully awake (e.g., preparing and eating food, making phone calls, having sex), have been reported to occur with the use of hypnotics such as Dayvigo (lemborexant). Discontinue lemborexant immediately if a patient experiences a complex sleep behavior.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Lemborexant	Sleep Walking Other Parasomnia	

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Dayvigo Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Eisai Inc.

**7. Lemborexant / Suicidal Ideation & Depression**

Alert Message: Worsening of depression or suicidal thinking may occur in patients receiving Dayvigo (lemborexant). Prescribe the lowest number of tablets feasible to avoid intentional overdose. The emergence of any new behavioral sign or symptom of concern requires careful and immediate evaluation.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Lemborexant	Depression Suicide Attempt Suicidal Ideation	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Dayvigo Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Eisai Inc.

**8. Lemborexant / Compromised Respiratory Function**

Alert Message: The effect of Dayvigo (lemborexant) on respiratory function should be considered if prescribed to patients with compromised respiratory function. Lemborexant has not been studied in patients with moderate to severe obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) or in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Lemborexant	COPD OSA	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Dayvigo Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Eisai Inc.

**9. Lemborexant / Moderate & Strong CYP3A4 Inhibitors**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Dayvigo (lemborexant) with a moderate or strong CYP3A4 inhibitor should be avoided. Lemborexant is a CYP3A4 substrate, and concomitant use with these drugs has been shown to significantly increase the AUC and Cmax of lemborexant, increasing the risk of lemborexant-related adverse reactions.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Lemborexant	Atazanavir Clarithromycin Cobicistat Idelalisib Indinavir Itraconazole Ketoconazole Nefazodone Nelfinavir Posaconazole Ritonavir Saquinavir Tipranavir Voriconazole	Aprepitant Cimetidine Ciprofloxacin Clotrimazole Crizotinib Cyclosporine Diltiazem Dronedarone Erythromycin Fluconazole Fluvoxamine Fosamprenavir Verapamil

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Dayvigo Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Eisai Inc.



**10. Lemborexant 10 mg / Weak CYP3A4 Inhibitors**

Alert Message: The maximum recommended dosage of Dayvigo (lemborexant) is 5 mg no more than once per night when coadministered with weak CYP3A inhibitors. Lemborexant is a CYP3A4 substrate, and physiologically-based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) modeling predicted that concomitant use of weak CYP3A inhibitors increased lemborexant exposure by less than 2-fold.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Lemborexant 10 mg

Util B

Chlorzoxazone

Cilostazol

Fosaprepitant

Ivacaftor

Lomitapide

Ranitidine

Ranolazine

Tacrolimus

Ticagrelor

Util C

Max Dose: 5 mg/day

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Dayvigo Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Eisai Inc.

FDA: Drug Development and Drug Interactions: Tables of Substrates, Inhibitors and Inducers. Available at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/DevelopmentResources/DrugInteractionalLabeling/ucm093664.htm>
**11. Lemborexant / Moderate & Strong CYP3A4 Inducers**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Dayvigo (lemborexant) with moderate or strong CYP3A4 inducers should be avoided. Lemborexant is a CYP3A4 substrate, and concomitant use with these inducers has been shown to decrease lemborexant exposure and may reduce lemborexant efficacy.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Lemborexant

Util B

Apalutamide

Carbamazepine

Enzalutamide

Lumacaftor

Mitotane

Phenobarbital

Phenytoin

Primidone

Rifabutin

Rifampin

Rifapentine

Util C

Bosentan

Efavirenz

Etravirine

Dexamethasone

Modafinil

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Dayvigo Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Eisai Inc.

FDA: Drug Development and Drug Interactions: Tables of Substrates, Inhibitors and Inducers. Available at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/DevelopmentResources/DrugInteractionalLabeling/ucm093664.htm>

**12. Lemborexant / CYP2B6 Substrates**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Dayvigo (lemborexant) with a CYP2B6 substrate may result in the reduced efficacy of the substrate. Lemborexant is CYP2B6 inducer, and concomitant use with a CYP2B6 substrate can lead to decreased substrate exposure. Monitor the patient for adequate CYP2B6 substrate clinical response. Increasing the dose of the substrate may be considered as needed.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Lemborexant	Bupropion	
	Cyclophosphamide	
	Efavirenz	
	Methadone	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer health.  
 Dayvigo Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Eisai Inc.  
 Hedrich WD, Hassan HE, Wang H. Insights into CYP2B6-mediated Drug-drug Interactions. Acta Pharm Sin B. 2016;6(5):413–425. doi:10.1016/j.apsb.2016.07.016

**13. Lemborexant / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Dayvigo (lemborexant) have not been established in pediatric patients.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Lemborexant		

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Dayvigo Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Eisai Inc.

**14. Lemborexant / Lactation**

Alert Message: There are no data on the presence of Dayvigo (lemborexant) in human milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effects on milk production. Lemborexant and its metabolites are present in the milk of lactating rats. Infants exposed to lemborexant through breastmilk should be monitored for excessive sedation. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for lemborexant and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from lemborexant or the underlying maternal condition.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Lemborexant	Lactation	

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

Gender: Female

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
 Dayvigo Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Eisai Inc.

**15. Lemborexant / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: There are no available data on Dayvigo (lemborexant) use in pregnant women to evaluate for drug-associated risks of major birth defects, miscarriage, or adverse maternal or fetal outcomes. There is a pregnancy exposure registry that monitors pregnancy outcomes in women who are exposed to lemborexant during pregnancy. Healthcare providers are encouraged to register patients in the DAYVIGO pregnancy registry.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Negate)

Lemborexant

Pregnancy

Abortion

Delivery

Miscarriage

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

Gender: Female

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Dayvigo Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Eisai Inc.

**16. Bempedoic Acid / Overuse**

Alert Message: Nexletol (bempedoic acid) may be over-utilized. The recommended dosage of bempedoic acid, in combination with maximally tolerated statin therapy, is 180 mg orally once daily.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Bempedoic Acid

Max Dose: 180 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nexletol Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

**17. Bempedoic Acid / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Nexletol (bempedoic acid) have not been established in pediatric patients.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Bempedoic Acid

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nexletol Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

**18. Bempedoic Acid / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Nexletol (bempedoic acid) inhibits renal tubular OAT2 and may increase blood uric acid levels. In clinical trials, 26% of bempedoic acid-treated patients with normal baseline uric acid values (versus 9.5% placebo) experienced hyperuricemia one or more times, and 3.5% of patients experienced clinically significant hyperuricemia reported as an adverse reaction (versus 1.1% placebo). Elevated blood uric acid may lead to the development of gout. Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of hyperuricemia, and initiate treatment with urate-lowering drugs as appropriate.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Bempedoic Acid

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nexletol Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

**19. Bempedoic Acid / Tendon Rupture**

Alert Message: Nexletol (bempedoic acid) is associated with an increased risk of tendon rupture or injury. In clinical trials, tendon rupture occurred in 0.5% of patients treated with bempedoic acid versus 0% of placebo-treated patients and involved the rotator cuff (the shoulder), biceps tendon, or Achilles tendon. Discontinue bempedoic acid immediately if the patient experiences rupture of a tendon. Consider discontinuing bempedoic acid if the patient experiences joint pain, swelling, or inflammation. Consider alternative therapy in patients with a history of tendon disorders or tendon rupture.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Bempedoic Acid

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nexletol Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

**20. Bempedoic Acid / Simvastatin 40 & 80 mg**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Nexletol (bempedoic acid) with simvastatin causes an increase in simvastatin concentration and may increase the risk of simvastatin-related myopathy. Avoid concomitant use of bempedoic acid with simvastatin greater than 20 mg.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Bempedoic Acid

Simvastatin 40mg

Simvastatin 80mg

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nexletol Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

**21. Bempedoic Acid / Pravastatin 80 mg**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Nexletol (bempedoic acid) with pravastatin causes an increase in pravastatin concentration and may increase the risk of pravastatin-related myopathy. Avoid concomitant use of bempedoic acid with pravastatin greater than 40 mg.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Bempedoic Acid

Util B

Pravastatin 80 mg

Util C

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nexletol Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

**22. Bempedoic Acid / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: Nexletol (bempedoic acid) therapy should be discontinued when pregnancy is recognized unless the benefits of therapy outweigh the potential risks to the fetus. There are no available data on bempedoic acid use in pregnant women to evaluate for a drug-associated risk of major birth defects, miscarriage, or adverse maternal or fetal outcomes. Bempedoic acid decreases cholesterol synthesis and possibly the synthesis of other biologically active substances derived from cholesterol; therefore, bempedoic acid may cause fetal harm when administered to pregnant women based on the mechanism of action.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Bempedoic Acid

Util B

Pregnancy

Util C (Negating)

Abortion

Delivery

Miscarriage

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nexletol Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

**23. Bempedoic Acid / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: There is no information regarding the presence of Nexletol (bempedoic acid) in human or animal milk, the effects of the drug on the breastfed infant, or the effects of the drug on milk production. Bempedoic acid decreases cholesterol synthesis and possibly the synthesis of other biologically active substances derived from cholesterol and may cause harm to the breastfed infant. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in a breastfed infant, based on the mechanism of action, advise patients that breastfeeding is not recommended during treatment with bempedoic acid.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Bempedoic Acid

Util B

Lactation

Util C

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nexletol Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

**24. Bempedoic Acid / Non-adherence**

Alert Message: Based on refill history, your patient may be under-utilizing Nexletol (bempedoic acid). Non-adherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in subtherapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Bempedoic Acid

References:

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. N Engl J Med. 2005;353:487-97.

Kumbhani DJ, Steg PG, Cannon CP, et al., Adherence to Secondary Prevention Medications for Four-Year Outcomes in Outpatients with Atherosclerosis. Am J Med. 2013 Aug;126(8):693-700.

Simpson RJ, Mendys P. The Effects of Adherence and Persistence on Clinical Outcomes in Patients Treated with Statins: A Systematic Review. Jnl Clin Lipidol. 2010 Nov-Dec;4(6):462-471.

Blackburn DF, Dobson RT, Blackburn JL, et al. Cardiovascular Morbidity Associated with Nonadherence to Statin Therapy. Pharmacotherapy 2005;25(8):1035-1043.

Lindgren P, Eriksson J, Buxton M, et al., The Economic Consequences of Non-Adherence to Lipid-Lowering Therapy: Results from the Anglo-Scandinavian Cardia Outcomes Trial. Int J Clin Pract. 2010 May 24.

**25. Asenapine Transdermal / Overuse**

Alert Message: Secuado (asenapine) transdermal system may be over-utilized. The recommended maximum dosage of transdermal asenapine is 7.6 mg/24 hours. The safety of doses above 7.6 mg/24 hours has not been evaluated in clinical studies.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Asenapine Transdermal

Max Dose: 7.6 mg patch per day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Secuado Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Noven Therapeutics, LLC.

**26. Asenapine Transdermal / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Secuado (asenapine) transdermal system is contraindicated in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh C). In clinical studies, asenapine exposure was shown to be 7-fold higher in subjects with severe hepatic impairment compared to the exposure observed in subjects with normal hepatic function. No dosage adjustment for transdermal asenapine is required in patients with mild to moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh A and B) because asenapine exposure is similar to that in subjects with normal hepatic function.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Asenapine Transdermal

Cirrhosis

Hepatic Failure

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Secuado Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Noven Therapeutics, LLC.

**27. Asenapine Transdermal / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Secuado (asenapine) transdermal system in pediatric patients have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Asenapine Transdermal

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Secuado Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Noven Therapeutics, LLC.

**28. Asenapine Transdermal / Tardive Dyskinesia**

Alert Message: Tardive dyskinesia, a syndrome of potentially irreversible, involuntary, dyskinetic movements, may develop in patients treated with antipsychotic drugs, including Secuado (asenapine) transdermal system. The risk appears to be highest among the elderly, especially elderly women, but it is not possible to predict which patients are likely to develop the syndrome. If signs and symptoms of tardive dyskinesia appear in a patient on asenapine, drug discontinuation should be considered. However, some patients may require treatment with asenapine despite the presence of the syndrome.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Asenapine Transdermal Tardive Dyskinesia

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Secuado Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Noven Therapeutics, LLC.

**29. Asenapine Transdermal / Orthostatic Hypotension**

Alert Message: Atypical antipsychotics, including Secuado (asenapine) transdermal system, cause orthostatic hypotension and syncope. Generally, the risk is greatest during initial dose titration and when increasing the dose. Orthostatic vital signs should be monitored in patients who are vulnerable to hypotension (elderly patients, patients with dehydration, hypovolemia, concomitant treatment with antihypertensive medications), patients with known cardiovascular disease (history of myocardial infarction or ischemic heart disease, heart failure, or conduction abnormalities), and patients with cerebrovascular disease.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Asenapine Transdermal Orthostatic Hypotension

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Secuado Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Noven Therapeutics, LLC.

**30. Asenapine Transdermal / QT Prolongation**

Alert Message: Asenapine has been shown to prolong the QT/QTc interval. The use of Secuado (asenapine) transdermal system should be avoided in patients with a history of cardiac arrhythmias and in other conditions that may increase the risk of the occurrence of torsade de pointes. The use of asenapine transdermal should also be avoided in combination with drugs that increase the QT interval.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Asenapine Transdermal

Util B

Long QT Syndrome  
Hypokalemia  
Hypomagnesemia  
Bradycardia

Util C

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Secuado Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Noven Therapeutics, LLC.

**31. Asenapine Transdermal / Seizures**

Alert Message: As with other antipsychotic drugs, Secuado (asenapine) transdermal system should be used with caution in patients with a history of seizures or with conditions that potentially lower the seizure threshold. Conditions that lower the seizure threshold may be more prevalent in patients 65 years or older.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Asenapine Transdermal

Util B

Seizures

Util C

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Secuado Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Noven Therapeutics, LLC.

**32. Asenapine Transdermal / Strong CYP1A2 Inhibitors**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Secuado (asenapine) transdermal system with a strong CYP1A2 inhibitor may result in increases in the AUC and Cmax of asenapine. Asenapine is metabolized by CYP1A2. Dosage reduction for asenapine transdermal based on clinical response may be necessary.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Asenapine Transdermal

Util B

Fluvoxamine  
Ciprofloxacin

Util C

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Secuado Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Noven Therapeutics, LLC.



**33. Asenapine Transdermal / Drugs That Cause QT Prolongation**

Alert Message: The use of Secuado (asenapine) transdermal system should be avoided in combination with other drugs known to prolong the QTc interval, including Class 1A or Class 3 antiarrhythmics, antipsychotic medications, and antibiotics. Asenapine has been associated with increases in the QTc interval.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Asenapine Transdermal

Util B

Abiraterone

Alfuzosin

Amiodarone

Amitriptyline

Anagrelide

Aripiprazole

Arsenic Trioxide

Atazanavir

Atomoxetine

Azithromycin

Bedaquiline

Bortezomib

Bendamustine

Bosutinib

Buprenorphine

Ceritinib

Chloroquine

Chlorpromazine

Cilostazol

Ciprofloxacin

Citalopram

Clarithromycin

Clomipramine

Clozapine

Crizotinib

Dabrafenib

Dasatinib

Desipramine

Deutetrabenazine

Diphenhydramine

Disopyramide

Dofetilide

Dolasetron

Droperidol

Doxepin

Dronedarone

Droperidol

Efavirenz

Eliglustat

Encorafenib

Entrectinib

Eribulin

Erythromycin

Escitalopram

Ezogabine

Famotidine

Felbamate

Fingolimod

Flecainide

Fluconazole

Fluoxetine

Fluvoxamine

Foscarnet

Galantamine

Ganciclovir

Gemfloxacin

Gilteritinib

Glasdegib

Granisetron

Haloperidol

Hydroxychloroquine

Hydroxyzine

Ibutilide

Iloperidone

Imipramine

Indapamide

Indinavir

Ivabradine

Itraconazole

Ivosidenib

Ketoconazole

Lapatinib

Lefamulin

Lenvatinib

Levofloxacin

Lithium

Lofexidine

Loperamide

Maprotiline

Methadone

Metoclopramide

Midostaurin

Mifepristone

Mirabegron

Mirtazapine

Moexipril

Moxifloxacin

Nelfinavir

Nilotinib

Nortriptyline

Ofloxacin

Ondansetron

Osimertinib

Oxaliplatin

Paliperidone

Panobinostat

Paroxetine

Pasireotide

Pazopanib

Pentamidine

Pimavanserin

Pimozide

Pitolisant

Posaconazole

Procainamide

Promethazine

Propafenone

Quetiapine

Quinidine

Quinine

Ranolazine

Rilpivirine

Risperidone

Ritonavir

Romidepsin

Saquinavir

Sertraline

Siponimod

Solifenacin

Sotalol

Sunitinib

Tacrolimus

Tamoxifen

Telavancin

Tetrabenazine

Thioridazine

Tizanidine

Tolterodine

Toremifene

Tramadol

Trazodone

Trimipramine

Valbenazine

Vandetanib

Vemurafenib

Venlafaxine

Voriconazole

Util C

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Secuado Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Noven Therapeutics, LLC.

**34. Asenapine Transdermal / Paroxetine**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Secuado (asenapine) transdermal system with paroxetine may enhance the inhibitory effects of paroxetine on its own metabolism by CYP2D6. Concomitant use of these agents may cause increases in paroxetine AUC and Cmax. Reduce the paroxetine dose by half when paroxetine is used in combination with asenapine.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Asenapine Transdermal

Paroxetine

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Secuado Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Noven Therapeutics, LLC.

**35. Asenapine Transdermal / Non-adherence**

Alert Message: Based on refill history, your patient may be under-utilizing Secuado (asenapine) transdermal system. Non-adherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in sub-therapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased patient outcomes and additional medical costs.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Asenapine Transdermal

References:

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. N Engl J Med 2005;353:487-97.

Stephenson JJ, Tuncelli O, Gu T, et al., Adherence to Oral Second-Generation Antipsychotic Medications in Patients with Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder: Physicians' Perceptions of Adherence vs. Pharmacy Claims. Int J Clin Pract, June 2012, 66, 6, 565-573.

Theida P, et.al., An Economic Review of Compliance with Medication Therapy in the Treatment of Schizophrenia, Psychiatric Services, 2003;54:508-516.

Berger A, Edelsberg J, Sanders KN, et al., Medication Adherence and Utilization in Patients with Schizophrenia or Bipolar Disorder Receiving Aripiprazole, Quetiapine, or Ziprasidone at Hospital Discharge: A Retrospective Cohort Study. BMC Psychiatry 2012;12:99.

**36. Ubrogapant / Overuse**

Alert Message: Ubrelvy (ubrogapant) may be over-utilized. The recommended dose of ubrogapant is 50 mg or 100 mg orally with or without food. If needed, a second dose may be taken at least 2 hours after the initial dose. The maximum dose of ubrogapant in a 24-hour period is 200 mg. The safety of treating more than 8 migraines in a 30-day period has not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Negate)

Ubrogapant

Cirrhosis

CKD 4

CKD 5

Max Dose: 200 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Ubrelvy Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Allergan.

**37. Ubrogepant / Overuse**

Alert Message: Ubrelvy (ubrogepant) may be over-utilized. The recommended initial dose of ubrogepant in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh C) or severe renal impairment (CLcr 15-29 mL/min) is 50 mg. If needed, a second dose may be taken at least 2 hours after the initial dose. The maximum dose of ubrogepant in a 24-hour period is 100 mg. The safety of treating more than 8 migraines in a 30-day period has not been established.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C (Include)

Ubrogapant

Cirrhosis

CKD 4

CKD 5

Max Dose: 100 mg/day

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Ubrelvy Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Allergan.

**38. Ubrogepant / ESRD**

Alert Message: The use of Ubrelvy (ubrogepant) should be avoided in patients with end-stage renal disease (CLcr < 15mL/min). Ubrogepant has not been studied in patients with ESRD, and no dosing recommendations can be made for this patient population.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C (Include)

Ubrogepant

ESRD

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Ubrelvy Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Allergan.

**39. Ubrogepant / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Ubrelvy (ubrogepant) in pediatric patients have not been established.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Ubrogapant

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Ubrelvy Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Allergan.

**40. Ubrogepant / Strong CYP3A4 Inhibitors**

Alert Message: The co-administration of Ubrelvy (ubrogepant) with strong CYP3A4 inhibitors is contraindicated. Ubrogepant is a CYP3A4 substrate, and concurrent use with a strong inhibitor may lead to significant increases in ubrogepant exposure. In in vivo studies, the co-administration of ubrogepant with ketoconazole (a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor) resulted in a 9.7-fold and 5.3-fold increase in the AUC<sub>inf</sub> and C<sub>max</sub> of ubrogepant, respectively.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Ubrogepant	Clarithromycin	Nelfinavir
	Cobicistat	Posaconazole
	Conivaptan	Ritonavir
	Indinavir	Saquinavir
	Itraconazole	Voriconazole
	Ketoconazole	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Ubrelvy Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Allergan.

**41. Ubrogepant 100 mg / Moderate CYP3A4 Inhibitors**

Alert Message: When Ubrelvy (ubrogepant) is co-administered with a moderate CYP3A4 inhibitor, the initial dose of ubrogepant should be limited to 50 mg, and the use of a second dose within 24 hours should be avoided. In in vivo drug studies, the co-administration of ubrogepant (a CYP3A4 substrate) with the moderate CYP3A4 inhibitor, verapamil, resulted in an approximate 3.5-fold and 2.8-fold increase in the AUC<sub>inf</sub> and C<sub>max</sub> of ubrogepant, respectively.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Ubrogepant 100 mg	Aprepitant	Erythromycin
	Ciprofloxacin	Fluconazole
	Crizotinib	Fluvoxamine
	Cyclosporine	Imatinib
	Diltiazem	Verapamil
	Dronedarone	

## References:

IBM Micromedex DRUGDEX (electronic version). Truven Health Analytics, Greenwood Village, Colorado, USA 2020.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
Ubrelvy Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Allergan.

**42. Ubrogepant 100 mg / Weak CYP3A4 Inhibitors**

Alert Message: When Ubrelvy (ubrogepant) is co-administered with a weak CYP3A4 inhibitor the initial dose of ubrogepant should be limited to 50 mg and the second dose, if needed, should be limited to 50 mg also. No dedicated drug interaction study has been conducted with ubrogepant (a CYP3A4 substrate) and a weak CYP3A4 inhibitor, but the conservative prediction of the maximal potential increase in ubrogepant exposure with weak CYP3A4 inhibitors is not expected to be more than 2-fold.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Ubrogepant 100 mg	Amiodarone	Lapatinib
	Chlorzoxazone	Lomitapide
	Cilostazol	Ranitidine
	Fosaprepitant	Ranolazine
	Istradefylline	Tacrolimus
	Ivacaftor	Ticagrelor

## References:

IBM Micromedex DRUGDEX (electronic version). Truven Health Analytics, Greenwood Village, Colorado, USA 2020.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
Ubrelvy Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Allergan.

**43. Ubrogepant / Strong CYP3A4 Inducers**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Ubrovelvy (ubrogepant) with strong CYP3A4 inducers should be avoided. Ubrogepant is a CYP3A4 substrate, and concurrent use with a strong CYP3A4 inducer may result in decreased ubrogepant exposure and loss of efficacy. In in vivo drug studies, the co-administration of ubrogepant with the strong CYP3A4 inducer, rifampin, resulted in an approximate 80% reduction in ubrogepant exposure.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Ubrogepant

Util B

Carbamazepine

Enzalutamide

Mitotane

Phenobarbital

Phenytoin

Primidone

Rifampin

Util C

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Ubrovelvy Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Allergan.

**44. Ubrogepant 100 mg / BCRP and/or P-gp Only Inhibitors**

Alert Message: When Ubrovelvy (ubrogepant) is co-administered with a BCRP and/or P-gp only inhibitor, the initial dose of ubrogepant should be limited to 50 mg and the second dose, if needed, should be limited to 50 mg also. No dedicated drug interaction study has been conducted with ubrogepant (a BCRP and P-gp substrate) and BCRP and P-gp efflux inhibitors, but an increase in ubrogepant exposure may result from co-administration of these drugs.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Ubrogepant 100 mg

Util B

Carvedilol

Eltrombopag

Quinidine

Util C

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Ubrovelvy Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Allergan.

**45. Ubrogepant / Lactation**

Alert Message: There are no data on the presence of Ubrovelvy (ubrogepant) in human milk, the effects ubrogepant on the breastfed infant, or the effects of ubrogepant on milk production. In lactating rats, oral dosing with ubrogepant resulted in levels of ubrogepant in milk comparable to peak plasma concentrations. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for ubrogepant and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from ubrogepant or underlying maternal condition.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Ubrogepant

Util B

Lactation

Util C

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Ubrovelvy Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Allergan.

**46. Ubrogepant / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: There are no adequate data on the developmental risk associated with the use of Ubrelvy (ubrogepant) in pregnant women. In animal studies, adverse effects on embryofetal development were observed following administration of ubrogepant during pregnancy (increased embryofetal mortality in rabbits) or during pregnancy and lactation (decreased body weight in offspring in rats) at doses greater than those used clinically and which were associated with maternal toxicity.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C (Negate)</u>
Ubrogapant	Pregnancy	Abortion Delivery Miscarriage

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Ubrelvy Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Allergan.

**47. Larotrectinib / Overutilization**

Alert Message: Vitrekvi (larotrectinib) may be over-utilized. The recommended dosage of larotrectinib in adult and pediatric patients with a body surface area (BSA) of at least 1.0 m<sup>2</sup> is 100 mg orally twice daily, with or without food, until disease progression or until unacceptable toxicity. The recommended dosage in pediatric patients with a BSA area less than 1.0 m<sup>2</sup> is 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> orally twice daily, with or without food, until disease progression or until unacceptable toxicity.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Larotrectinib		

Max Dose: 200 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Vitrekvi Prescribing Information, July 2019, Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc.

**48. Larotrectinib / Strong CYP3A4 Inhibitors**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Vitrekvi (larotrectinib), a CYP3A4 substrate, with strong CYP3A4 inhibitors should be avoided. If coadministration of a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor cannot be avoided, reduce the larotrectinib dose by 50%. After the inhibitor has been discontinued for 3 to 5 elimination half-lives, resume the larotrectinib dose taken prior to initiating the CYP3A4 inhibitor.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Larotrectinib	Clarithromycin Cobicistat Indinavir Itraconazole Ketoconazole Nefazodone	Nelfinavir Posaconazole Ritonavir Saquinavir Voriconazole

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Vitrekvi Prescribing Information, July 2019, Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc.

**49. Larotrectinib / Strong CYP3A4 Inducers**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Vitakvi (larotrectinib), a CYP3A4 substrate, with strong CYP3A4 inducers should be avoided. If coadministration of a strong CYP3A4 inducer cannot be avoided, the larotrectinib dose should be double. After the inducer has been discontinued for 3 to 5 elimination half-lives, resume the larotrectinib dose taken prior to initiating the CYP3A4 inducer.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Larotrectinib	Carbamazepine Enzalutamide Mitotane Phenytoin Phenobarbital	Primidone Rifabutin Rifampin Rifapentine

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Vitakvi Prescribing Information, July 2019, Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc.

**50. Larotrectinib / Sensitive CYP3A4 Substrates**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Vitakvi (larotrectinib), a CYP3A4 inhibitor, with sensitive CYP3A4 substrates should be avoided. If coadministration of a sensitive CYP3A4 substrate cannot be avoided, monitor the patient for substrate-related adverse reactions.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>				<u>Util C</u>
Larotrectinib	Avanafil Budesonide Buspirone Conivaptan Darifenacin Darunavir Dronedarone	Eletriptan Eplerenone Everolimus Felodipine Ibrutinib Lomitapide Lovastatin	Lurasidone Maraviroc Midazolam Naloxegol Nisoldipine Quetiapine Sildenafil	Simvastatin Sirolimus Tacrolimus Ticagrelor Tipranavir Tolvaptan Triazolam	Vardenafil

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Vitakvi Prescribing Information, July 2019, Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc.

FDA: Drug Development and Drug Interactions: Tables of Substrates, Inhibitors and Inducers. Available at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/DevelopmentResources/DrugInteractioanLabeling/ucm093664.htm>

**51. Larotrectinib / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: Based on literature reports in human subjects with congenital mutations leading to changes in TRK signaling, findings from animal studies, and its mechanism of action, Vitakvi (larotrectinib) can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. Larotrectinib resulted in malformations in rats and rabbits at maternal exposures that were approximately 11- and 0.7- times, respectively, those observed at the clinical dose of 100 mg twice daily. Advise women of the potential risk to a fetus. Advise females of reproductive potential to use an effective method of contraception during treatment and for 1 week after the final dose of larotrectinib.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C (Negating)</u>
Larotrectinib	Pregnancy	Abortion Delivery Miscarriage

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Vitakvi Prescribing Information, July 2019, Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc.

**52. Larotrectinib / Lactation**

Alert Message: There are no data on the presence of Vitrakvi (larotrectinib) or its metabolites in human milk and no data on its effects on the breastfed child or on milk production. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in breastfed children, advise women not to breastfeed during treatment with larotrectinib and for 1 week after the final dose.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Larotrectinib

Lactation

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Vitrakvi Prescribing Information, July 2019, Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc.

**53. Larotrectinib / Reproductive Potential**

Alert Message: Vitrakvi (larotrectinib) can cause fetal harm. The manufacturer advises the use of effective contraception during treatment with larotrectinib and for at least 1 week after the final dose.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Negating)

Larotrectinib

Contraceptives

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Vitrakvi Prescribing Information, July 2019, Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc.

**54. Larotrectinib / Reproductive Potential**

Alert Message: Advise males with female partners of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with Vitrakvi (larotrectinib) and for 1 week after the final dose.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Larotrectinib

Gender: Male

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Vitrakvi Prescribing Information, July 2019, Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc.



**55. Voxelotor / Overuse**

Alert Message: Oxbryta (voxelotor) may be over-utilized. The recommended maximum daily dose of voxelotor in adults and pediatric patients 12 years of age and older is 1500 mg once daily with or without food.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Voxelotor

Util BUtil C (Negating)

Cirrhosis

Strong or Moderate CYP3A4 Inducers

Strong CYP3A4 Inhibitors &amp; Fluconazole

Max Dose: 1500 mg/day

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Oxbryta Prescribing Information, Nov. 2019, Global Blood Therapeutics, Inc.

**56. Voxelotor / Overuse – Hepatic Impairment**

Alert Message: Oxbryta (voxelotor) may be over-utilized. The recommended dosage of voxelotor in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh C) is 1000 mg taken once daily with or without food. No dosage adjustment of voxelotor is required for patients with mild or moderate hepatic impairment.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Voxelotor

Util BUtil C (Include)

Cirrhosis

Max Dose: 1000 mg/day

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Oxbryta Prescribing Information, Nov. 2019, Global Blood Therapeutics, Inc.

**57. Voxelotor / Strong CYP3A4 Inhibitors & Fluconazole**

Alert Message: The co-administration of Oxbryta (voxelotor) with strong CYP3A4 inhibitors or fluconazole should be avoided due to the increased risk of voxelotor toxicity. If concurrent use is warranted, decrease the voxelotor dosage to 1000 mg once daily.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Voxelotor

Util BUtil C (Include)

Cobicistat

Nelfinavir

Clarithromycin

Nefazodone

Fluconazole

Posaconazole

Indinavir

Ritonavir

Itraconazole

Saquinavir

Ketoconazole

Voriconazole

Max Dose: 1000 mg/day

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Oxbryta Prescribing Information, Nov. 2019, Global Blood Therapeutics, Inc.

**58. Voxelotor / Moderate & Strong CYP3A4 Inducers**

Alert Message: The co-administration of Oxbryta (voxelotor) with moderate or strong CYP3A4 inducers should be avoided. Concurrent use of these agents with voxelotor, a CYP3A4 substrate, may result in decreased voxelotor plasma concentrations and loss of efficacy. If concurrent use is warranted, increase the voxelotor dosage to 2500 mg once daily.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>		<u>Util C</u>
Voxelotor	Bosentan	Mitotane	Rifapentine
	Butabarbital	Modafinil	Rifampin
	Carbamazepine	Nevirapine	
	Dexamethasone	Phenobarbital	
	Enzalutamide	Phenytoin	
	Efavirenz	Primidone	
	Etravirine	Rifabutin	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Oxbryta Prescribing Information, Nov. 2019, Global Blood Therapeutics, Inc.

**59. Voxelotor / Sensitive CYP3A4 Substrates w/ NTI**

Alert Message: The co-administration of Oxbryta (voxelotor) with sensitive CYP3A4 substrates with a narrow therapeutic index should be avoided. In vivo drug studies have shown that concurrent use of voxelotor, a weak CYP3A4 inhibitor, with midazolam resulted in increased midazolam exposure by 1.6-fold and the predicted increase in patients after multiple dosing is 2-fold. If concomitant use is unavoidable, consider a dose reduction of the sensitive CYP3A4 substrate(s).

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>				<u>Util C</u>
Voxelotor	Avanafil	Eletriptan	Lurasidone	Simvastatin	Vardenafil
	Budesonide	Eplerenone	Maraviroc	Sirolimus	
	Buspirone	Everolimus	Midazolam	Tacrolimus	
	Carbamazepine	Felodipine	Naloxegol	Ticagrelor	
	Darifenacin	Ibrutinib	Nisoldipine	Tipranavir	
	Darunavir	Lomitapide	Quetiapine	Tolvaptan	
	Dronedarone	Lovastatin	Sildenafil	Triazolam	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Oxbryta Prescribing Information, Nov. 2019, Global Blood Therapeutics, Inc.

1398 / FDA: Drug Development and Drug Interactions: Tables of Substrates, Inhibitors and Inducers. Available at: <http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/DevelopmentResources/DrugInteractionalLabeling/ucm093664.htm>

**60. Voxelotor / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and efficacy of Oxbryta (voxelotor) in pediatric patients below the age of 12 years have not been established.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Voxelotor		

Age Range: 0 – 11 yoa

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Oxbryta Prescribing Information, Nov. 2019, Global Blood Therapeutics, Inc.

**61. Voxelotor / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: There are no available data on Oxbryta (voxelotor) use in pregnant women to evaluate for a drug-associated risk of major birth defects, miscarriage, or adverse maternal or fetal outcomes. Voxelotor should only be used during pregnancy if the benefit of the drug outweighs the potential risk.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Voxelotor

Util B

Pregnancy

Util C (Negating)

Abortion

Delivery

Miscarriage

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Oxbryta Prescribing Information, Nov. 2019, Global Blood Therapeutics, Inc.

**62. Voxelotor / Lactation**

Alert Message: There are no data on the presence of Oxbryta (voxelotor) in human milk, the effects on the breastfed child, or the effects on milk production. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in the breastfed child, including changes in the hematopoietic system, advise patients that breastfeeding is not recommended during treatment with voxelotor, and for at least 2 weeks after the last dose.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Voxelotor

Util B

Lactation

Util C

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Oxbryta Prescribing Information, Nov. 2019, Global Blood Therapeutics, Inc.

**63. Levamlodipine / Overuse**

Alert Message: Conjupri (levamlodipine) may be over-utilized. The recommended maximum daily adult dose is 5 mg once daily.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Levamlodipine

Util B

Util C

Max Dose: 5 mg/day

Age Range: 18 – 999 yoa

References:

Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Conjupri Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, CSPC Ouyi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

**64. Levamlodipine / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Conjupri (levamlodipine) may be over-utilized. The effective antihypertensive oral dose in pediatric patients 6 to 17 years of age is 2.5 mg once daily. Doses in excess of 2.5 mg daily have not been studied in pediatric patients.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Levamlodipine

Age Range: 6 – 17 yoa

Max Dose: 2.5 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Conjupri Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, CSPC Ouyi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

**65. Levamlodipine / Simvastatin**

Alert Message: The dose of simvastatin should be limited to 20 mg daily in patients co-administered Conjupri (levamlodipine). Levamlodipine is the pharmacologically active enantiomer of amlodipine. In a drug study, co-administration of amlodipine with simvastatin resulted in a 77% increase in exposure to simvastatin compared to simvastatin alone.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Levamlodipine Simvastatin 40 & 80

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Conjupri Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, CSPC Ouyi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

**66. Levamlodipine / Moderate & Strong CYP3A4 Inhibitors**

Alert Message: Co-administration of Conjupri (levamlodipine) with moderate or strong CYP3A inhibitors may result in increased systemic exposure to amlodipine and may require levamlodipine dose reduction. Monitor the patient for symptoms of hypotension and edema when amlodipine is co-administered with CYP3A inhibitors to determine the need for dose adjustment.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Levamlodipine	Atazanavir	Aprepitant
	Clarithromycin	Cimetidine
	Cobicistat	Ciprofloxacin
	Idelalisib	Clotrimazole
	Indinavir	Crizotinib
	Itraconazole	Cyclosporine
	Ketoconazole	Diltiazem
	Nefazodone	Dronedarone
	Nelfinavir	Erythromycin
	Posaconazole	Fluconazole
	Ritonavir	Fluvoxamine
	Saquinavir	Fosamprenavir
	Tipranavir	Letermovir
	Voriconazole	Verapamil

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Conjupri Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, CSPC Ouyi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

**67. Levamlodipine / Cyclosporine & Tacrolimus**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Conjupri (levamlodipine) with cyclosporine or tacrolimus may increase the systemic exposure of the immunosuppressive agent. Frequent monitoring of trough blood levels of cyclosporine and tacrolimus is recommended and adjust the dose when appropriate.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Levamlodipine	Cyclosporine	
	Tacrolimus	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Conjupri Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, CSPC Ouyi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

**68. Amifampridine / Overutilization**

Alert Message: Firdapse (amifampridine) may be over-utilized. The recommended maximum total daily dosage of amifampridine is 80 mg.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Amifampridine		

Max Dose: 80 mg/day

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Firdapse Prescribing Information, November 2018, Catalyst Pharmaceuticals.

**69. Amifampridine / History of Seizures**

Alert Message: Firdapse (amifampridine) is contraindicated in patients with a history of seizures. Seizures have been observed in patients without a history of seizures taking amifampridine at the recommended doses, at various times after initiation of treatment, at an incidence of approximately 2%. Many of the patients were taking medications or had comorbid medical conditions that may have lowered the seizure threshold. Seizures may be dose-dependent. Consider discontinuation or dose-reduction of amifampridine in patients who have a seizure while on treatment.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C (Include)</u>
Amifampridine		Seizures
		Convulsions

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Firdapse Prescribing Information, November 2018, Catalyst Pharmaceuticals.

**70. Amifampridine / Cholinergic Drugs**

Alert Message: The concomitant use of Firdapse (amifampridine) and drugs with cholinergic effects (e.g., direct or indirect cholinesterase inhibitors) may increase the risk of adverse reactions due to additive cholinergic effects.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Amifampridine	Donepezil	
	Galantamine	
	Pyridostigmine	
	Rivastigmine	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Firdapse Prescribing Information, November 2018, Catalyst Pharmaceuticals.

**71. Amifampridine / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Firdapse (amifampridine) in pediatric patients have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Amifampridine

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Firdapse Prescribing Information, November 2018, Catalyst Pharmaceuticals.

**72. Amifampridine / Drugs that Lower Seizure Threshold**

Alert Message: The concomitant use of Firdapse (amifampridine) with drugs that lower seizure threshold may lead to an increased risk of seizures. The decision to administer amifampridine concomitantly with drugs that lower the seizure threshold should be carefully considered in light of the severity of the associated risks.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Amifampridine

1<sup>st</sup> Generation Antipsychotics

Aripiprazole

Asenapine

Baclofen

Bupropion

Clozapine

Diphenhydramine

Olanzapine

Paliperidone

Quetiapine

Quinolones

SNRIs

SSRIs

Steroids

Stimulants

Tacrolimus

TCAs

Tramadol

Ziprasidone

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Firdapse Prescribing Information, November 2018, Catalyst Pharmaceuticals.

**73. Amifampridine / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: There are no data on the developmental risk associated with the use of Firdapse (amifampridine) in pregnant women. In animal studies, administration of amifampridine phosphate to rats during pregnancy and lactation resulted in developmental toxicity (increase in stillbirths and pup deaths, reduced pup weight, and delayed sexual development) at doses associated with maternal plasma drug levels lower than therapeutic drug levels.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Negating)

Amifampridine

Pregnancy

Abortion

Delivery

Miscarriage

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

Gender: Female

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Firdapse Prescribing Information, November 2018, Catalyst Pharmaceuticals.

**74. Amifampridine / Lactation**

Alert Message: There are no data on the presence of Firdapse (amifampridine) in human milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effects on milk production. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for amifampridine and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from amifampridine or the underlying maternal condition. In lactating rats, amifampridine was excreted in milk and reached levels similar to those in maternal plasma.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Amifampridine      Lactation

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

Gender: Female

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Firdapse Prescribing Information, November 2018, Catalyst Pharmaceuticals.

**75. Amifampridine / Nonadherence**

Alert Message: Based on the refill history, your patient may be underutilizing Firdapse (amifampridine). Non-adherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in sub-therapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased patient outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Amifampridine

References:

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. N Engl J Med 2005; 353:487- 497.

Marcum ZA, Seivick MA, Handler SM. Medication Nonadherence: A Diagnosable and Treatable Medical Condition. JAMA. 2013;309(20):2105–2106. doi:10.1001/jama.2013.4638.

Kleinsinger F. The Unmet Challenge of Medication Nonadherence. Perm J. 2018;22:18–033. doi:10.7812/TPP/18-033.

**76. Lasmiditan / Overuse**

Alert Message: Reyvow (lasmiditan) may be over-utilized. The maximum dose of lasmiditan is 200 mg. The recommended dose of lasmiditan is 50 mg, 100 mg, or 200 mg taken orally, as needed. No more than one dose should be taken in a 24 hour period. A second dose of lasmiditan has not been shown to be effective for the same migraine attack. The safety of treating more than 4 migraine attacks in a 30-day period has not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Lasmiditan

Max Dose: 200 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Reyvow Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Eli Lilly and Company.

**77. Lasmiditan / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Reyvow (lasmiditan) in pediatric patients have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Lasmiditan

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Reyvow Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Eli Lilly and Company.

**78. Lasmiditan / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Reyvow (lasmiditan) has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh C), and its use in these patients is not recommended.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Lasmiditan

Cirrhosis

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Reyvow Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Eli Lilly and Company.

**79. Lasmiditan / CNS Depressants**

Alert Message: Reyvow (lasmiditan) can cause central nervous system (CNS) depression, including dizziness and sedation. Because of the potential for lasmiditan to cause sedation, other cognitive and/or neuropsychiatric adverse reactions, and driving impairment, lasmiditan should be used with caution if used in combination with alcohol or other CNS depressants.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Lasmiditan

Anticonvulsants

Antidepressants

Antihistamines

Antipsychotics

Barbiturates

Benzodiazepines

Cannabidiol

Muscle Relaxants

Narcotics

Sedative/Hypnotics

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Reyvow Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Eli Lilly and Company.



**80. Lasmiditan / Serotonergic Agents**

Alert Message: Caution should be exercised when Reyvow (lasmiditan) is co-administered with drugs that increase serotonin (i.e., SSRIs, SNRIs, TCAs, and MAOIs) due to the increased risk for serotonin syndrome. In clinical trials, the use of lasmiditan (a 5-HT<sub>1F</sub> receptor agonist) has been associated with reactions consistent with serotonin syndrome. Lasmiditan should be discontinued if serotonin syndrome is suspected.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Lasmiditan	Buspirone Bupropion Fentanyl Linezolid MAOIs Meperidine SNRIs SSRIs TCA's Trazodone Tramadol Tryptans	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Reyvow Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Eli Lilly and Company.

**81. Lasmiditan / P-gp and BCRP Substrates**

Alert Message: Concomitant use of Reyvow (lasmiditan) and drugs that are P-gp or BCRP substrates should be avoided. Lasmiditan has been shown to inhibit P-gp and BCRP transport in vitro. Concurrent use of lasmiditan with these substrates would be expected to decrease substrate exposure and efficacy.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Lasmiditan	Afatinib Apixaban Aliskiren Apelisisib Ambrisentan Canagliflozin Colchicine Dabigatran Digoxin Dolutegravir Edoxaban Empagliflozin Erythromycin Everolimus Fexofenadine Fluvastatin Gefitinib Glyburide Imatinib Indinavir Lapatinib Loperamide Maraviroc	Methotrexate Morphine Nilotinib Quinidine Paliperidone Pazopanib Pibrentasvir Prazosin Ranolazine Rivaroxaban Rosuvastatin Saxagliptin Sirolimus Sitagliptin Sulfasalazine Talazoparib Tenofovir Topotecan Verapamil

## References:

Reyvow Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Eli Lilly and Company.

Lee CA, O'Connor MA, Ritchie TK, et al., Breast Cancer Resistance Protein (ABCG2) in Clinical Pharmacokinetics and Drug Interactions: Practical Recommendations for Clinical Victim and Perpetrator Drug-Drug Interaction Study Design. Drug Metab Dispos. 2015 Apr;43(4):490-509. doi:10.1124/dmd.114.062174.

**82. Lasmiditan / Heart Rate Lowering Drugs**

Alert Message: Caution should be exercised when Reyvow (lasmiditan) is co-administered with drugs that lower heart rate, due to the risk of decreased heart rate. In clinical trials, lasmiditan use was associated with a mean decrease in heart rate of 5 to 10 beats per minute (bpm).

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Lasmiditan	Amiodarone	Flecainide
	Beta Blockers	Galantamine
	Brigatinib	Ivabradine
	Carbamazepine	Lacosamide
	CCBs	Lanreotide
	Ceritinib	Lithium
	Clonidine	Mexiletine
	Crizotinib	Pasireotide
	Digoxin	Procainamide
	Disopyramide	Propafenone
	Donepezil	Quinidine
	Dronedarone	Rivastigmine
	Fingolimod	Siponimod
		Thalidomide

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Reyvow Prescribing Information, Oct. 2019, Eli Lilly and Company.

**83. CDK 4/6 Inhibitors / ILD Symptoms and Interstitial Pneumonitis**

Alert Message: Severe, life-threatening, or fatal interstitial lung disease (ILD) and/or pneumonitis can occur in patients treated with CDK 4/6 inhibitors (abemaciclib, palbociclib, and ribociclib). Monitor patients for pulmonary symptoms indicative of ILD/pneumonitis. Symptoms may include hypoxia, cough, dyspnea, or interstitial infiltrates on radiologic exams. Dose interruption or dose reduction is recommended for patients who develop persistent or recurrent Grade 2 ILD/pneumonitis. Permanently discontinue the CDK 4/6 inhibitor in all patients with Grade 3 or 4 ILD or pneumonitis.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Abemaciclib	Acute Interstitial Pneumonitis	
Palbociclib	Cough	
Ribociclib	Dyspnea	
	Fever	
	Hypoxemia	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

US Food & Drug Administration. FDA Drug Safety Communications. FDA Warns About Rare But Severe Lung Inflammation with Ibrance, Kisqali, and Verzenio for Breast Cancer. Safety Announcement. [09-13-2019]. Available at: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-warns-about-rare-severe-lung-inflammation-ibrance-kisqali-and-verzenio-breast-cancer>.

**North Dakota Medicaid  
Drug Utilization Review Board  
Meeting  
December 2, 2020  
Via Teleconference**

**North Dakota Medicaid  
DUR Board Meeting Agenda**  
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**December 2, 2020**

**1:00 pm**

1. Administrative items
  - DHS announcements
2. Old business
  - Review and approval of September 2020 meeting minutes
  - Budget update
  - Review top 25 drugs for Third quarter of 2020
  - Prior authorization/PDL update
  - Second review of agents for the treatment of diabetic gastroparesis
  - Second review of Ohriahnn (elagolix/estradiol/norethindrone)
  - Second review of Dojolvi (triheptanoin)
  - Update to criteria for Nucala (mepolizumab) for hypereosinophilic syndrome & EGPA
  - Annual prior authorization review of prior authorization forms and criteria
3. New business
  - Review of Evrysdi (risdiplam)
  - Retrospective DUR criteria recommendations
  - Upcoming meeting date/agenda.
    - Next meeting is March 3, 2021
4. Adjourn

**Please remember to silence all cellular phones during the meeting.**

## **Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Meeting Minutes**

### **September 3, 2020**

**Members Present:** Andrea Honeyman, Mary Aaland, Joshua Askvig, Gabriela Balf, Jennifer Iverson, Katie Kram, Cory Miller, Laura Schield, Tanya Schmidt, Amy Werremeyer, Peter Woodrow

**Medicaid Pharmacy Department:** Alexi Murphy, Brendan Joyce, LeNeika Roerich

#### **Old Business**

Chair A. Honeyman called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. B. Joyce announced the appointment of Joshua Askvig to the DUR Board. Chair A. Honeyman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting. K. Kram moved that the minutes be approved, and P. Woodrow seconded the motion. The chair called for a voice vote to approve the minutes. The motion passed with no audible dissent. B. Joyce presented the quarterly budget update to the DUR Board.

#### **Review Top 25 Drugs**

T. DeRuiter and B. Joyce presented the quarterly review of the top 25 drugs based on total cost of claims, as well as the top AHFS drug classes by cost and claims count based on the total number of claims for the 2nd quarter of 2020.

#### **PDL/PA Criteria Updates**

A. Murphy presented the updates and changes to medications requiring prior authorization to the Board since the most recent version of the Preferred Drug List was posted. Changes included additions to the PA criteria approved by the Board at the prior DUR Board meeting, as well as adding new agents and formulations to prior authorization class criteria, where applicable. Notable changes included Nurtec ODT, Reyvow, Ajovy, Harvoni Pallet, and Sovaldi Pallet being added require prior authorization, as well as Harvoni 45 mg/200mg tablet and Sovaldi 200 mg tablet being added to the preferred list of Hepatitis C treatment agents. All PDL updates are listed in the handouts for the June 2020 DUR Board meeting. When a new version of the PDL is published and posted to the website, all updates/changes made since the last version are called out at the top of the document itself.

#### **Second Review of Palforzia**

A motion and second was made at the June 2020 DUR Board meeting to place Palforzia on prior authorization. The topic was brought up for a second review. Prior authorization criteria were presented to the Board by T. DeRuiter. S. Payne from Aimune made herself available to the Board for questions. During Board discussion, M. Aaland requested that the Prior Authorization request forms be changed from "to be completed by physician", to make the request forms more accurate. P. Woodrow made a motion that the state amend and update the prior authorization request forms accordingly to reflect that the forms may be filled out by prescribers or their representatives at the state's discretion, and K. Kram seconded the motion. The chair called for a voice vote to approve the motion to update the request forms, which passed without audible dissent. Chair A. Honeyman called for a voice vote to approve the criteria, which passed with no audible dissent.

### **Second Review of Mytesi**

A motion and second was made at the June 2020 DUR Board meeting to place Mytesi on prior authorization. The topic was brought up for a second review. Prior authorization criteria were presented to the Board by T. DeRuiter. There were no public comments. Chair A. Honeyman called for a voice vote to approve the updated criteria, which passed with no audible dissent.

### **Second Review of Antifibrinolytic Agents**

A motion and second was made at the June 2020 DUR Board meeting to place antifibrinolytic agents on prior authorization. The topic was brought up for a second review. Prior authorization criteria were presented to the Board by T. DeRuiter. There were no public comments. Chair A. Honeyman called for a voice vote to approve the updated criteria, which passed with no audible dissent.

### **Second Review of ACL Inhibitors**

A motion and second was made at the June 2020 DUR Board meeting to place the ACL inhibitors on prior authorization. The topic was brought up for a second review. T. DeRuiter presented Prior authorization criteria for all lipid lowering agents that combines previously approved prior authorization criteria for lipid lowering agents with new prior authorization criteria for ACL inhibitors. There were no public comments. Chair A. Honeyman called for a voice vote to approve the updated criteria, which passed with no audible dissent.

### **Second Review of Cystic Fibrosis Agents (CFTR Inhibitors)**

A motion and second was made at the June 2020 DUR Board meeting to place CFTR inhibitors for cystic fibrosis on prior authorization. The topic was brought up for a second review. Prior authorization criteria were presented to the Board by T. DeRuiter. There were no public comments. Chair A. Honeyman called for a voice vote to approve the updated criteria, which passed with no audible dissent.

### **New Business**

#### **Review of Agents for the Treatment of Diabetic Gastroparesis**

T. DeRuiter presented a review of agents for the treatment of diabetic gastroparesis to the Board.. A motion was made by A. Werremeyer to manage this class of medications through prior authorization. The motion was seconded by L. Schield. Prior authorization criteria for these agents will be presented, reviewed, and voted on by the Board at the next meeting.

#### **Review of Oriahnn**

T. DeRuiter a review of Oriahnn to the Board. During public comment, J. Gianninoto from Abbvie presented an overview of clinical information to the Board. During Board discussion, G. Balf requested that future pricing data also reflect the cost of treatment over a period of time as opposed to just cost per package or unit cost. T. DeRuiter agreed to add this information to future presentations. A motion was made by P. Woodrow to manage this medication through prior authorization. The motion was seconded by K. Kram. Prior authorization criteria for these agents will be presented, reviewed, and voted on by the Board at the next meeting.

### **Review of Dojolvi**

T. DeRuiter and A. Murphy presented a review of antifibrinolytic agents to the Board. During public comment, T. Arnhart Rusinak from Ultragenyx presented an overview of clinical information on Dojolvi to the Board, including explaining the difference between Dojolvi and medical foods. A motion was made by K. Kram to manage this agent through prior authorization. The motion was seconded by A. Werremeyer. Prior authorization criteria for these agents will be presented, reviewed, and voted on by the Board at the next meeting.

### **Report on Utilization of Benzodiazepines and Opioids Concurrently**

Since 2017, North Dakota Medicaid has put claims processing edits and prior authorization criteria on skeletal muscle relaxants to promote safe and effective use of these agents. T. DeRuiter presented utilization data comparing the use of skeletal muscle relaxants in 2017 vs 2020, including total patient and prescription counts during this time. The data showed that use of all skeletal muscle relaxants other than orphenadrine has been lowered since implementing these utilization requirements, with the largest drop being in cyclobenzaprine utilization.

North Dakota Medicaid implemented prior authorization class criteria for topical steroids in 2017. T. DeRuiter presented utilization data comparing the use of topical corticosteroids by potency class in 2017 vs 2018 (after criteria had been implemented), including total prescription counts and claims cost information. The data showed that utilization in each potency category remained roughly the same in 2018 as in 2017, however claims cost was reduced in each category (16%-38% reduction in cost by potency category and overall claims cost reduction of ~25%).

### **Retrospective Drug Utilization Review (RDUR) Criteria Recommendations**

The recommended RDUR criteria enclosed in the packet were developed from product information provided by the manufacturers and are consistent with new indications, new drugs added, and new warnings. These proposed criteria will be added to the current set of criteria and will be used in future DUR cycles. M. Aaland moved to approve the new criteria and L. Schield seconded the motion. The motion passed with no audible dissent.

### **Adjournment and Upcoming Meeting Date**

K. Kram made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by A. Werremeyer. Chair A. Honeyman adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm. The next DUR Board meeting will be held December 2, 2020 at 1:00 pm via teleconference.

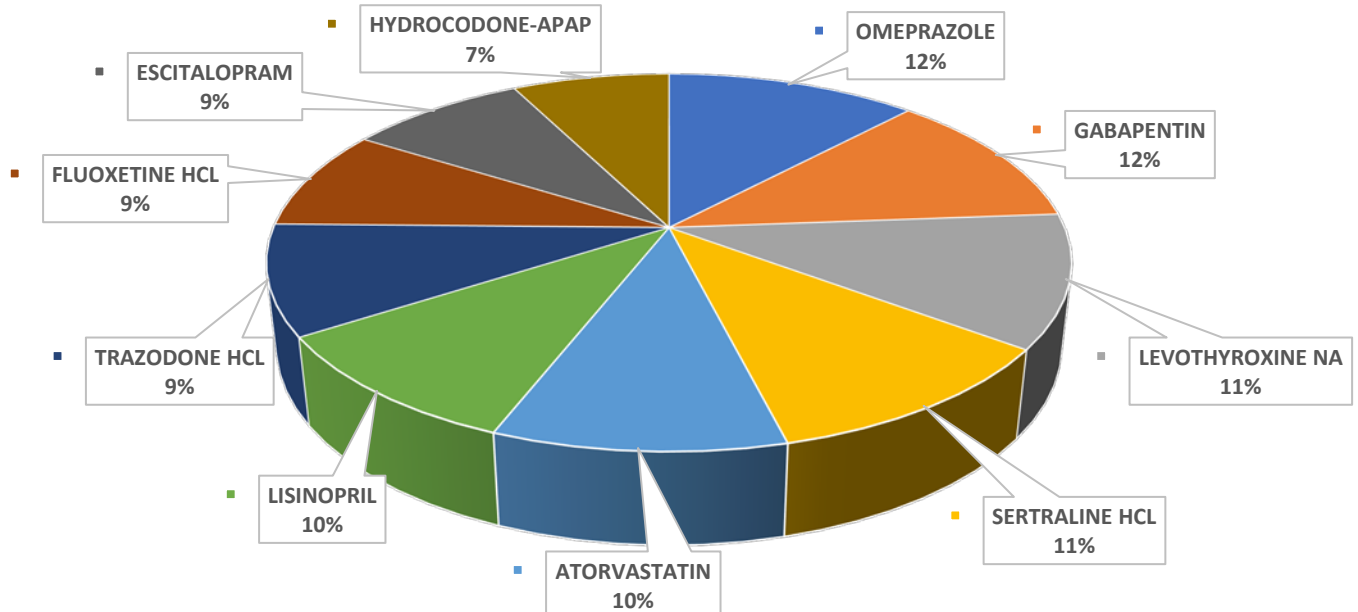
### Top 25 Drugs Based on Number of Claims from 07/01/2020 – 09/30/2020

Drug	Claims	Patients	Claims Cost	Cost Per Claim	% Total Claims
OMEPRAZOLE	4,421	2,173	\$57,716.90	\$13.06	1.92%
GABAPENTIN	4,369	1,833	\$81,280.27	\$18.60	1.90%
LEVOTHYROXINE	4,316	1,669	\$70,284.45	\$16.28	1.87%
SERTRALINE HCL	4,141	2,115	\$55,929.71	\$13.51	1.80%
ATORVASTATIN	3,856	1,874	\$54,671.99	\$14.18	1.67%
LISINOPRIL	3,733	1,891	\$47,482.79	\$12.72	1.62%
TRAZODONE HCL	3,587	1,715	\$49,919.95	\$13.92	1.56%
FLUOXETINE HCL	3,369	1,655	\$46,725.57	\$13.87	1.46%
ESCITALOPRAM	3,365	1,756	\$44,832.14	\$13.32	1.46%
HYDROCODONE-APAP	2,815	1,788	\$40,149.52	\$14.26	1.22%
MONTELUKAST	2,725	1,402	\$34,036.58	\$12.49	1.18%
METFORMIN HCL	2,536	1,321	\$46,535.48	\$18.35	1.10%
PANTOPRAZOLE	2,518	1,217	\$43,984.52	\$17.47	1.09%
BUPROPION XL	2,500	1,177	\$40,685.84	\$16.27	1.08%
DULOXETINE HCL	2,490	1,090	\$33,985.61	\$13.65	1.08%
PROAIR HFA	2,285	2,290	\$28,810.56	\$12.61	0.99%
AMLODIPINE BESYLATE	2,201	1,135	\$34,545.56	\$15.70	0.96%
VYVANSE	2,180	856	\$27,460.74	\$12.60	0.95%
CYCLOBENZAPRINE HCL	2,162	1,298	\$124,696.96	\$57.68	0.94%
LAMOTRIGINE	2,107	795	\$537,697.83	\$255.20	0.91%
BUPRENORPHINE-NALOXONE	2,076	464	\$28,404.11	\$13.68	0.90%
CLONIDINE HCL	2,010	982	\$33,804.42	\$16.82	0.87%
ARIPIPRAZOLE	1,994	925	\$26,756.14	\$13.42	0.87%
VENLAFAXINE HCL ER	1,988	820	\$28,299.07	\$14.23	0.86%
CLONAZEPAM	1,925	868	\$22,883.22	\$11.89	0.84%

Total Claims From 07/01/2020 – 09/30/2020

252,990

#### Top 10 Drugs by Claims Count





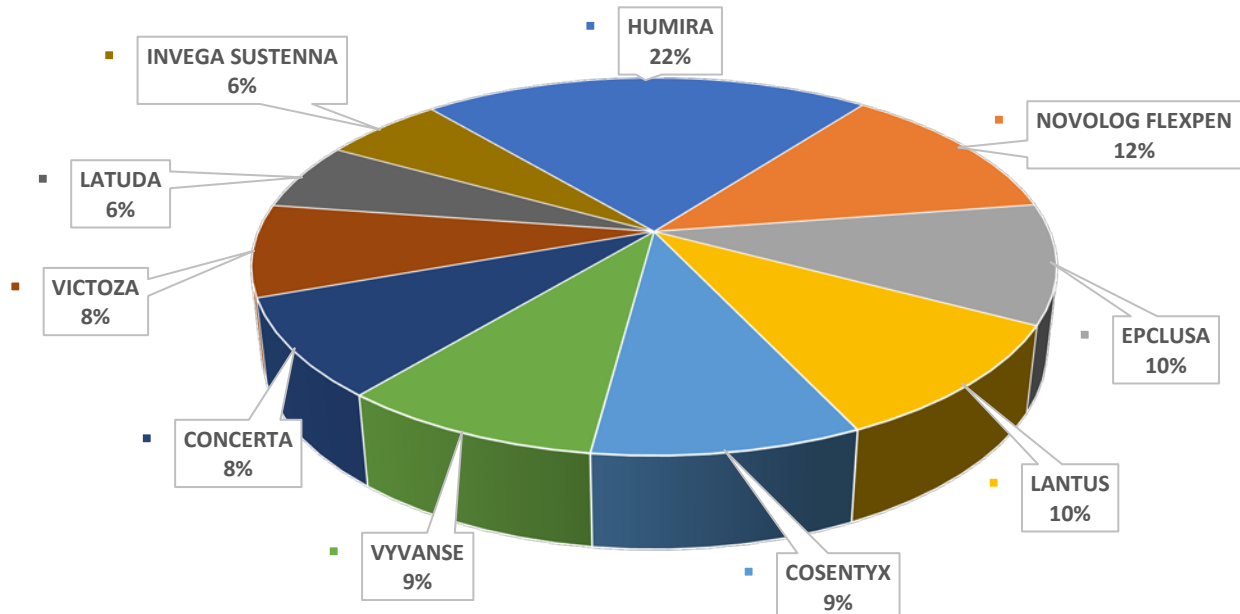
### Top 25 Drugs Based on Total Claims Cost from 07/01/2020 – 09/30/2020

Drug	Claims Cost	Claims	Patients	Cost Per Claim	% Total Cost
HUMIRA	\$1,327,982.27	213	92	\$6,234.66	5.13%
NOVOLOG FLEXPEN	\$758,610.23	1,087	586	\$697.89	2.93%
EPCLUSA	\$632,990.80	26	12	\$24,345.80	2.45%
LANTUS	\$628,718.57	1326	714	\$474.15	2.43%
COSENTYX	\$565,542.14	90	35	\$6,283.80	2.18%
VYVANSE	\$551,971.82	2,247	856	\$245.65	2.13%
CONCERTA	\$522,532.58	1,568	627	\$333.25	2.02%
VICTOZA	\$488,520.13	643	286	\$759.75	1.89%
LATUDA	\$357,545.53	488	187	\$732.68	1.38%
INVEGA SUSTENNA	\$357,307.69	159	64	\$2,247.22	1.38%
TRIKAFTA	\$334,720.26	14	4	\$23,908.59	1.29%
NORDITROPIN FLEXPEN	\$332,481.59	90	43	\$3,694.24	1.28%
LEVEMIR	\$326,662.89	596	316	\$548.09	1.26%
JARDIANCE	\$325,967.42	718	298	\$453.99	1.26%
STELARA	\$324,289.61	15	11	\$21,619.31	1.25%
ENBREL	\$309,567.02	61	23	\$5,074.87	1.20%
MAVYRET	\$297,435.24	26	19	\$11,439.82	1.15%
SYMBICORT	\$288,124.52	884	469	\$325.93	1.11%
ADVAIR DISKUS	\$265,621.40	754	436	\$352.28	1.03%
SABRIL	\$249,777.36	13	5	\$19,213.64	0.96%
XIFAXAN	\$238,578.58	109	52	\$2,188.79	0.92%
ADDERALL XR	\$233,490.79	1,337	538	\$174.64	0.90%
BIKTARVY	\$226,643.76	129	53	\$1,756.93	0.88%
NOVOLOG	\$204,660.23	309	138	\$662.33	0.79%
ABILIFY MAINTENA	\$196,194.77	95	38	\$2,065.21	0.76%

Total Claims Cost From 07/01/2020 – 09/30/2020

\$25,884,220.60

#### Top 10 Drugs by Claims Cost



**Top 15 Therapeutic Classes Based on Number of Claims from 07/01/2020 – 09/30/2020**

Therapeutic Class Description	Claims	Patients	Claims Cost	Cost/Claim	% Total Claims
ANTIDEPRESSANTS	28,567	10,230	\$579,160	\$20.27	11.96%
ANTICONSULSANTS, MISC	13,631	4,349	\$887,697	\$65.12	5.65%
ANTIPSYCHOTIC AGENTS	9,146	3,034	\$1,540,012	\$168.38	3.90%
PROTON-PUMP INHIBITORS	7,966	3,539	\$137,836	\$17.30	3.21%
OPIATE AGONISTS	7,652	3,602	\$150,397	\$19.65	2.83%
NSAIDS	6,999	4,025	\$99,698	\$14.24	2.77%
STATINS	6,492	3,015	\$93,534	\$14.41	2.76%
SEDATIVE/HYPNOTICS	6,020	2,787	\$94,471	\$15.69	2.44%
BETA BLOCKERS	5,779	2,612	\$106,966	\$18.51	2.41%
ACE INHIBITORS	5,022	2,391	\$74,239	\$14.78	2.08%
THYROID AGENTS	4,830	1,735	\$93,279	\$19.31	2.02%
AMPHETAMINES	4,663	1,801	\$826,747	\$177.30	1.88%
NON-AMPHETAMINE STIMULANTS	4,164	1,495	\$734,890	\$176.49	1.73%
BIGUANIDES	4,137	1,972	\$55,081	\$13.31	1.72%
BENZODIAZEPINES	3,665	1,718	\$57,606	\$15.72	1.57%

**Top 15 Therapeutic Classes Based on Claims Cost from 07/01/2020 – 09/30/2020**

Therapeutic Class Description	Claims Cost	Claims	Patients	Cost/Claim	% Total Cost
INSULINS	\$2,065,971	3,615	1,239	\$568.04	7.98%
DMARDS	\$1,903,321	373	151	\$4,943.69	7.35%
ANTIPSYCHOTIC AGENTS	\$1,540,012	8,986	3,034	\$168.38	5.95%
SKIN & MUCOUS MEMBRANE AGENTS, MISC	\$1,180,057	437	290	\$2,448.25	4.56%
HCV ANTIVIRALS	\$930,426	13,019	31	\$17,892.81	3.59%
INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS	\$911,582	750	1,808	\$275.24	3.52%
ANTICONSULSANTS, MISC	\$887,697	3,982	4,349	\$65.12	3.43%
AMPHETAMINES	\$826,747	3,069	1,801	\$177.30	3.19%
ANTIRETROVIRALS	\$818,909	4,342	229	\$1,246.44	3.16%
NON-AMPHETAMINE STIMULANTS	\$734,890	880	1,495	\$176.49	2.84%
INCRETIN MIMETICS	\$690,797	32	412	\$715.11	2.67%
ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS	\$627,960	27,567	195	\$1,156.46	2.43%
ANTIDEPRESSANTS	\$579,160	518	10,230	\$20.27	2.24%
IMMUNOMODULATORY AGENTS MISC	\$470,770	61	24	\$7,132.88	1.82%
SGLT2 INHIBITORS	\$402,427	1,614	376	\$450.14	1.55%

## **Prior Authorization/PDL Update**

<b><u>ADDED TO PA</u></b>	
<b>Drug</b>	<b>Class</b>
Byetta	Prophylaxis of Migraine – CGRP Inhibitors
Conjupri	Calcium Channel Blockers
Cresemba	Antifungals - Aspergillus and Candidiasis Infections
Cystadrops	>\$3000/month
Cystaran	>\$3000/month
Enspryng	>\$3000/month
Evrysdi	>\$3000/month
Nexizet	Lipid-Lowering Agents
Nexletol	Lipid-Lowering Agents
Ongentyx	Parkinson's Agents - COMT inhibitor
Repatha	Lipid-Lowering Agents
trientine	>\$3000/month
Vumerity	Multiple Sclerosis
Xarelto 2.5mg	Anticoagulants - Oral
Zerviate	Antihistamines

<b><u>REMOVED FROM PA</u></b>	
<b>Drug</b>	<b>Class</b>
Acanya	Acne
clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide 1%-5%	Acne
Evoclin	Acne
fondaparinux	Anticoagulants - Injectable
Namzaric	Alzheimer's agents
Omnaris	Steroids-Nasal
Onas Children's	Steroids-Nasal
Otezla	Cytokine Modulators
tolterodine	Urinary Antispasmodics
tolterodine ER	Urinary Antispasmodics
Toujeo Max Solostar	Insulin
Tresiba 200unit/mL	Insulin
Xeljanz	Cytokine Modulators
Xeljanz XR	Cytokine Modulators
Zalapar ODT	Parkinson's Agents - MAO-B inhibitors
Zepatier	Hepatitis C
Zyclara 3.75% cream pump	Acne

# Diabetic Gastroparesis

## General Prior Authorization Form

### Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:

- **Initial Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 3 months*
  - The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age)
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the solid dosage formulation, with relevant medical documentation (e.g. swallow study) attached to the request (subject to clinical review)
  - The patient must not have any of the following contraindications to treatment with metoclopramide:
    - Diagnosis of epilepsy
    - Gastrointestinal hemorrhage, mechanical obstruction, or perforation
    - Tardive dyskinesia
- **Renewal Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 3 months*
  - The patient must have experienced and maintained clinical benefit since starting treatment with the requested medication, as evidenced by medical documentation (e.g. chart notes) attached to the request (subject to clinical review)

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Metoclopramide tablet	GIMOTI (metoclopramide nasal spray)

# Oriahnn

## General Prior Authorization Form

### Group Criteria:

- **Initial Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 12 months*
  - The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age)
  - The patient must not be pregnant
  - The provider must attest that the patient does not have any contraindications to treatment with Oriahnn
- The patient must have failed the following trials (A and B), as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
  - A. A 3-cycle trial of mefenamic acid or meclofenamate, celecoxib, ibuprofen 1800mg/day or equivalent high dose NSAID
  - B. A 3-cycle trial of an oral estrogen-progestin or progestin contraceptives
- **Renewal Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 12 months*
  - The patient must not have received ≥24 months of Oriahnn, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
  - The provider must attest that the patient does not have any contraindications to treatment with Oriahnn
  - The patient must have experienced and maintained clinical benefit since starting treatment with Oriahnn, as evidenced by medical documentation (e.g. chart notes) attached to the request (subject to clinical review)

PA REQUIRED
ORIAHNN (elagolix/estradiol/norethindrone)

# Dojolvi

## General Prior Authorization Form

### Group Criteria:

- **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 12 months*
  - The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age)
  - The provider must attach documentation of DNA testing confirming the patient's diagnosis of a long-chain fatty acid oxidation disorder

PA REQUIRED
DOJOLVI (triheptanoin)

# Nucala

## Eosinophilic Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (EGPA)

### General Prior Authorization Form

#### Group Criteria:

- **Initial Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 6 months*
  - The prescription must be written by, or in consultation with, a hematologist, pulmonologist, or allergy/immunology specialist
  - The patient must be 18 years of age or older
  - The patient must have a diagnosis of eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (EGPA) characterized by the following (A-C), as evidenced by medical documentation attached to the request:
    - A. Patient has asthma that is poorly controlled on moderate doses of inhaled glucocorticoids
    - B. Patient has a blood eosinophilia count >1000 cells/mcL or 10% eosinophils on differential leukocyte count, as evidenced by laboratory documentation attached to the request
    - C. Two of more of the following:
      - Mononeuropathy (including multiplex) or polyneuropathy
      - Pulmonary infiltrates
      - Paranasal sinus abnormality
      - Eosinophilic vasculitis, perivascular eosinophilic infiltration, or eosinophil-rich granulomatous inflammation
      - Glomerulonephritis
      - Alveolar hemorrhage
      - Palpable purpura
      - Myocardial infarction due to coronaritis
      - Anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibody (ANCA) positivity
  - The patient must have experienced relapsing or recurring disease requiring systemic corticosteroids in the past year, despite a 3-month trial of one of the following medications, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
    - Cyclophosphamide
    - Azathioprine
    - Methotrexate
    - Leflunomide
- **Renewal Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 12 months*
  - The patient must have experienced and maintained clinical benefit since starting treatment with the requested medication, as evidenced by medical documentation (e.g. chart notes) attached to the request (subject to clinical review)

## Hypereosinophilic Syndrome

### General Prior Authorization Form

#### Group Criteria:

- **Initial Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 6 months*
  - The patient must be 12 years of age or older
  - The prescription must be written by, or in consultation with, a hematologist or allergy/immunology specialist
  - The patient must have a diagnosis of hypereosinophilic syndrome (HES) characterized by the following:
    - The patient must have experienced hypereosinophilic syndrome for ≥6 months
    - The provider must attest that there is no identifiable nonhematologic secondary cause
  - The patient must have experienced at least 2 HES flares within the past 12 months despite continued compliant use of oral corticosteroids and/or steroid sparing therapy (e.g. hydroxyurea)
  - The patient must have a blood eosinophil count of 1,000 cells/mcL or higher, as evidenced by laboratory documentation attached to the request
- **Renewal Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 12 months*
  - The patient must have experienced and maintained clinical benefit since starting treatment with the requested medication, as evidenced by medical documentation (e.g. chart notes) attached to the request (subject to clinical review)

# Preferred Drug List (PDL)

**Including:**

**Prior Authorization Criteria**

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# Guiding Rules of the Preferred Drug List (PDL):

**THIS LIST REFERS TO MEDICATIONS PROCESSED BY PHARMACY POINT OF SALE SYSTEMS.**

**For Clinic Administered Drugs** - Prior authorization criteria for medication claims processed by physician/clinic billing using 837P codes can be found at the end of this document or by using this link:

[Clinic Administered Drugs - Prior Authorization Criteria.](#)

For medications not on this list, FDA or compendia supported indications are required.

- Prior authorization criteria apply in addition to the general Drug Utilization Review policy that is in effect for the entire pharmacy program
  - Other documents explaining coverage rules can be found at [www.hidesigns.com/ndmedicaid](http://www.hidesigns.com/ndmedicaid):
    - Preferred Diabetic Supply List (PDSL)
    - Coverage Rules on Medications
- Please use the [NDC Drug Lookup](#) tool to access PA form, view coverage status, quantity limits, copay, and prior authorization information for all medications.
- Length of prior authorizations is a year unless otherwise specified.
- The use of pharmaceutical samples will not be considered when evaluating the member's medical condition or prior prescription history for drugs that require prior authorization.
- Prior authorization for a non-preferred agent in any category will be given only if all other criteria is met, including clinical criteria and step therapy specific to that category. Requests for non-preferred brand name agents with a generic formulation available must meet the Dispense as Written (DAW1) criteria for approval in addition to as any other applicable coverage criteria/rule (unless otherwise noted).
- A trial will be considered a failure if a product was not effective at maximum tolerated dose with good compliance, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy print outs or patient has a documented contraindication, intolerance, or adverse reaction to an ingredient
- Unless otherwise specified, the listing of a brand or generic name includes all legend forms of that drug. OTC drugs are not covered unless specified.

\*\*\* - Indicates that additional PA criteria applies as indicated in the Product PA Criteria

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# General

## Combination agents

[General Prior Authorization Form](#)

### Group Criteria:

- Clinical justification must be provided for combination products that are comprised of components available and more cost effective when prescribed separately (subject to clinical review).

## Dispense as Written (DAW1)

[Prior Authorization Form - Dispense As Written \(DAW1\)](#)

[MedWatch Form](#)

**Criteria for ALL DAW requests** (must meet one of the following (A or B):

- A. Primary insurance requires a ND Medicaid non-preferred branded product
- *Approval: until the end of the calendar year*
- B. All of the following are met (1-3):
1. The requested brand-name product must not have an authorized generic available
  2. The patient must have failed a 30-day trial of each pharmaceutically equivalent generic product from each available manufacturer, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy print outs
    - a. A failure is defined as product was not effective at maximum tolerated dose or caused adverse reaction where the branded product is expected to have a different result and other alternatives (e.g. medications in same class) are not an option for the patient
    - b. The patient or prescriber preference is NOT criteria considered for approval
  3. A MedWatch form for each trial of each product from the available manufacturer(s) must be filled out and attached to request

## Medications that cost over \$3000/month

[General Prior Authorization Form](#)

### Group Criteria:

- The patient must have a diagnosis of an FDA-approved indication for use in line with label recommendations

PA REQUIRED
CYSTADROPS (cysteamine)
CYSTARAN (cysteamine)
ENSPRYNG (satralizumab-mwge)
EVRYSDI (risdiplam)
GATTEX (teduglutide)
INCRELEX (mecasermin)
OXERVATE (cenegermin-bkbj)
SYPRINE (Trintene)

## Non-solid dosage preparations

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### *Electronic Age Verification*

- A. Non-solid dosage preparations of preferred products are automatically covered for all patients younger than 9 years old. For coverage of these products in patients 9 years of age or older, one of the following criteria must be met (A or B): The patient is unable to swallow solid dosage medications due to one of the following:
  - Swallow study documentation – *Approval 1 year*
  - Feeding tube placement and the medication is not available in a dosage form that can be crushed or poured into the tube – *Approval 1 year*
  - Permanent disability of swallowing solid dosage forms - *Approval 2 years*
  - Short-term restriction (e.g. mouth surgery) - *Approval 1 month*
- B. Clinical justification has been provided as to why a solid dosage medication cannot be used (subject to clinical review)

## Preferred Dosage Forms List:

[Prior Authorization Form - Non-Preferred Dosage Form](#)

See [Preferred Dosage Forms List](#)

## Cardiology

### *Therapeutic Duplication*

- One Strength of one medication is allowed at a time
  - Exceptions:
    - Carvedilol IR 25mg allowed with all other strengths
    - Warfarin strengths are allowed together
    - Prazosin strengths are allowed together
- Medication classes not payable together:
  - Entresto, ACE Inhibitors, ARBs, and Renin Inhibitors are not allowed with each other
  - Sildenafil, Tadalafil, Adempas, nitrates are not allowed with each other
  - Carvedilol and Labetalol are not allowed with other alpha blockers (Alfuzosin ER, doxazosin, dutasteride-tamsulosin, prazosin, terazosin, and tamsulosin)
    - Carvedilol and Labetalol are nonselective beta blockers with alpha 1 blocking activity
  - Tizanidine is not allowed with other alpha 2 agonists (clonidine, clonidine/chlorthalidone, guanfacine, methyldopa)
    - Tizanidine is also an alpha 2 agonist
  - Clopidogrel is not covered with esomeprazole or omeprazole. Other PPIs such as pantoprazole are covered with clopidogrel.
    - Clopidogrel is a substrate for 2C19 and esomeprazole and omeprazole are strong 2C19 inhibitors and can decrease effectiveness of Clopidogrel.
  - Clopidogrel, Prasugrel, Ticagrelor, and Ticlopidine are not covered with morphine. Other opioid analgesics are covered with Clopidogrel, Prasugrel, Ticagrelor, and Ticlopidine.
    - Morphine may diminish the antiplatelet effect and serum concentrations of P2Y12 Inhibitor antiplatelet agents (clopidogrel, prasugrel, ticagrelor, and ticlopidine).

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## Blood Modifying Agents

### Anticoagulants - Oral:

#### *Underutilization*

- Eliquis, Pradaxa, Xarelto, and Savaysa must be used compliantly and will reject on point of sale for late fill

#### *Prior Authorization*

#### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Product Specific Criteria:**

**\*\*\*Xarelto 2.5mg** - Patient must have an FDA approved indication

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have a diagnosis of an FDA-approved indication.
- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ELIQUIS (Apixaban)	SAVAYSA (edoxaban)
PRADAXA (dabigatran)	
XARELTO (rivaroxaban) 10mg, 15mg, 20mg	
XARELTO (rivaroxaban) 2.5mg <sup>PA***</sup>	

### Anticoagulants - Injectable

#### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### *Electronic Diagnosis Verification*

- Fondaparinux is covered for a diagnosis of heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of enoxaparin, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
enoxaparin	ARIXTRA (fondaparinux)
fondaparinux	FRAGMIN (dalteparin)
	LOVENOX (enoxaparin)

### Antifibrinolytic Agents

#### [Prior Authorization Form - Antihemophilic Factors](#)

#### **Group Criteria:**

- **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 12 months*
  - The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age)
  - The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use all other products (subject to clinical review)

#### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- **Non-Solid Dosage Formulations:** The patient must be unable to ingest solid dosage form as evidenced by swallow study documentation

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
AMICAR (aminocaproic acid) tablet – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	aminocaproic acid oral solution

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AMICAR (aminocaproic acid) oral solution– <i>Brand Preferred</i>	aminocaproic acid tablet
tranexamic acid tablet	LYSTEDA (tranexamic acid)

## Antihemophilic Factor Products

### [Prior Authorization Form - Antihemophilic Factors](#)

#### **Group Criteria:**

- The provider must attest that the patient visits an accredited Hemophilia Treatment Center once per year
- The date of the patient's last appointment with treatment center must be provided
- Contact information for treatment center must be provided

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the PREFERRED AGENTS (subject to clinical review).
- The patient may qualify for non-preferred product if they are stable on current therapy (have had a paid claim for requested therapy in the past 45 days)

FACTOR VIIa	
PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
NOVOSEVEN RT (Coagulation Factor VIIa recombinant)	
FACTOR VIII – HEMOPHILIA A	
PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ADVATE (factor VIII recombinant)	ADYNOVATE (factor VIII recombinant, PEGylated)
AFSTYLA (factor VIII recombinant, single chain)	ELOCTATE (factor VIII recombinant, Fc fusion protein)
HEMOFIL M (factor VIII plasma derived; mAb-purified)	ESPEROCT (factor VIII recombinant, glycopegylated – exeil)
KOATE (factor VIII plasma derived, chromatography purified)	JIVI (factor VIII recombinant, pegylated-aucI)
KOGENATE FS (factor VIII recombinant)	KOVALTRY (factor VIII recombinant)
NOVOEIGHT (factor VIII recombinant)	OBIZUR (recombinant, B domain-deleted porcine factor VIII)
NUWIQ (factor VIII recombinant)	
RECOMBINATE (factor VIII recombinant)	
XYNTHA (factor VIII recombinant)	
XYNTHA SOLOFUSE (factor VIII recombinant)	
FACTOR VIII:C – HEMOPHILIA A	
PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
MONOCLATE-P (Antihemophilic Factor VIII:C (human))	
FACTOR VIII – HEMOPHILIA A/vWF	
PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ALPHANATE (Antihemophilic Factor/Von Willebrand Factor Complex (Human))	
HUMATE-P (Factor VIII/von Willebrand Factor (human))	
WILATE (Factor VIII/von Willebrand Factor (human))	
FACTOR VIII – VON WILLEBRAND FACTOR - RECOMBINANT	
PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
	VONVENDI (Recombinant human vWF)
FACTOR IX – HEMOPHILIA B	
PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ALPHANINE SD (factor IX, plasma-derived)	ALPROLIX (factor IX recombinant, Fc fusion)
BENEFIX (factor IX recombinant)	IDELVION (factor IX recombinant, albumin fusion)
IXINITY (factor IX recombinant)	REBINYN (factor IX recombinant, glycol-PEGylated)
MONONINE (factor IX, plasma-derived mAb purified)	

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PROFILNINE (factor IX complex)	
RIXUBIS (factor IX recombinant)	
<b>FACTOR IXa/IX</b>	
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HEMLIBRA (Emicizumab-kxwh)	
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<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
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<b>FACTOR X</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
CORIFACT (Factor XIII Concentrate (Human))	
<b>FACTOR XIII A – SUBUNIT, RECOMBINANT</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
TRETEN (Factor XIII A-Subunit, recombinant)	
<b>ANTI-INHIBITOR COAGULANT COMPLEX</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
FEIBA NF (Anti-Inhibitor Coagulant Complex)	

## Hematopoietic, Colony Stimulating Factors

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#### **Group Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred product (subject to clinical review).

<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
FULPHILA (Pegfilgrastim-JMDB)	GRANIX (TBO-Filgrastim)
LEUKINE (Sargramostim)	NEULASTA (Pegfilgrastim)
NEUPOGEN (Filgrastim)	NIVESTYM (Figrastim-AAFI)
UDENYCA (Pegfligrastim-CBQV)	ZARXIO (Filgrastim-SNDZ)
ZIEXTENZO (Pegfligrastim-BMEZ)	

## Platelet Aggregation Inhibitors

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#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had 30-day trials of at least 2 preferred platelet aggregation inhibitor agents, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
aspirin	clopidogrel 300mg
aspirin/dipyridamole ER	EFFIENT (prasugrel)
BRILINTA (ticagrelor)	PLAVIX (clopidogrel)
clopidogrel 75 mg	ZONTIVITY (vorapaxar)
dipyridamole	
prasugrel	

## Thrombocytopenia

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**Group Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- Documentation of the patient's current platelet count must be attached to the request

**Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had trials with each preferred agent (at the recommended dose and duration) with each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy Printouts.

**Diagnosis Specific Criteria: Chronic immune thrombocytopenia (ITP):**

- Criteria for coverage of **Promacta, Doptelet, Nplate, Tavalisse**:
  - **Initial Criteria:**
    - The provider must attest that the patient's degree of thrombocytopenia and clinical condition increase the risk for bleeding
      - The patient must have experienced an inadequate response after one of the following (A or B):
        - A. The patient must have failed a trial of appropriate duration of a corticosteroid or immunoglobulins as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy print outs
        - B. The patient must have undergone a splenectomy
  - **Renewal Criteria:**
    - The patient must be experiencing a significant increase in platelet count and bleeding reduction risk on therapy (supported by documentation)
    - If on maximum dose: The patient's platelet count must have increased to a level sufficient to avoid clinically important bleeding after the recommended duration for the product\*
      - \*Promacta, Nplate, Doptelet: 4 weeks
      - \*Tavalisse: 12 weeks

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
PROMACTA (eltrombopag)	DOPTELET (avatrombopag)
TAVALISSE (fostamatinib)	NPLATE (romiplostim)

**Diagnosis Specific Criteria: Chronic liver disease-associated thrombocytopenia**

- Criteria for coverage of **Doptelet** and **Mulpleta**
  - The patient must have a diagnosis of chronic liver disease
  - The patient must be scheduled to undergo a procedure that puts the patient at risk of bleeding
    - The prescriber must include documentation of the name and scheduled date of the procedure
  - The provider must indicate the date therapy will be initiated and discontinued\*
    - \*Doptelet: given from 10-13 to 5-8 days prior to procedure
    - \*Mulpleta: given from 8-14 to 2-8 days prior to procedure

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
DOPTELET (Avatrombopag)	MULPLETA (Lusutrombopag)

**Diagnosis Specific Criteria: Chronic hepatitis C infection-associated thrombocytopenia**

- Criteria for coverage of **Promacta**
  - The patient must have a diagnosis of hepatitis C and be currently receiving or planning to initiate interferon-based treatment
    - Prescriber must attest that the patient's degree of thrombocytopenia prevents continuation or initiation of interferon

**Diagnosis Specific Criteria: Aplastic Anemia**

- Criteria for coverage of **Promacta**
  - One of the following must be met (A or B):
    - A. The patient must be receiving Promacta as first-line treatment in combination with standard immunosuppressive therapy (e.e. corticosteroid, Atgam, cyclosporin)

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- B. The patient must have had an insufficient response to treatment with prior immunosuppressive therapy

## Hypertension

### Calcium Channel Blockers

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#### Group Criteria:

- **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 12 months*
  - The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
  - The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred calcium channel blocker of a unique active ingredient, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use all other products to treat hypertension (subject to clinical review).

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Amlodipine	CONJUPRI (levamlodipine)
Felodipine	
Isradipine	
Nicardipine	
Nifedipine	
Nisoldipine	

## Vecamyl

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#### Group Criteria:

- The patient must have documented history of failure to achieve blood pressure goals (using maximum tolerated doses) of all first- and second-line agents as defined by the most recent JNC report.

## Heart Failure

### Edecrin

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#### Product Specific Criteria:

- **Ethacrynic acid:** One of the following must be met (A or B)
  - The patient must have a documented sulfa allergy
  - The patient must have failed a 30-day trial of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy print outs.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
furosemide	ethacrynic acid
bumetanide	
toremide	

## Entresto/Farxiga

#### Diagnosis

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use

AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ENTRESTO (sacubitril/valsartan)	

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## Lipid-Lowering Agents

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#### Group Criteria:

- **Initial Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 3 months*
  - The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age)
  - The patient must have LDL levels of >130 mg/dL after a 90-day trial of each of the following, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
    - A lipid lowering agent other than a statin combined with either Crestor (rosuvastatin) ≥20 mg or Lipitor (atorvastatin) ≥ 40 mg
    - A PCSK9 Inhibitor combined with either Crestor (rosuvastatin) ≥20 mg or Lipitor (atorvastatin) ≥ 40 mg
  - The patient must currently be receiving a maximally tolerated statin (HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor) agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use all other products to lower their cholesterol (subject to clinical review)
- **Renewal Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 12 months*
  - The patient must currently be receiving a maximally tolerated statin (HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor) agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
  - The patient must have experienced and maintained clinical benefit since starting treatment with the requested medication, as evidenced by medical documentation (e.g. chart notes) attached to the request (subject to clinical review)

ACL (ATP Citrate Lyase) INHIBITORS	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
	NEXLETOL (bempedioic acid)
	NEXLIZET (bempedioic acid and ezetimibe)
MTP (Microsomal Triglyceride Transfer Protein) INHIBITOR	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
	JUXTAPID (lomitapide)
PCSK9 (Proprotein Convertase Subtilisin/Kexin Type 9) INHIBITORS	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
PRALUENT PEN (Alirocumab) – Labeler 72733	PRALUENT PEN (Alirocumab) – Labeler 00024
	REPATHA PUSHTRONEX (Evolocumab)
	REPATHA SURECLICK (Evolocumab)
	REPATHA SYRINGE (Evolocumab)
STATINS (HMG-CoA (3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-CoA Reductase Inhibitors)	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Amlodipine/Atorvastatin	ALTROPREV (lovastatin)
Atorvastatin	CADUET (Amlodipine/Atorvastatin)
Ezetimibe/Simvastatin	CRESTOR (rosuvastatin)
Fluvastatin	EZALLOR SPRINKLE (rosuvastatin)
JUVISYNC (sitagliptin/simvastatin)	Fluvastatin ER
LIVALO (pitavastatin)	LESCOL XL (Fluvastatin)
Lovastatin	LIPITOR (atorvastatin)
Pravastatin	PRAVACHOL (pravastatin)
Rosuvastatin	VYTORIN (ezetimibe/simvastatin)
Simvastatin	ZOCOR (simvastatin)

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	ZYPITAMAG (pitavastatin)
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## Pulmonary Hypertension

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### PDE-5 Inhibitors

*Electronic Age Verification*

- Sildenafil/Tadalafil: Prior authorization is not required for ages less than 12 years old
- Revatio Suspension: Prior authorization is not required for ages less than 9 years old

*Prior Authorization Criteria*

#### **Group Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age), with medical documentation (e.g. clinical notes) of their diagnosis attached to the request.
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PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ALYQ (Tadalafil)	ADCIRCA (Tadalafil) TABLET
REVATIO (Sildenafil) SUSPENSION*** - <i>Brand Required</i>	REVATIO (Sildenafil) TABLET
Sildenafil tablet	Sildenafil Suspension
Tadalafil tablet	

### Soluble Guanylate Cyclase Stimulators

*Electronic Diagnosis Verification*

- The patient must have an FDA-approved diagnosis for use

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ADEMPAS (riociguat)	

### Endothelin Receptor Antagonists

*Electronic Diagnosis Verification*

- The patient must have an FDA-approved diagnosis for use

*Prior Authorization Criteria*

#### **Group Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
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PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Ambrisentan	Bosentan
TRACLEER (bosentan) SUSPENSION***	LETAIRIS (ambrisentan)
TRACLEER (bosentan) TABLETS - <i>Brand Preferred</i>	OPSUMIT (macitentan)

### Prostacyclins

*Electronic Diagnosis Verification*

- The patient must have an FDA-approved diagnosis for use

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ORENITRAM ER (Treprostinil) TABLET	REMODULIN (Treprostinil) INJECTION

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UPTRAVI (Selexipag) TABLET	
Treprostinil injection	
TYVASO (Treprostinil) INHALATION	
VENTAVIS (Iloprost) INHALATION	

# Dermatology

## Acne

### Therapeutic Duplication

- One strength of one retinoid medication is allowed at a time
- One strength of one benzoyl peroxide containing medication is allowed at a time

### Electronic Age Verification

- The patient must be between 12 and 35 years of age

### Prior Authorization Criteria

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#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred agents (subject to clinical review)

CLINDAMYCIN-BENZOYL PEROXIDE	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ACANYA (Clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide) 1.2%-2.5% - <i>Brand Preferred</i>	BENZACLIN (Clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide without pump) 1%-5%
Clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide 1%-5% with pump	BENZACLIN (Clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide with pump) 1%-5%
Clindamycin-benzyl peroxide 1.2%-5%	Clindamycin-benzoyl peroxide 1.2%-2.5%
Clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide 1%-5% without pump	NEUAC (Clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide) 1.2%-5%
ONEXTON (Clindamycin/benzoyl peroxide) 1.2%-3.75%	
CLINDAMYCIN	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Clindamycin capsule	CLEOCIN T (Clindamycin) GEL
Clindamycin gel	CLEOCIN T (Clindamycin) LOTION
Clindamycin lotion	CLEOCIN T (Clindamycin) MED SWAB
Clindamycin solution	CLINDACIN P (Clindamycin) MED SWAB
Clindamycin med. swab	CLINDACIN ETZ (Clindamycin) MED SWAB
EVOCLIN (Clindamycin) FOAM – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	CLINDAGEL (Clindamycin) GEL DAILY
ZIANA (Clindamycin-tretinoin 1.2%-0.025%) - <i>Brand Preferred</i>	Clindamycin Gel Daily
	Clindamycin foam
	Clindamycin-tretinoin 1.2%-0.025%
RETINOID	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ALTRENO (tretinoin) LOTION	ATRALIN (Tretinoin) 0.05% GEL
RETIN-A (Tretinoin) GEL 0.01%, 0.025% - <i>Brand Preferred</i>	ARAZLO (Tazarotene) 0.045% LOTION
RETIN-A (Tretinoin) CREAM - <i>Brand Preferred</i>	Clindamycin-tretinoin 1.2%-0.025%
RETIN-A MICRO (Tretinoin Microsphere) GEL WITHOUT PUMP 0.4%, 0.1% - <i>Brand Preferred</i> (45 gram size)	FABIOR (Tazarotene) 0.1% FOAM

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RETIN-A MICRO PUMP (Tretinoin Microsphere) 0.4%, 0.1% - <i>Brand Preferred</i> (45 gram size)	RETIN-A (Tretinoin) GEL 0.05%
RETIN-A MICRO PUMP (Tretinoin Microsphere) 0.08%	RETIN-A MICRO PUMP (Tretinoin Microsphere) 0.06%
Tretinoin gel (Generic co-preferred)	tretinoin microsphere with pump
Tretinoin cream (Generic co-preferred)	tretinoin microsphere without pump
ZIANA (Clindamycin-tretinoin 1.2%-0.025%) - <i>Brand Preferred</i>	
<b>ADAPALENE</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
Adapalene gel	Adapalene 0.1% cream
Adapalene/Benzoyl Peroxide 0.1%-2.5%	Adapalene 0.3% gel with pump
DIFFERIN (adapalene) CREAM - <i>Brand Preferred</i>	DIFFERIN (adapalene) GEL
DIFFERIN (adapalene) GEL W/ PUMP - <i>Brand Preferred</i>	EPIDUO (adapalene/benzoyl peroxide) 0.1%-2.5%
DIFFERIN (adapalene) LOTION	
EPIDUO FORTE (adapalene/benzoyl peroxide) 0.3%-2.5%	
<b>OTHER</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
ACZONE (Dapsone) GEL WITHOUT PUMP 5% - <i>Brand Required</i>	ACZONE (Dapsone) GEL WITH PUMP 7.5%
Cleansing Wash (Sulfacetamide sodium/Sulfur/Urea) 10%-4%-10%	AKLIEF (Trifarotene) CREAM 0.005%
SSS 10-5 (Sulfacetamide) FOAM	BP 10-1 (Sulfacetamide sodium/Sulfur) CLEANSER
Sulfacetamide 10% suspension	Dapsone gel without pump 5%
Sodium Sulfacetamide/Sulfur Cleanser 10%-5% (W/W)	Dapsone gel pump 7.5%
Sodium Sulfacetamide/Sulfur Cleanser 9%-4%	SSS 10-5 (Sulfacetamide) CLEANSER
Sodium Sulfacetamide/Sulfur Cleanser 9%-4.5%	Sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur pads 10%-4%
Sodium Sulfacetamide/Sulfur Cleanser 10%-2%	Sodium Sulfacetamide/Sulfur Cream 10%-2%
Sodium Sulfacetamide/Sulfur Suspension 8%-4%	SUMADAN (Sodium Sulfacetamide/Sulfur) CLEANSER 9%-4.5%
Sodium Sulfacetamide/Sulfur Cleanser 9.8% -4.8%	SUMAXIN (Sodium sulfacetamide/sulfur pads) PADS 10%-4%
SUMAXIN (Sodium Sulfacetamide/Sulfur) CLEANSER 9%-4%	SUMAXIN TS (Sodium Sulfacetamide/Sulfur) SUSPENSION 8%-4%
<b>TETRACYCLINES</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
Doxycycline hyclate capsule	AMZEEQ (Minocycline) Foam
Doxycycline hyclate tablet 20mg, 100mg	Demeclocycline
Doxycycline monohydrate 25 mg/5mL suspension	DORYX (Doxycycline hyclate) TABLET DR
Doxycycline monohydrate tablet 50 mg, 75mg, 100mg	DORYX MPC (Doxycycline hyclate) TABLET DR
Doxycycline monohydrate capsule 50 mg, 100mg	Doxycycline monohydrate capsule 75mg, 150mg
Minocycline capsule	Doxycycline hyclate tablet 75mg, 150 mg
VIBRAMYCIN (Doxycycline calcium) 50 mg/5mL SYRUP	Doxycycline monohydrate tablet 75mg, 150 mg
	Doxycycline hyclate tablet DR
	MINOCIN (Minocycline) CAPSULE
	Minocycline tablet
	Minocycline Tablet ER

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	MINOLIRA ER (Minocycline) TABLET
	MORGIDOX (Doxycycline hyclate) CAPSULE
	SEYSARA (Sarecycline)
	SOLODYN ER (Minocycline) TABLET
	Tetracycline
	VIBRAMYCIN (Doxycycline monohydrate) 25mg/5mL SUSPENSION
	XIMINO (Minocycline) CAPSULE ER

## Actinic Keratosis

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- Diclofenac 3% sodium gel requires electronic diagnosis verification of FDA indication

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had a 6-month trial of each preferred agent of a unique active ingredient, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
CARAC (Fluorouracil) 0.5% CREAM – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	ALDARA (Imiquimod) 0.5% CREAM
Diclofenac 3% sodium gel	EFUDEX (Fluorouracil) 5% CREAM
Imiquimod 5% cream packet	Fluorouracil 0.5% cream
Fluorouracil 5% cream	Fluorouracil 2% solution
ZYCLARA (imiquimod) 3.75% CREAM PUMP – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	Fluorouracil 5% solution
	Imiquimod 3.75% cream pump
	PICATO (ingenol mebutate)
	TOLAK (Fluorouracil) 4% CREAM
	ZYCLARA (imiquimod) 3.75% CREAM PACKET
	ZYCLARA (imiquimod) 2.5% CREAM PUMP

## Antifungals – Topical

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Diagnosis Specific Criteria:**

- **Onychomycosis:** *Approval Duration = 12 months*
  - The patient must have a diagnosis of an FDA approved indication for use
    - Diagnosis must be confirmed by potassium hydroxide (KOH) preparation
  - The patient must have had a trial of one oral agent (terbinafine, fluconazole, or itraconazole), for the length of recommended treatment time for patient's particular infection, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
  - Adequate time must have passed since treatment cessation to accurately assess healthy toenail outgrow (at least 6 months)
  - One of the following must be met (A or B):
    - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred agents (subject to clinical review)
    - The active ingredient of the requested product is not available in a preferred formulation

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○ **Other diagnoses:** *Approval Duration = 12 months*

- The patient must have had a trial of 3 preferred agents, for the length of recommended treatment time for patient's particular infection, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
- One of the following must be met (A or B):
  - A. Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred agents (subject to clinical review)
  - B. The active ingredient of the requested product is not available in a preferred formulation

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Ciclopirox cream	CICLODAN (Ciclopirox) CREAM
Ciclopirox gel	CICLODAN (Ciclopirox) SOLUTION
Ciclopirox shampoo	EXTINA (Ketoconazole) FOAM
Ciclopirox solution	JUBLIA (efinaconazole) SOLUTION
Ciclopirox suspension	KERYDIN (tavaborole) SOLUTION
Clotrimazole cream	Ketoconazole foam
Clotrimazole solution	LOPROX (Ciclopirox) CREAM
Econazole cream	LOPROX (Ciclopirox) SHAMPOO
ERTACZO (sertraconazole) CREAM	LOPROX (Ciclopirox) SUSPENSION
EXELDERM CREAM (sulconazole) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	LUZU (Luliconazole) Cream
EXELDERM SOLUTION (sulconazole) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	Miconazole/zinc oxide/white petrolatum ointment
Ketoconazole cream	Natfifine Cream
Ketoconazole shampoo	Natfifine Gel
Luliconazole cream	NAFTIN (Naftifine) CREAM
MENTAX (butenafine) CREAM	NAFTIN (Naftifine) GEL
Miconazole cream	Oxiconazole cream
Nystatin cream	OXISTAT (Oxiconazole) CREAM
Nystatin ointment	OXISTAT (Oxiconazole) LOTION
Nystatin powder	VUSION (Miconazole/Zinc/White Petrolatum) OINTMENT
NYAMYC (Nystatin) POWDER	
Nystatin – triamcinolone cream	
Nystatin – triamcinolone ointment	
NYSTOP (Nystatin) POWDER	

## Antipsoriatics – Topical

### General Prior Authorization Form

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- **For Foams and Sprays:**
  - Patient must have failed 30-day trials of the preferred solution and shampoo formulations, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy print outs
- **For Lotions:**
  - Patient must have failed a 30-day trial of a preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy print outs
- **For Ointments:**
  - Patient must have failed 30-day trials of the preferred ointment formulations, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy print outs

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
calcipotriene ointment	calcipotriene/betamethasone ointment

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calcipotriene solution	calcipotriene/betamethasone suspension
calcipotriene cream	calcitriol ointment
SORILUX (calcipotriene) FOAM	DOVONEX (Calcipotriene) CREAM
TACLONEX (calcipotriene/betamethasone) SUSPENSION – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	DUOBRII (halobetasol/tazarotene) LOTION
TACLONEX (calcipotriene/betamethasone) OINTMENT – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	ENSTILAR (calcipotriene/betamethasone) FOAM
TAZORAC (Tazarotene) CREAM 0.1% - <i>Brand Preferred</i>	Tazarotene 0.1% cream
TAZORAC (Tazarotene) GEL	
VECTICAL (Calcitriol) OINTMENT – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	

## Eczema / Atopic Dermatitis

### *Electronic Age Verification*

**Product Specific:** Protopic (tacrolimus) ointment 0.1%

- The patient must be 16 years of age or older

### *Prior Authorization Criteria*

#### Prior Authorization Form - Eczema

**Topical Corticosteroids:** Please see the [Preferred Drug List of Topical Corticosteroids](#) at the end of this document

#### **Category PA Criteria:**

- Patient must meet FDA label recommendations for indication and age

**Product Specific Criteria (Initial):** *Approval Duration = 3 months*

- Dupixent and Eucrisa**
  - Patient must have had a 6-week trial of at least one of the following, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
    - Tacrolimus OR Pimecrolimus
  - One of the following must be met (A or B):
    - A. Patient must have had two 2-week trials of topical corticosteroids of medium or higher potency, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
    - B. Patient must meet both of the following (1 AND 2):
      - Affected area is on face, groin, axilla, or under occlusion
      - Patient must have had two 2-week trials of topical corticosteroids of low or higher potency, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

**Product Specific Criteria (Renewal):** *Approval Duration = 12 months*

- Eucrisa and Dupixent:**
  - The prescriber must submit documentation showing that the patient has achieved a significant reduction in severity of atopic dermatitis since treatment initiation

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ELIDEL (pimecrolimus) CREAM – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	DUPIXENT (dupilumab)***	Pimecrolimus
PROTOPIC (tacrolimus) OINTMENT 0.03% – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	EUCRISA (crisaborole) OINTMENT***	Tacrolimus 0.03%
PROTOPIC (tacrolimus) OINTMENT 0.1% – <i>Brand Preferred</i>		Tacrolimus 0.1%
<a href="#">Topical Corticosteroids</a>		

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## Infantile Hemangioma

### Electronic Age Verification

- The patient must be less than 1 years of age

### Electronic Diagnosis Verification

- The patient must have an FDA approved diagnosis

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
HEMANGEOL (propranolol) ORAL SOLUTION	

## Lice

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### Category Criteria:

- The patient must have had a 28-day/2-application trial of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts (not required *in the presence of a documented community breakout of a resistant strain that is only susceptible to a non-preferred agent*).

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
EURAX (crotamiton) CREAM	CROTAN (Crotamiton)
LICE KILLING SHAMPOO (Piperonyl butoxide/pyrethrins)	ELIMITE (permethrin) CREAM
NIX 1% (Permethrin) CRÈME RINSE LIQUID	EURAX (crotamiton) LOTION
Permethrin 5% cream	Lindane shampoo
SM LICE TREATMENT (Permethrin) 1% CRÈME RINSE LIQUID	Malathion
Spinosad	NATROBA (spinosad)
VANALICE (Piperonyl butoxide/Pyrethrins)	OVIDE (malathion)
	SKLICE (ivermectin)

## Steroids - Topical

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#### Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:

- Non-preferred Step 1 agents (not labeled as “STEP 2”):**
  - The patient must have failed a 2-week trial of all preferred drug entities within the same potency category and dosage form group within the last 3 months, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
- Non-preferred agents labeled as “STEP 2”:**
  - The patient must have failed a 2-week trial of all preferred and non-preferred drug entities within the same potency category and dosage form group within the last 3 months.

See [Topical Corticosteroids Preferred Medication List](#)

## Endocrinology

## Androgens

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#### Group Criteria:

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).

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- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred products (subject to clinical review).

## Injectable/Implantable

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS:
Testosterone Cypionate injection	AVEED (Testosterone Undecanoate)
Testosterone Enanthate injection	DEPO-TESTOSTERONE (Testosterone Cypionate)
	TESTOPEL (Testosterone)
	XYOSTED (Testosterone Enanthate)

## Oral

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS:
JATENZO (Testosterone Undecanoate)	ANDROID (Methyltestosterone)
	Methyltestosterone
	METHITEST (Methyltestosterone)
	TESTRED (Methyltestosterone)

## Topical

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ANDRODERM (testosterone) PATCH	ANDROGEL (testosterone)
Testosterone 1% (50mg/5g) gel packet	FORTESTA (testosterone) 2% (10mg/0.5g) Gel MD PMP
Testosterone 1% (25mg/2.5g) gel packet	TESTIM (testosterone) GEL TUBE
Testosterone 1% (25mg/2.5g) gel tube	Testosterone 2% (10mg/0.5g) Gel MD PMP Bottle
Testosterone 1% (50mg/5g) gel tube	Testosterone 1.62% (20.25mg/1.25g) Gel Packet
Testosterone 1% (12.5mg/1.25g) Gel MD PMP Bottle	Testosterone 1.62% (40.5mg/2.5g) Gel Packet
Testosterone 1.62% (20.25mg/1.25g) Gel MD PMP Bottle	VOGELXO (Testosterone)

## Diabetes

### References:

1. American Diabetes Association Diabetes Care 2020 Jan; 43(Supplement 1): S98-S110.  
<https://doi.org/10.2337/dc20-S009>

### Therapeutic Duplication

- One Strength of one medication is allowed at a time
- Medication classes not payable together:
  - DPP4-Inhibitors and GLP-1 Agonists
    - GLP-1 and DPP4-Inhibitors should not be used concurrently due to similar mechanisms of action
  - DPP4-Inhibitors and Insulins
    - GLP-1 should be considered in most patients prior to insulin
    - When initiating injectable therapy, sulfonylureas and DPP-4 inhibitors are typically discontinued
  - Sulfonylureas and Insulins
    - When initiating injectable therapy, sulfonylureas and DPP-4 inhibitors are typically discontinued
  - Thiazolidinediones with Insulins or Sulfonylureas
    - Thiazolidinediones increases the adverse effects of hypoglycemia, fluid retention, and heart failure when used concomitantly with sulfonylureas and insulin.
- **COVERED options in combination WITH INSULIN** therapy: GLP-1 Agonists, SGLT-2 inhibitors, and metformin.
  - GLP-1 Agonist and SGLT-2 inhibitors are recommended first line treatments for every pathway indicated in the guidelines (ASCVD, HF, CKD, Hypoglycemia risk, and to minimize weight gain)  
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- Metformin is recommended throughout treatment escalation
- Humulin R U-500 is not allowed with any other insulin (basal or prandial)
  - Humulin R U-500 is indicated for monotherapy. It acts differently than regular insulin (U-100). It provides both basal and prandial coverage. Injections can be increased to 3 times per day for prandial coverage.

#### *Underutilization*

- Toujeo, Tresiba, and Metformin 1000mg must be used compliantly and will reject on point of sale for late fill

## DPP4-Inhibitors

### *Electronic Step Care and Concurrent Medications*

- DPP4-Inhibitors require concurrent metformin
  - A total of 84 day supply of metformin must be paid within 100 days prior to the DPP4-Inhibitors date of service.
    - Metformin is recommended to be continued with escalation of therapy with DPP4-Inhibitors. If metformin is not tolerated, SGLT2 inhibitor and GLP-1 Agonists are recommended as part of the glucose-lowering regimen independent of A1C and are first line alternatives.
    - Patients with GI intolerances to high dose IR metformin should trial at minimum a dose of 500mg ER.

### *Prior Authorization Criteria*

#### General Prior Authorization Form

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had a 30-day trial with EACH of the following agents, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
  - A preferred sitagliptin product (Janumet, Janumet XR, or Januvia)
  - A preferred linagliptin preferred product (Jentadueto or Tradjenta)
  - Victoza
- One of the following must be met (A OR B):
  - A. The requested agent is a combination product containing metformin
  - B. The patient is currently stable on a metformin-containing agent, with good compliance in the past 3 months, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts (patients with GI intolerances to high dose IR metformin should trial at minimum a dose of 500mg ER).

++Clinically Non-Preferred: Alogliptin and Saxagliptan have a potentially higher risk for heart failure

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
JANUMET (sitagliptin/metformin)	++alogliptan/pioglitazone
JANUMET XR (sitagliptin/metformin)	++alogliptin
JANUVIA (sitagliptin)	++alogliptin/metformin
JENTADUETO (linagliptin/metformin)	++KAZANO (alogliptin/metformin)
JENTADUETO XR (linagliptin/metformin)	++KOMBIGLYZE XR (saxagliptin/metformin)
TRADJENTA (linagliptin)	++NESINA (alogliptin)
	++ ONGLYZA (saxagliptin)
	++OSENi (alogliptin/pioglitazone)

## DPP4-Inhibitors/SGLT2 Inhibitors Combination

#### General Prior Authorization Form

#### **Group Criteria:**

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- The prescriber must provide medical justification explaining why the patient cannot use individual preferred products separately

++Clinically Non-Preferred: Saxagliptan has a potentially higher risk for heart failure

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
	GLYXAMBI (Empagliflozin/linagliptin)
	STEGLUJAN (Ertugliflozin/Sitagliptin)
	TRIJARDY XR (Empagliflozin/Linagliptan/Metformin)
	++QTERN (Dapagliflozin/Saxagliptin)

## GLP-1 Agonists

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Step 1 Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had 90-day trials of each of the following, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
  - Victoza
  - An SGLT-2 Inhibitor: Jardiance, Farxiga, or Invokana

#### **Non-Preferred Step 2 Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had 90-day trials of each of the following, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
  - Victoza
  - An SGLT-2 Inhibitor: Jardiance, Farxiga, or Invokana
  - Ozempic titrated to max dose

#### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- \*\*\*Adlyxin and Rybelsus:
  - The patient must have had 90-day trials of each of the following, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
    - Bydureon BCISE
    - Trulicity

++Clinically Non-Preferred: Byetta is less effective than other available agents

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (STEP 1 – PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (STEP 2 – PA REQUIRED)
VICTOZA (liraglutide)	OZEMPIC (semaglutide)	ADLYXIN (lixisenatide)***
BYDUREON (exenatide microspheres)		BYDUREON BCISE (exenatide microspheres)
		++BYETTA (exenatide)
		RYBELSUS (semaglutide)***
		TRULICITY (dulaglutide)

## Glucose Rescue Medications

### *Duration Coverage*

- 2 doses (initial and replacement doses) are covered every 180 days without prior authorization

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#### **Group Criteria (Initial):**

- Glucose Rescue medications do NOT require prior authorization for the initial or replacement dose

#### **Group Criteria (Renewal):**

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- The provider must attest if it is known that the previous dose was taken by the patient (and not diverted or given to another person)
- One of the following criteria must be met (A, B, or C)
  - The previous dose has expired
  - The dose was used by patient for a hypoglycemic episode
  - The patient is currently taking insulins or sulfonylureas and meets one of the following criteria:
    - The diabetes treatment has been adjusted to prevent future instances of hypoglycemia
    - The provider has provided medical justification why the diabetes treatment has not been adjusted at this time to prevent future instances of hypoglycemia.

#### **Non-Preferred Criteria**

- The prescriber must provide medical justification explaining why the patient cannot use the preferred products (subject to clinical review).

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
BAQSIMI (Glucagon)	GVOKE (Glucagon)
Glucagon Kit	GLUCOGEN (Glucagon) HYPOKIT

## Insulin/GLP-1 Agonist Combination

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Group Criteria:**

- The prescriber must provide medical justification explaining why the patient cannot use the individual preferred products separately (subject to clinical review)

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS:
	SOLIQUA (Insulin glargine/lixisenatide)
	XULTOPHY (insulin degludec/liraglutide)

## Insulin

### *Duration Coverage*

- Products containing NPH insulin are limited to 210 days of coverage for every 365 days to allow for use in pregnancy.
  - Lantus and Levemir have been demonstrated to reduce the risk of symptomatic and nocturnal hypoglycemia compared with NPH insulin.

### *Quantity Limit*

- **Toujeo Max Solostar 300 unit/mL and Tresiba 200 unit/mL:**  
Doses between 100 unit/day to 200 unit/day are covered automatically (do not require prior authorization approval for coverage).
  - **For dose <100 unit/day**, the same criteria as Toujeo Solostar 100 unit/mL or Tresiba 100 unit/mL must be met as outlined below.
  - **For dose >200 units of insulin per day**, clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is not a candidate for U-500R (Toujeo and Tresiba are not intended as replacements for U500 insulin).

### *Prior Authorization*

### [Insulin Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Group Criteria:**

- **Non-preferred insulins:**
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred products (subject to clinical review).
- **Insulin syringe/pens:**
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred insulin vial/pen products (subject to clinical review).

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**Product Specific Criteria:**

- **\*\*\*Humulin N/Novolin N Vial/Novolin 70/30:** One of the following must be met (A or B):
  - A. The patient must be pregnant or breastfeeding
  - B. Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred NPH products (subject to clinical review).
- **\*\*\*Fiasp:** The patient must have had a 3-month trial of one of the following agents, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
  - Novolog, Humalog, or Apidra
- **\*\*\*Toujeo Solostar 100 unit/mL and 300 unit/mL and Tresiba 100 unit/mL:**
  - **Initial Criteria: Approval 6 months**
    - The requested agent must be prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist or diabetes specialist.
    - One of the following must be met, as evidenced by provided clinical notes or labs:
      - The patient experiences recurrent episodes of hypoglycemia on Insulin glargine U100 and insulin detemir U100 despite adjustments to current regimen (prandial insulin, interacting drugs, meal and exercise timing).
      - The patient must be experiencing inconsistent blood sugars after a 90-day trial with good compliance, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts of each of the following:
        - Lantus
        - Levemir
    - Basal insulin requirement is less than 100 units per day
    - **Toujeo Solostar 300 unit/mL:** Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient needs for a smaller volume of insulin (max is 80 units/injection for both Insulin glargine 300 units/mL and 100 units/mL. Patients using Insulin glargine 300 unit/mL may require more basal insulin than those receiving 100 units/mL).
  - **Toujeo Solostar 100 unit/mL and 300 unit/mL and Tresiba 100 unit/mL Renewal Criteria: Approval 12 months**
    - The patient must have experienced at least one of the following, as evidenced by provided clinical notes or labs:
      - Reduction in frequency and/or severity of hypoglycemia
      - Improved glycemic control (A1C)

Rapid Acting Insulin	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
APIDRA (insulin glulisine) VIAL	ADMELOG (insulin lispro) VIAL
APIDRA SOLOSTAR (insulin glulisine) INSULIN PEN	ADMELOG SOLOSTAR (insulin lispro) INSULIN PEN
HUMULIN R (insulin regular, human) VIAL	AFREZZA (insulin regular, human)
Insulin aspart flexpen	FIASP (insulin aspart) CARTRIDGE***
Insulin aspart cartridge	FIASP (insulin aspart) SYRINGE***
Insulin aspart syringe	FIASP (insulin aspart) VIAL***
Insulin aspart vial	HUMALOG U-100 (insulin lispro) KWIKPEN
Insulin lispro junior	HUMALOG (insulin lispro) VIAL
Insulin lispro vial	HUMALOG (insulin lispro) CARTRIDGE
Insulin lispro insulin pen	HUMALOG U-200 (insulin lispro) KWIKPEN
NOVOLIN R (insulin regular, human) VIAL	HUMALOG JUNIOR KWIKPEN (insulin lispro)
	LYUMJEV (Insulin lispro-aabc) KWIKPEN
	LYUMJEV (Insulin lispro-aabc) VIAL

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	NOVOLOG (insulin aspart) CARTRIDGE
	NOVOLOG (insulin aspart) FLEXPEN
	NOVOLOG (insulin aspart) VIAL
<b>Intermediate Acting Insulin</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
NOVOLIN N (insulin NPH human isophane) FLEXPEN	HUMULIN N (insulin NPH human isophane) VIAL
HUMULIN R (Insulin regular, human) U-500 KWIKPEN	HUMULIN N (insulin NPH human isophane) KWIKPEN
HUMULIN R U-500 (insulin regular, human) VIAL	NOVOLIN N (insulin NPH human isophane) VIAL
<b>Long Acting Insulin</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
LANTUS (insulin glargine) SOLOSTAR	BASAGLAR KWIKPEN U-100 (insulin glargine)
LANTUS (insulin glargine) VIAL	TOUJEO SOLOSTAR (insulin glargine)***
LEVEMIR (insulin detemir) VIAL	TRESIBA (insulin degludec) FLEXTOUCH U-100***
LEVEMIR (insulin detemir) FLEXTOUCH	TRESIBA (insulin degludec) VIAL***
TOUJEO MAX SOLOSTAR (insulin glargine)	
TRESIBA (insulin degludec) FLEXTOUCH U-200	
<b>Mixed Insulin</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
HUMALOG MIX 50/50 (insulin NPL/insulin lispro) KWIKPEN	Insulin lispro mix 75/25 kwikpen
HUMALOG MIX 75/25 (insulin NPL/insulin lispro) KWIKPEN – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	NOVOLIN 70-30 (insulin NPH human/regular insulin human) VIAL
HUMALOG MIX 50/50 (insulin NPL/insulin lispro) VIAL	NOVOLIN 70-30 (insulin NPH human/regular insulin human) FLEXPEN
HUMALOG MIX 75/25 (insulin NPL/insulin lispro) VIAL	NOVOLOG MIX 70/30 (insulin aspart protamine/insulin aspart) FLEXPEN
HUMULIN 70/30 (insulin NPH human/regular insulin human) VIAL	NOVOLOG MIX 70/30 (insulin aspart protamine/insulin aspart) VIAL
HUMULIN 70/30 (insulin NPH human/regular insulin human) KWIKPEN	
Insulin aspart protamine/insulin aspart insulin pen	
Insulin aspart protamine/insulin aspart vial	

## Rosiglitazone

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- The patient must have failed a 30-day trial of pioglitazone, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred agents and other classes of medication (subject to clinical review)

++ Clinically Non-preferred: Pioglitazone has a potential benefit over rosiglitazone for ASCVD.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Pioglitazone	++Rosiglitazone

## SGLT2 Inhibitors

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred SGLT2 inhibitor of a unique active ingredient, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

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- The patient is currently stable on a metformin-containing agent, with good compliance in the past 3 months, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts (patients with GI intolerances to high dose IR metformin should trial at minimum a dose of 500mg ER).

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
FARXIGA (dapagliflozin)	STEGLATRO (ertugliflozin)
INVOKANA (canagliflozin)	STEGLATROMET (ertugliflozin/metformin)
INVOKAMET (canagliflozin)	
INVOKAMET XR (canagliflozin/metformin)	
JARDIANCE (empagliflozin)	
SYNJARDY (empagliflozin/metformin)	
SYNJARDY XR (empagliflozin/metformin)	
XIGDUO XR (dapagliflozin/metformin)	

## Sulfonylureas

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have failed a 30-day trial of glipizide, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred agents and other classes of medication (subject to clinical review).

++Clinically Non-preferred: Glyburide is not recommended due to hypoglycemia

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Glimepiride	++glyburide
Glipizide	++glyburide/metformin
Glipizide/Metformin	++glyburide, micronized
Glipizide ER	++GLYNASE (glyburide, micronized)

## Growth Hormone

### [Prior Authorization Form - Growth Hormone](#)

#### **Group Criteria:**

- Patients new to GH therapy must meet the criteria below and be started on a preferred growth hormone.
  - Patients continuing GH therapy and having met the criteria listed below must be switched to a preferred growth hormone.
- For Initial or Renewal Requests:**
  - Patient must have a diagnosis of a **covered indication** (listed below):
    - Multiple pituitary hormone deficiencies caused by a known hypothalamic-pituitary disease or its treatment (brain surgery and/or radiation)
    - Turner's syndrome
    - SHOX syndrome
    - Noonan syndrome
    - Chronic renal insufficiency
    - Prader-Willi syndrome
    - Endogenous growth hormone deficiency
  - For all covered indications:
    - Patient must not have active malignancy
    - Prescriber must be an endocrinologist or nephrologist, or prescriber must have at least one annual consultation about the patient with the pediatric specialty.

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- Patient must not have epiphyseal closure and must still be growing, unless one of the below exceptions is present:
  - Exceptions:
    - Patient has a diagnosis of Prader-Willi syndrome
    - Patient has a diagnosis of endogenous growth hormone deficiency - and is experiencing hypoglycemic episodes without growth hormone and growth hormone is needed to maintain proper blood glucose.
  - Diagnosis of chronic renal insufficiency (additional criteria):
    - Patient must not have received a renal transplant.
    - Patient must consult with a dietitian to maintain a nutritious diet.
  - Diagnosis of Prader-Willi syndrome (additional criteria):
    - Sleep apnea must be ruled out by sleep study in obese patients.
    - Patient must consult with a dietitian to maintain a nutritious diet.
- **Additional Criteria for Initial Authorization Requests:**
  - Diagnosis of endogenous growth hormone deficiency:
    - Must meet ONE of below criteria (A OR B)
      - A. Patients with multiple pituitary hormone deficiencies caused by a known hypothalamic-pituitary disease or its treatment (brain surgery and/or radiation) must have an IGF-1 or IGFBP-3 level of less than SDS 1.3.
      - B. Patient must have had two GH stimulation tests by insulin, levodopa, L-arginine, propranolol, clonidine, or glucagon with a maximum peak of < 10ng/mL after stimulation no more than 6 months apart
- **Additional Criteria for Subsequent Authorization**
  - For all covered indications:
    - Patient must have been compliant with growth hormone (last 6 fills must have been on time).
  - Diagnosis of Prader-Willi syndrome (additional criteria):
    - If patient is obese, BMI must have decreased. If patient is not obese, BMI must have maintained or decreased.

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
GENOTROPIN (somatropin)	NUTROPIN AQ (somatropin)
GENOTROPIN MINIQUEL (somatropin)	OMNITROPE (somatropin)
NORDITROPIN FLEXPRO (somatropin)	SAIZEN (somatropin)
	ZOMACTON (somatropin)

## Serostim

### [Prior Authorization Form - Growth Hormone](#)

#### **Product Specific Criteria (Initial):**

- Patient must have a diagnosis of treatment of HIV with wasting cachexia
- Patient must not have an active malignancy
- Prescriber must be experienced in the diagnosis and management of HIV infection
- Patient must be on concomitant antiretroviral therapy
- Patient must have failed a 3-month trial with Megace, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy Printouts

#### **Product Specific Criteria (Renewal):**

- Lean body mass and body weight must have increased in the past 12 weeks
- Physical endurance must have increased in past 12 weeks
- Patient must not have completed 48 weeks of continuous treatments

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## Zorbtive

### [Prior Authorization Form - Growth Hormone](#)

#### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- Patient must not have active malignancy
- Patient must have diagnosis of short bowel syndrome
- Patient must be receiving specialized nutritional support
- Treatment duration must not be longer than 4 weeks

## Osteoporosis

### [Electronic Diagnosis Verification](#)

- Risedronate 30mg requires FDA indication of Paget's Disease of the bone and is not indicated for osteoporosis

### [Prior Authorization Form - Osteoporosis](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria (Initial):** *Approval Duration = 2 years*

- The patient must have a diagnosis of an FDA-approved indication for use
- The patient must have a current BMD T-score  $\leq -2.5$  OR new fracture after a 6-month trial of each of the following, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
  - Alendronate or Risedronate
  - Denosumab
- Patient must be at high risk of fracture, confirmed by at least one of the following:
  - The patient with a history of hip or vertebral fracture
  - The patient with a T-score of  $-2.5$  or lower at the femoral neck or spine
  - The patient who have a T-score of between  $-1.0$  and  $-2.5$  at the femoral neck or spine and a ten-year hip fracture risk of  $\geq 3\%$  as assessed with the FRAX
  - 10-year risk of a major osteoporosis-related fracture of  $\geq 20\%$  as assessed with the FRAX

#### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- **\*\*\* Alendronate oral solution:**
  - The patient must be unable to ingest solid dosage form as evidenced by swallow study documentation
- **\*\*\*Tymlos and Miacalcin:**
  - The patient must have a current BMD T-score  $\leq -2.5$  OR new fracture after a 6-month trial of Forteo (Teriparatide), as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
- **\*\*\* Teriparatide:**
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why Forteo is unable to be used (subject to clinical review).

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Alendronate	ACTONEL (risedronate)
Alendronate oral solution <sup>PA***</sup>	EVISTA (Raloxifene)
Calcitonin, Salmon Nasal Spray	FORTEO (Teriparatide)
Ibandronate	MIACALCIN (Calcitonin, Salmon)***
PROLIA (Denosumab)	Teriparatide***
Raloxifene	TYMLOS (Abaloparatide)***
Risedronate	

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## Pituitary Suppressants

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ELIGARD (leuprolide)	
LUPRON DEPOT (leuprolide)	
SUPPRELIN LA (histrelin)	
SYNAREL (nafarelin)	
TRESTAR (triptorelin)	
TRIPTODUR (triptorelin)	
VANTAS (histrelin)	
ZOLADEX (goserelin)	

## Gastrology

### Constipation – Irritable Bowel Syndrome/Opioid Induced

#### *Therapeutic Duplication*

- One medication is allowed at a time

#### Idiopathic Constipation

##### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

##### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must be 18 years of age or older.
- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had 30-day trials of each of the following, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
  - Amitiza and Linzess

##### **Product Specific Criteria**

- \*\*\*Motegrity: The patient must have had a 30 day trial with Trulance, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
AMITIZA (lubiprostone)	LINZESS (linaclotide) 72 mcg
LINZESS (linaclotide) 145 mcg, 290 mcg	MOTTEGRITY (prucalopride)
	TRULANCE (plecanatide)

### Opioid-Induced Constipation:

#### *Electronic Step Care and Concurrent Medications*

- Medications indicated for opioid-induced constipation should be discontinued when opioids are stopped.
  - A total of 30 days of opioid analgesics must be paid within 40 days prior to requested Movantik, Symproic, or Relistor's date of service

#### *Prior Authorization Criteria*

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##### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must be 18 years of age or older.
- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).

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- The patient must be currently receiving an opioid agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- The patient must have had 30-day trials of each of the following, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
  - Amitiza and Movantik

#### **Non-Oral Dose Formulations Criteria:**

- The patient must be unable to ingest solid dosage form as evidenced by swallow study documentation

Solid Oral Dose Formulations	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
AMITIZA (lubiprostone)	RELISTOR (methylnaltrexone) TABLET
MOVANTIK (naloxegol)	SYMPROIC (naldemedine)
Non-Oral Dose Formulations	
PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
RELISTOR (methylnaltrexone) SYRINGE	
RELISTOR (methylnaltrexone) VIAL	

## Diarrhea

### *Electronic Step Care and Concurrent Medications*

- **Xifaxan:** Xifaxan 550mg does not require prior authorization for hepatic encephalopathy if used concurrently with lactulose
  - A total of 30 days of Lactulose must be paid within 65 days prior to Xifaxan's date of service

### *Prior Authorization Criteria*

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#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- Initial Criteria: *Approval Duration = 3 months*
  - The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis, age, and duration of treatment). The provider must submit medication documentation confirming that infectious and medication-induced etiologies of diarrhea have been ruled out
  - The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- Renewal Criteria: *Approval Duration = 12 months*
  - The patient must have experienced and maintained clinical benefit since starting treatment with requested product, as evidenced by medical documentation (e.g. chart notes) attached to the request (subject to clinical review)

## Irritable Bowel Syndrome

#### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- **\*\*\*alosetron:**
  - The patient must be a female.
- **\*\*\* dicyclomine Oral Syrup:** The patient must be unable to ingest solid dosage form as evidenced by swallow study documentation

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED):
dicyclomine Capsule	alosetron***
dicyclomine Tablet	dicyclomine oral syrup***
diphenoxylate/atropine	LOMOTIL (diphenoxylate/atropine)
loperamide	VIBERZI (eluxadoline)
LOTROXEX (alosetron)*** - <i>Brand Preferred</i>	XIFAXAN (rifaximin) 550 mg tablet

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## HIV/AIDs

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PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Diphenoxylate/Atropine	LOMOTIL (Diphenoxylate/Atropine)
Loperamide	MYTESI (Crofelemer)

## Digestive Enzymes

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#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- A 30-day trial of all PREFERRED AGENTS will be required before a non-preferred agent will be authorized unless patient stable on a pancreatic enzyme written by a gastroenterologist or pancreas disease specialist

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
CREON (lipase/protease/amylase)	PANCREAZE (lipase/protease/amylase)
ZENPEP (lipase/protease/amylase)	PERTZYE (lipase/protease/amylase)
	VIOKACE (lipase/protease/amylase)

## Nausea/Vomiting

### Chemo Induced

#### [Prior Authorization Form - Nausea/Vomiting](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 6 months or until last day of chemotherapy*

- The patient must have diagnosis of nausea and/or vomiting
  - Prescriber must be an oncologist
  - The patient must be receiving a moderately or highly emetogenic chemotherapy
  - The final date of chemotherapy treatment must be provided with the request
  - Patient must have failed a 3-day trial of each preferred product(s) in the same class within the last 6 months as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy print outs
  - Patient must not have failed preferred chemical entity with same active ingredient as requested product due to side effects
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NK1 RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
AKYNZEO (Netupitant/Palonosetron)	Aprepitant Capsule
VARUBI (Rolapitant) TABLET	EMEND (Aprepitant) CAPSULE
	EMEND (Aprepitant) SUSPENSION
5-HT3 RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
AKYNZEO (Netupitant/Palonosetron)	SANCUSO (Granisetron) PATCH
Granisetron tablet	ZOFRAN (Ondansetron) TABLET
Ondansetron ODT	SUSTOL (granisetron) SYRINGE
Ondansetron solution	
Ondansetron tablet	
CANNABINOIDS	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Dronabinol Capsule	MARINOL (Dronabinol) CAPSULE

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## Pregnancy

### [Prior Authorization Form - Nausea/Vomiting](#)

**Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 3 months or until due date*

- Patient must have diagnosis of nausea and vomiting of pregnancy
- Patient's due date must be provided
- The prescriber must submit medical justification explaining why the patient cannot use a preferred product (subject to clinical review)

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
BONJESTA (doxylamine/vitamin B6)	Doxylamine/Vitamin B6
DICLEGIS (doxylamine/vitamin B6) – <i>Brand Required</i>	
meclizine	
metoclopramide	
ondansetron	

## Proton Pump Inhibitor

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### Therapeutic Duplication

- One strength of one medication is allowed at a time
- Proton Pump Inhibitors is not allowed with:
  - H2 Blockers
  - Esomeprazole or omeprazole are not covered with Clopidogrel. Other PPIs such as pantoprazole are covered with clopidogrel.
    - Clopidogrel is a substrate for 2C19 and esomeprazole and omeprazole are strong 2C19 inhibitors and can decrease effectiveness of Clopidogrel.
  - Dextroamphetamine/Amphetamine ER
    - Proton Pump Inhibitors increase blood levels and potentiate the action of amphetamine. Co-administration of Adderall XR and gastrointestinal or urinary alkalinizing agents should be avoided

### Electronic Age Verification

- Nexium 2.5mg and 5mg Packet: The patient must be less than 1 years old (or less than 7.5kg)

### Electronic Step Care and Concurrent Medications

- Non-Preferred Step 1 Agents: Use least expensive proton pump inhibitors must be trialed first
  - A total of 28 days of 2 preferred agents at max dose must be paid within 90 days prior to step 1 agents date of service.

### Prior Authorization Criteria

#### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

**Group Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 6 months*

**Non-Preferred Agents Criteria: Step 2 Agents:**

- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the other agents (subject to clinical review).
- Non-Solid Dosage Forms: The patient must have feeding tube in place

## Solid Dosage Forms

### SOLID DOSAGE FORMS

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PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED STEP 1 AGENTS (ELECTRONIC STEP)	NON-PREFERRED STEP 2 AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
DEXILANT (dexlansoprazole)	Esomeprazole magnesium	NEXIUM (esomeprazole)
Lansoprazole	Rabeprazole	Omeprazole-Sodium bicarbonate
Omeprazole		PREVACID (Lansoprazole)
Pantoprazole		PRILOSEC (Omeprazole)
		PROTONIX (Pantoprazole)

## Non-Solid Dosage Forms

NON-SOLID DOSAGE FORMS		
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED STEP 1 AGENTS (ELECTRONIC STEP)	NON-PREFERRED STEP 2 AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
NEXIUM (esomeprazole) PACKET – Brand Preferred	PRILOSEC PACKET (omeprazole)	ACIPHEX SPRINKLE (rabeprazole)
Omeprazole ODT		Esomeprazole solution packet
PREVACID (Lansoprazole) SOLUTAB – Brand Preferred		Lansoprazole ODT
PROTONIX (pantoprazole) PACKET		Omeprazole-sodium bicarbonate packet
		Pantoprazole packet
		Rabeprazole Sprinkle

## Vancomycin - Oral

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:** Approval Duration = 5 days

- The patient must have diagnosis of *Clostridium difficile*-associated diarrhea (CDAD)
- The patient must be 18 years of age or older
- The patient must have failed a 10-day trial with a preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
- Request must be for treatment of the first recurrence for a patient whose initial episode was treated with Dificid

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
FIRVANQ (vancomycin) SOLUTION 25mg/mL	DIFICID (fidaxomicin) TABLET
Vancomycin capsule	FIRVANQ (vancomycin) SOLUTION 50mg/mL
Vancomycin solution 50mg/mL	VANCOCIN (vancomycin) CAPSULE

## Genetic and Rare Disease

### Cystic Fibrosis

#### Cystic Fibrosis - Inhaled Antibiotics

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- **\*\*\*Tobi Podhaler:**
  - The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
  - The patient must have had a 28-day trial of a preferred nebulized product, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- **\*\*\*Cayston:**

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- The patient must be colonized with *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.
- The patient must have had a 28-day trial of TOBI Podhaler, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- **\*\*\*Arikayce:**
  - The patient must be colonized with *Mycobacterium avium* complex (MAC).
  - The patient must have not achieved negative sputum cultures after a minimum duration of 6 consecutive months of background treatment with a macrolide, a rifamycin, and ethambutol.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
BETHKIS (tobramycin)	ARIKAYCE (amikacin/nebulizer) ***
KITABIS PAK (tobramycin/nebulizer) - <i>Brand Preferred</i>	CAYSTON (aztreonam)***
TOBI PODHALER (tobramycin) <sup>PA***</sup>	tobramycin
TOBI (tobramycin) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	tobramycin/nebulizer

## Cystic Fibrosis – CFTR Modulators

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### Group Criteria: Approval Duration = 12 months

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have a CFTR mutation that the requested medication is FDA-approved to treat, as evidenced by medical documentation (e.g. chart notes, genetic testing) that is attached to the request

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
KALYDECO (ivacaftor)	
ORKAMBI (lumacaftor/ivacaftor)	
SYMDEKO (tezacaftor/ivacaftor)	
TRIKAFTA (elexacaftor/tezacaftor/ivacaftor)	

## Hereditary Angioedema

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### Category Criteria:

- The patient must have diagnosis of hereditary angioedema, confirmed by a specialist.

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
BERINERT (C1 Esterase Inhibitor)	FIRAZYR (icatibant)
CINRYZE (C1 Esterase Inhibitor)	
HAEGARDA (C1 Esterase Inhibitor)	
icatibant	
KALBITOR (ecallantide)	
RUCONEST (C1 Esterase Inhibitor)	
TAKHZYRO (lanadelumab-FLYO)	

## Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis / Interstitial Lung Disease

### [Prior Authorization Form - Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis](#)

#### Category Criteria:

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The prescriber must be, or in consult with, a pulmonologist or rheumatologist.
- The patient must have forced vital capacity (FVC) ≥ 40% of predicted within prior 60 days
- The patient must have carbon monoxide diffusing capacity (DLCO, corrected for hemoglobin) of 30% to 79% of predicted.

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
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ESBRIET (Pirfenidone)	
OFEV (Nintedanib)	

## Phenylketonuria

### Kuvan:

#### *Underutilization*

- Kuvan must be used compliantly and will reject on point of sale for late fill

#### *Prior Authorization Criteria*

#### [Prior Authorization Form - Phenylketonuria](#)

#### **Criteria for initial requests: Approval Duration = 2 months**

- The patient must have a diagnosis of hyperphenylalaninemia
- The patient must be following a PHE restricted diet
- The patient's weight must be provided
- The patient must be 4 years of age or older
- The patient must not have been known to have two null mutations in TRANS
- Baseline PHE levels must be attached
  - For females of child bearing potential: PHE levels must be above 360 micromoles/liter
  - For males or females unable to bear children: PHE levels must be above 600 micromoles/liter
- Requested initial dose must be 10 mg/kg or less

#### **Criteria for renewal requests: Approval Duration = 12 months**

- The patient's weight must be provided
- If dose is the same or less than previous trial:
  - PHE level must be between 60 and 360 micromoles per liter
- For a dose increase from previous trial:
  - PHE levels must be attached that were taken after 1 month of previous trial
  - The patient's PHE level must be greater than 360 micromoles per liter
  - For increase > 10 mg/kg - patient must have failed a trial of 1 month of 10 mg/kg

### Palynziq:

#### [Prior Authorization Form - Phenylketonuria](#)

#### **Criteria for initial requests: Approval Duration = 6 months**

- The patient must have a diagnosis of hyperphenylalaninemia
- The patient must be following a PHE restricted diet
- The patient must be 18 years of age or older
- PHE levels must be above 600 micromoles/liter
- The patient must have been compliant with diet and medication management for past 6 months.

#### **Criteria for renewal requests: Approval Duration = 12 months**

- **If dose is the same or less than previous trial:**
  - PHE level must be between 60 and 360 micromoles per liter
- **For a dose increase to 40 mg:**
  - PHE levels must be attached that were taken after 24 weeks of 20 mg
  - The patient's PHE level must be greater than 360 micromoles per liter

# Immunology

## Biosimilar Agents

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**Group Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred agents (subject to clinical review)

## Cytokine Modulators

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**Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had a 3-month trial of 2 preferred cytokine modulator agents, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

**Product Specific Criteria:**

- **Skyrizi:**
  - The patient must have had a 3-month trial of 1 non-preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

ANKYLOSING SPONDYLITIS	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ENBREL (etanercept)	CIMZIA (certolizumab)
HUMIRA (adalimumab)	COSENTYX (secukinumab)
TALTZ (ixekizumab)	SIMPONI (golimumab)
BEHCET'S SYNDROME	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
HUMIRA (adalimumab)	
OTEZLA (apremilast)	
CHRONIC INFANTILE NEUROLOGICAL, CUTANEOUS AND ARTICULAR SYNDROME	
PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
KINERET (anakinra)	
CROHN'S DISEASE	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
HUMIRA (adalimumab)	CIMZIA (certolizumab)
	STELARA (ustekinumab)
CYTOKINE RELEASE SYNDROME	
PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ACTEMRA (tocilizumab)	
GIANT CELL ARTERITIS	
PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ACTEMRA (tocilizumab)	
HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
HUMIRA (adalimumab)	
NON-RADIOGRAPHIC AXIAL SPONDYLARTHRTIS	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)

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HUMIRA (adalimumab)	CIMZIA (certolizumab)
TALTZ (ixekizumab)	COSENTYX (secukinumab)
<b>PLAQUE PSORIASIS</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
ENBREL (etanercept)	CIMZIA (certolizumab)
HUMIRA (adalimumab)	COSENTYX (secukinumab)
TALTZ (ixekizumab)	OTEZLA (apremilast)
	SILIQ (brodalumab)***
	SKYRIZI (risankizumab-rzaa)***
	STELARA (ustekinumab)
	TREMFYA (guselkumab)
<b>PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
ENBREL (etanercept)	CIMZIA (certolizumab)
HUMIRA (adalimumab)	COSENTYX (secukinumab)
TALTZ (ixekizumab)	ORENCIA (abatacept)
	OTEZLA (apremilast)
	SIMPONI (golimumab)
	STELARA (ustekinumab)
	TREMFYA (guselkumab)
	XELJANZ (tofacitinib)
	XELJANZ XR (tofacitinib)
<b>RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
ENBREL (etanercept)	ACTEMRA (tocilizumab)
HUMIRA (adalimumab)	CIMZIA (certolizumab)
XELJANZ (tofacitinib)	COSENTYX (secukinumab)
	KEVZARA (sarilumab)
	KINERET (anakinra)
	OLUMIANT (baricitinib)
	ORENCIA (abatacept)
	RINVOQ (upadacitinib)
	SIMPONI (golimumab)
	XELJANZ XR (tofacitinib)
<b>SCHNITZLER SYNDROME</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
KINERET (anakinra)	
<b>ULCERATIVE COLITIS</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
HUMIRA (adalimumab)	SIMPONI (golimumab)
XELJANZ (tofacitinib)	STELARA (ustekinumab)
XELJANZ XR (tofacitinib)	
<b>UVEITIS</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
HUMIRA (adalimumab)	

## Dupixent

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## Asthma

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## Eczema

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## Chronic Rhinosinusitis

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**Initial Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 3 months*

- The patient must meet label recommendations for indication and age.
- Diagnosis has been confirmed by anterior rhinoscopy, nasal endoscopy, or computed tomography (CT)
- The patient must still be experiencing inflammation of paranasal sinuses after 12 weeks of treatment with intranasal or oral corticosteroids and nasal saline irrigations, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

**Renewal Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 9 months*

- The prescriber must provide documentation showing that the patient has achieved a significant reduction in systemic or intranasal corticosteroids and reduction in inflammation.

## Eosinophilic Asthma

[Prior Authorization Form – Eosinophilic Asthma](#)

**Category Criteria (Initial):** *Approval Duration = 3 months*

- The patient must meet label recommendations for indication and age.
- Must be prescribed by, or in consult with, a pulmonologist or allergist/immunologist
- The patient must have had 2 or more asthma exacerbations requiring use of oral corticosteroids in previous year despite continued compliant use of a moderate to high dose inhaled steroid in combination with a long-acting beta agonist (LABA) and long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA) as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts

**Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had a 3-month trial of 1 preferred Eosinophilic Asthma agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

**Category Criteria (Renewal):** *Approval Duration = 3 months*

- The prescriber must provide documentation showing that the patient has achieved a significant reduction in asthma exacerbations and utilization of rescue medications since treatment initiation

## Self-Injectable Products

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
FASENRA (benralizumab)	DUPIXENT (dupilumab)
	NUCALA (mepolizumab)

## Health Professional Administration Only Products

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
CINQUAIR (reslizumab)	
XOLAIR (omalizumab)	

## Epinephrine

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PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
epinephrine – labeler 49502	epinephrine – labeler 00935

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SYMJEPI (epinephrine)	epinephrine – labeler 11516
	EPIPEN (epinephrine)
	EPIPEN (epinephrine) JUNIOR

## Gout

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Category Criteria:**

- **Branded non-preferred agents:** The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each pharmaceutically equivalent preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- **Generic non-preferred agents:** The patient must have had a 30-day trial of a pharmaceutically equivalent preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

#### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- **Uloric:**
  - The patient must have had a 30-day trial of allopurinol, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
- **Gloperba:**
  - The patient must be unable to ingest solid dosage form as evidenced by swallow study documentation

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Allopurinol Tablet	Colchicine Capsules
COLCRYS (Colchicine) TABLETS – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	Colchicine Tablets
MITIGARE (Colchicine) CAPSULE – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	Febuxostat
Probenecid-Colchicine Tablets	GLOPERBA (Colchicine) ORAL SOLUTION
Probenecid Tablets	ULORIC (Febuxostat) TABLET
	ZYLOPRIM (Allopurinol) TABLET

## Immune Globulins

### [Prior Authorization Form - Immune Globulins](#)

#### **Category Criteria:**

- If the patient's BMI > 30, adjusted body weight must be provided along with the calculated dose
- The patient must have a diagnosis of an FDA-approved indication for use
- The patient may qualify for non-preferred product if they are stable on current therapy (have had a paid claim for requested therapy in the past 45 days)

#### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- **Gammagard S/D:**
  - The patient must be intolerant to IgA (i.e., treatment of an autoimmune process in a patient with undetectable levels of IgA)
- **Cutaquig, Cuvitru, Hizentra, Hyqvia or Xembify:**
  - The patient must be unable to tolerate SQ administration with preferred products that can be given subcutaneously.
  - The patient must have failed a trial of at least two of the following, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
    - Gamunex-C
    - Gammaked
    - Gammagard
- **Other Products:**
  - The patient must have failed a trial of at least two of the following, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
    - Gammagard

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- Gamunex-C
- Privigen

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
BIVIGAM (human immunoglobulin gamma)	ASCENIV (human immune globulin G slra)
FLEBOGAMMA DIF (human immunoglobulin gamma)	CUTAQUIG (human immune globulin G solution)
GAMASTAN (human immunoglobulin)	CUVITRU (human immunoglobulin gamma)
GAMASTAN S-D (human immunoglobulin)	GAMMAGARD S-D (human immunoglobulin gamma)
GAMMAGARD LIQUID (human immunoglobulin gamma)	HIZENTRA (human immunoglobulin gamma)
GAMMAKED (human immunoglobulin gamma)	HYQVIA (human immune globulin G and hyaluronidase)
GAMMAPLEX (human immunoglobulin gamma)	PANZYGA (Immune Globulin- IFAS)
GAMUNEX-C (human immunoglobulin gamma)	XEMBIFY (human immune globulin-klhw)
OCTAGAM (human immunoglobulin gamma)	
PRIVIGEN (human immunoglobulin gamma)	

## Palforzia

### [Palforzia Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### Group Criteria:

- **Initial Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 6 months*
  - The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age)
  - The patient does not have any contraindications to treatment
  - The prescriber must be or be in consultation with an allergy and/or immunology specialist
  - The provider must attest that the patient has access to injectable epinephrine, and that the patient/caregiver has been instructed and trained on its appropriate use
  - The patient must not have any of the following:
    - Uncontrolled asthma
    - A history of eosinophilic esophagitis or another eosinophilic GI disease
    - Severe or life-threatening anaphylaxis in the 60 days prior to the request
  - The patient must have a clinical history of allergy to peanuts or peanut-containing foods AND one of the following:
    - The patient has had a serum immunoglobulin E (IgE) to peanut  $\geq 0.35$  kUA/L
    - Skin prick test (SPT) to peanut  $\geq 3$ mm compared to control
    - Allergic reaction produced during a provider observed intake of peanuts
- **Renewal Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 6 months for continued up-titration or 12 months for maintenance the 300mg dose*
  - The patient must have been compliant with Palforzia, as evidenced by pharmacy records or pharmacy claims history showing on-time fills during the last 6 months
  - The patient must not have any of the following:
    - Uncontrolled asthma
    - Severe or persistent GI symptoms
    - Eosinophilic esophagitis
  - The patient must have experienced and maintained clinical benefit since starting treatment with Palforzia, as evidenced by the following:
    - The patient continues to have a peanut allergy and has been/is being monitored for resolution of their allergy
    - The patient has been able to tolerate the maintenance dose of Palforzia (300 mg daily)

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- The prescriber has submitted a plan to continue up-titration to a final dose of 300 mg daily and have not already requested a renewal PA for the up-titration period

## PA REQUIRED

PALFORZIA (peanut allergen powder)

## Steroids - Nasal

[General Prior Authorization Form](#)

### Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:

- The patient must have failed a 30-day trial (within the past 2 years) of 1 preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts

### Product Specific Criteria:

- **\*\*\*Xhance (fluticasone):**
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use another product with the same active ingredient (subject to clinical review)

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
BECONASE AQ (beclomethasone)	flunisolide
Fluticasone	mometasone
OMNARIS (ciclesonide)	XHANCE (fluticasone)***
QNASL (beclomethasone)	
QNASL CHILDREN'S (beclomethasone)	
ZETONNA (ciclesonide)	

## Ulcerative Colitis Agents

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### Category PA Criteria:

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

## Cytokine Modulators

See [Cytokine Modulators](#) Criteria

## Oral

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
APRISO (mesalamine) CAPSULE – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	AZULFIDINE (sulfasalazine)
ASACOL HD (mesalamine) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	AZULFIDINE DR (sulfasalazine)
Balsalazide capsule	COLAZAL (balsalazide)
DELZICOL (mesalamine) CAPSULE– <i>Brand Preferred</i>	Mesalamine DR
DIPENTUM (olsalazine)	Mesalamine ER
LIALDA (mesalamine) TABLET– <i>Brand Preferred</i>	Mesalamine HD
PENTASA (mesalamine)	
Sulfasalazine DR tablet	
Sulfasalazine tablet	

## Rectal

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Mesalamine enema	Mesalamine enema kit

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Mesalamine rectal suppository	ROWASA (mesalamine) ENEMA KIT
	SF ROWASA (mesalamine) ENEMA
	UCERIS (budesonide) RECTAL FOAM

# Infectious Disease

## Antibiotics - Resistance Prevention

### [Prior Authorization Form – Antibiotics – Resistance Prevention](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- **Initial Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 5 days*
  - Patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis & age)
    - Diagnosis must be proven to be caused by a susceptible microorganism by culture and susceptibility testing
  - Medication must be prescribed by an infection disease specialist, an antibiotic stewardship program, or protocol.
  - One of the following criteria must be met (A or B)
    - A. Prescriber must provide evidence-based medical justification for use, explaining why a preferred antibiotic is not an option due to susceptibility, previous failed trials, or other contraindications (subject to clinical review)
    - B. The patient is continuing treatment upon discharge from an acute care facility
- **Renewal Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 5 days*
  - Prescriber must attest that the patient's condition is improving and that it is medically necessary to continue treatment course after re-evaluation of the patient's condition.
  - The total requested duration of use must not be greater than manufacturer labeling or treatment guideline recommendations (whichever is greater).

## Community-Acquired Pneumonia

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Amoxicillin	BAXDELA (Delafloxacin)
Amoxicillin-Clavulanate	FACTIVE (Gemifloxacin)
Azithromycin	XENLETA (Lefamulin)
Cefpodoxime	
Cefuroxime	
Clarithromycin	
Doxycycline	
Levofloxacin	
Linezolid	
Moxifloxacin	

## Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA):

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Clindamycin	BAXDELA (Delafloxacin)
Doxycycline	NUZYRA (Omadacycline)
Linezolid	SIVEXTRO (Tedizolid)
Minocycline	
Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole	

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## *Helicobacter pylori*

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
OMECLAMOX-PAK (Omeprazole/Clarithromycin/Amoxicillin)	HELIDAC (bismuth ssal/metronidazole/tetracycline)
PYLERA (Bismuth Subcitrate Potassium/Metronidazole/Tetracycline)	TALICIA (Omeprazole/Amoxicillin/Rifabutin)
PREVPAC (Lansoprazole/Amoxicillin/Clarithromycin)	

## Antifungals - Aspergillus and Candidiasis Infections

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

**Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:** *Approval Duration = Per label recommendations*

- The request must be for use as prophylaxis of invasive Aspergillus and Candida infections or Oropharyngeal Candidiasis
- The patient must meet one of the following (A or B):
  - The patient must have documented history of failure to all preferred agents as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
  - Prescriber must provide evidence-based medical justification for use, explaining why preferred antifungals are not an option due to susceptibility, previous failed trials, or other contraindications (subject to clinical review)

## Solid formulations

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Clotrimazole	CRESEMBA (Isavuconazonium)
Fluconazole	DIFLUCAN (Fluconazole)
Itraconazole	Posaconazole
NOXAFIL (Posaconazole) – <i>Brand Required</i>	SPORANOX (Itraconazole)
Nystatin	TOLSURA (itraconazole) CAPSULE
ORAVIG (miconazole)	VFEND (Voriconazole)
Terbinafine	
Voriconazole	

## Non-solid oral formulations

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
clotrimazole troche	DIFLUCAN (fluconazole) SUSPENSION
fluconazole suspension	SPORANOX (itraconazole) SOLUTION
NOXAFIL (posaconazole) SUSPENSION	VFEND (voriconazole) SUSPENSION
itraconazole solution	
voriconazole suspension	

## Antimalarial Agents

### *Electronic Step Care and Concurrent Medications*

- A total of 30 days of same active ingredient must be paid within 99 days prior to current claim for hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine. Prior authorization required to initiate treatment.

### *Prior Authorization Criteria*

#### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Group Criteria:**

- The request must be for TREATMENT of malaria (*NOT covered for prophylaxis*)  
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**Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had a trial of a generic quinine in the last 30 days, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy print outs

**Product specific criteria:**

\*\*\*atovaquone/proguanil 62.5-25 MG

- The patient must be less than 18 years old

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
daraprim	ARAKODA (tafenoquine)
hydroxychloroquine	atovaquone/proguanil
quinine	chloroquine
	COARTEM (artemether/lumefantrine)
	KRINTAFEL (tafenoquine)
	MALARONE (atovaquone/proguanil)
	mefloquine
	primaquine
	QUALAQUIN (quinine)

## Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

### Antiretrovirals

#### References

Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents. Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in Adults and Adolescents with HIV. Department of Health and Human Services. Available at <https://clinicalinfo.hiv.gov/sites/default/files/inline-files/AdultandAdolescentGL.pdf>. Accessed (October 9, 2020)

**Category Criteria:**

- **Branded non-preferred agents:** The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each pharmaceutically equivalent preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- **Generic non-preferred agents:** The patient must have had a 30-day trial of a pharmaceutically equivalent preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

#### Integrase Strand Transfer Inhibitors

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
BIKTARVY (bictegravir/emtricitabine/tenofovir)	
DOVATO (dolutegravir/Lamivudine)	
GENVOYA (elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir)	
ISENTRESS (raltegravir)	
JULUCA (dolutegravir/rilpivirine)	
STRIBILD (elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir)	
TIVICAY (dolutegravir)	
TRIUMEQ (abacavir/dolutegravir/lamivudine)	

#### Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ATRIPLA (efavirenz/emtricitabine/tenofovir) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	efavirenz/emtricitabine/tenofovir
COMPLERA (emtricitabine/rilpivirine/tenofovir)	SUSTIVA (efavirenz)
EDURANT (rilpivirine)	
efavirenz	
JULUCA (dolutegravir/rilpivirine)	
ODEFSEY (emtricitabine/rilpivirine/tenofovir)	
PIFELTRO (doravirine)	
rilpivirine	

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SYMFI (efavirenz/lamivudine/tenofovir)	
SYMFI LO (efavirenz/lamivudine/tenofovir)	
<b>NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FIRST LINE USE</b>	
<p><b>Etravirine:</b> Guidelines do not recommend for treatment-naïve patients due to insufficient data. FDA indication is for treatment experienced patients and so should be reserved for salvage therapy, pretreated patients with NNRTI resistance and PI exposure or who have ongoing adverse effects with first line therapies.</p> <p><b>Nevirapine:</b> Guidelines no longer recommend nevirapine for initial treatment of HIV infection in treatment-naïve patients. In resource limited settings, it can be considered as a third agent. Nevirapine demonstrated inferiority relative to efavirenz and is associated with serious and fatal hepatic and rash events.</p>	
etravirine	
INTELENCE (etravirine)	
nevirapine	
nevirapine ER	

### *Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors*

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
abacavir	efavirenz/emtricitabine/tenofovir
abacavir/lamivudine	emtricitabine/tenofovir
ATRIPLA (efavirenz/emtricitabine/tenofovir) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	EPIVIR (lamivudine)
BIKTARVY (bictegravir/Emtricitabine/Tenofovir)	EPZICOM (abacavir)
CIMDUO (lamivudine/tenofovir)	TRIZIVIR (abacavir/lamivudine)
COMPLERA (emtricitabine/rilpivirine/tenofovir)	VIREAD (tenofovir)
DELSTRIGO (doravirine/lamivudine/tenofovir)	ZERIT (stavudine) CAPSULE
DESCOVY (emtricitabine/tenofovir)	ZIAGEN (abacavir)
EMTRIVA (emtricitabine)	
GENVOYA (elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir)	
lamivudine	
ODEFSEY (emtricitabine/rilpivirine/tenofovir)	
SYMFI (efavirenz/lamivudine/tenofovir)	
SYMFI LO (efavirenz/lamivudine/tenofovir)	
STRIBILD (elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir)	
SYMTUZA (darunavir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir)	
tenofovir	
TEMIXYS (Lamivudine/Tenofovir)	
TRIUMEQ (abacavir/dolutegravir/lamivudine)	
TRUVADA (emtricitabine/tenofovir) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	
<b>NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FIRST LINE USE</b>	
<p><b>Abacavir/lamivudine/zidovudine</b> – Guidelines do not recommend ABC/3TC/ZDU (as either a triple-NRTI combination regimen or in combination with tenofovir (TDF) as a quadruple-NRTI combination regimen) due to inferior virologic efficacy.</p> <p><b>Lamivudine/zidovudine</b> – Guidelines do not recommend ZDV/3TC due to greater toxicities than recommended NRTIs (including bone marrow suppression, GI toxicities, skeletal muscle myopathy, cardiomyopathy, and mitochondrial toxicities such as lipoatrophy, lactic acidosis and hepatic steatosis).</p> <p><b>Didanosine</b> – Guidelines do not recommend ddI/3TC or ddI/FTC regimens due to inferior virologic efficacy, limited trial experience in ART-naïve patients, and ddI toxicities (including pancreatitis and peripheral neuropathy). ddI/TDF regimens are not recommended due to high rate of early virologic failure, rapid selection of resistance mutations, potential for immunologic nonresponse/CD4 cell decline, and increased ddI drug exposure and toxicities.</p> <p><b>Stavudine</b> – Guidelines do not recommend d4T/3TC due to significant toxicities (including lipoatrophy, peripheral neuropathy) and hyperlactatemia (including symptomatic and life-threatening lactic acidosis, hepatic steatosis, and pancreatitis)</p>	
abacavir/lamivudine/zidovudine	COMBIVIR (lamivudine/zidovudine)
didanosine	RETROVIR (zidovudine)
lamivudine/zidovudine	VIDEX EC (didanosine)
stavudine	ZERIT (stavudine) CAPSULE
VIDEX (didanosine)	
zidovudine	

### *Post-Attachment Inhibitor*

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
TROGARZO (Ibalizumab-uiyk)	

### *Protease Inhibitor*

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Atazanavir	REYATAZ (atazanavir) CAPSULE
EVOTAZ (atazanavir/cobicistat)	Ritonavir

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NORVIR (ritonavir)	
PREZCOBIX (darunavir/cobicistat)	
PREZISTA (darunavir)	
REYATAZ (atazanavir) POWDER PACK	
SYMTUZA (darunavir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir)	
<b>NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FIRST LINE USE</b>	
<p><b>Fosamprenavir</b> – Guidelines do not recommend use of unboosted FPV or FPV/r due to virologic failure with unboosted FPV-based regimens that may result in selection of mutations that confer resistance to FPV and DRV. There is also less clinical trial data for FPV/r than other RTV-boosted PIs.</p> <p><b>Lopinavir/ritonavir</b> – Guidelines do not recommend LPV/r due to GI intolerance, higher pill burden and higher RTV dose than other PI-based regimens</p> <p><b>Nelfinavir</b> – Guidelines do not recommend use of NFV due to inferior virologic efficacy and diarrhea.</p> <p><b>Saginavir</b> – Guidelines do not recommend use of unboosted SQV due to inadequate bioavailability and inferior virologic efficacy or SQV/r due to high pill burden and QT and PR prolongation.</p> <p><b>Tipranavir</b> – Guidelines do not recommend TPV/r due to inferior virologic efficacy, higher dose of RTV and higher rate of adverse events than other RTV-boosted PIs.</p>	
APTIVUS (tipranavir)	KALETRA (lopinavir/ritonavir) SOLUTION
fosamprenavir	LEXIVA (fosamprenavir)
INVIRASE (saquinavir)	
KALETRA (lopinavir/ritonavir) TABLET	
lopinavir/ritonavir solution	
VIRACEPT (nelfinavir)	

#### Entry Inhibitor

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
<b>NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FIRST LINE USE</b>	
<p><b>Enfuvirtide</b> (Fusion Inhibitor)– Guidelines do not recommend T20 for initial therapy due to twice daily injections, high rate of injection site reactions, and it has only been studied in patients with virologic failure</p> <p><b>Maraviroc</b> (CCR5 Antagonist) – Guidelines do not recommend MVC for initial therapy due to twice daily dosing, no virologic benefit compared to recommended regimens, and required CCR5 tropism testing.</p>	
	FUZEON (enfuvirtide)
	SELZENTRY (maraviroc)

## Diarrhea

### Product Specific Criteria:

\*\*\* Mytesi: [Jump to Criteria](#)

## Loss of Appetite

### Product Specific Criteria:

\*\*\* Dronabinol: [Jump to Criteria](#)

## Wasting Cachexia

### Product Specific Criteria:

\*\*\* Serostim: [Jump to Criteria](#)

# Hepatitis C Treatments

### Electronic Step Care and Concurrent Medications

- A total of 28 days of ribavirin must be billed within the previous 14 days of an Eplusa claim if patient has decompensated cirrhosis (Child Pugh B or C).
  - Eplusa requires prior authorization and after prior authorization is approved, Eplusa will continue to reject for prior authorization unless ribavirin is billed first when it is recommended to be used concurrently.

### Prior Authorization Criteria

### [Prior Authorization Form – Hepatitis C](#)

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## Antivirals

### Category Criteria: Approval duration – based on label recommendations

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- Chronic Hepatitis C must be documented by one of the following:
  - **Liver fibrosis F1 and below:** 2 positive HCV RNA levels at least 6 months apart.
  - **Liver fibrosis F2 and above:** 1 positive HCV RNA test within the last 12 months.
- The patient must be drug (drugs of abuse by injection) and alcohol free as documented by 2 drug and alcohol tests, dated at least 3 months apart, with the most current test completed within 60 days of the request date, in addition to meeting criteria below as applicable:
- **If the patient has a history of alcohol use disorder**, one of the following must be met (A or B)
  - A. The patient must submit an additional alcohol test dated 12 months (+/- 3 months) prior to request date
  - B. All of the following must be met:
    - The patient must have abstained from alcohol for the past 3 months, as evidenced by alcohol tests dated 3 months apart, with most recent test within 30 days of the request date
    - The patient must be receiving treatment from an enrolled addiction medicine/chemical dependency treatment provider, and the provider/facility name must be provided with the request
    - Chart notes must be attached regarding assessment of patient's readiness for treatment including readiness for abstinence from alcohol use during and after treatment
- **If the patient has a history of illicit use of drugs by injection**, one of the following must be met (A or B)
  - A. The patient must submit an additional alcohol test dated 12 months (+/- 3 months) prior to request date
  - B. All of the following must be met
    - The patient must have abstained from illicit use of drugs by injection for the past 3 months, as evidenced by drug tests dated 3 months apart, with most recent test within 30 days of the request date
    - The patient must be receiving treatment from an enrolled addiction medicine/chemical dependency treatment (or buprenorphine waived) provider, and the provider/facility name must be provided with the request
    - Chart notes must be attached regarding assessment of readiness for treatment of the patient including readiness for abstinence from illicit drug use by injection during and after treatment
- The patient must not be receiving a known recreationally used high risk combination of drugs (e.g. "the holy trinity") for the past 6 months.
- Prescriber must be a hepatology, gastroenterology, or infectious disease specialist if the patient has any of the following:
  - Decompensated cirrhosis (Child's Pugh B or C)
  - Status post solid organ transplantation
  - Known or suspected hepatocellular carcinoma
  - Evidence/suspicion of acute liver injury while on HCV treatment
  - Prior hepatitis C treatment with a Direct Acting Antiviral Regimen
  - HIV or HBsAg positive
  - Current pregnancy or breastfeeding
- Prescriber must be, or in consult with, a hepatology, gastroenterology, or infectious disease specialist (including via Project ECHO) if the patient has any of the following:
  - Compensated cirrhosis (Child's Pugh A)
  - Prior hepatitis C treatment with a Direct Acting Antiviral Regimen
- Females using ribavirin must have a negative pregnancy test in the last 30 days and receive monthly pregnancy tests during treatment.
- Patient must have established compliant behavior including attending scheduled provider visits (defined as 1 or less no-shows) and filling maintenance medications on time as shown in the prescription medication history for the past 6 months.

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- Patient must be tested for hepatitis B, and if the test is positive, hepatitis B must either be treated or closely monitored if patient does not need treatment.
- Patient must not have life expectancy of less than 12 months due to non-liver related comorbid conditions.
- Patient and Prescriber attestation forms must be attached to request

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had a trial of each preferred treatment options indicated for the patient's genotype, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
EPCLUSA (sofosbuvir/velpatasvir) <i>Brand Preferred</i> ***	HARVONI (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir) 90mg/400mg tablet
HARVONI (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir) 45 mg/200mg tablet	HARVONI (ledipasvir/sofosbuvir) ORAL PALLET
MAVYRET (glecaprevir/pibrentasvir)***	ledipasvir/sofosbuvir 90mg/400mg tablet
SOVALDI (sofosbuvir) 200 MG TABLET	sofosbuvir/velpatasvir
	SOVALDI (sofosbuvir) 400MG TABLET
	SOVALDI (sofosbuvir) ORAL PALLET
	VIEKIRA PAK (dasabuvir/ombitasvir/paritaprevir/ritonavir)
	VOSEVI (sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir)***
	ZEPATIER (elbasvir/grazoprevir)

## Ribavirin

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ribavirin capsule	
ribavirin tablet	

## Influenza

### *Electronic Age Verification*

- Xofluza: The patient must be 12 years of age or older

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS:
Oseltamivir	TAMIFLU (oseltamivir)
XOFLUZA (baloxavir marboxil)	

# Nephrology/Urology

## Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia

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#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have diagnosis of benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH)
- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
alfuzosin ER	AVODART (dutasteride)
CARDURA XL (doxazosin)	CARDURA (doxazosin)
doxazosin	FLOMAX (tamsulosin)
dutasteride	MINIPRESS (prazosin)
finasteride	PROSCAR (finasteride)
prazosin	RAPAFLO (silodosin)
silodosin	sildenafil

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tamsulosin	tadalafil
terazosin	

## Hematopoietic, Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had a 4-week trial of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ARANESP (darbepoetin alfa)	EPOGEN (epoetin alfa)
PROCRIT (epoetin alfa)	MIRCERA (methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta)
	RETACRIT (epoetin alfa - epbx)

## Hyperkalemia (Chronic)

### [Prior Authorization Form - Hyperkalemia](#)

#### **Group Criteria:**

- **Initial criteria:** *Approval Duration = 3 months*
  - The patient must be 18 years of age or older.
  - Medication must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a nephrologist
  - The patient's current serum potassium level must be exceeding the upper limit of normal, as evidenced by documentation from at least two separate lab values, submitted with the request
  - The patient must not have gastrointestinal motility disorders (e.g. severe constipation, bowel obstruction or impaction, abnormal postoperative bowel motility disorders)
  - One of the following criteria must be met:
    - The patient must have failed 30-day trials with at least two of the following products
      - ❖ Bumetanide, Chlorothiazide, Fludrocortisone, Furosemide, Hydrochlorothiazide, Indapamide, Metolazone, Torsemide
  - The patient must not be receiving the medications known to cause hyperkalemia listed below, OR medical justification must be provided explaining why discontinuation of these agents would be clinically inappropriate in this patient:
    - angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor
    - angiotensin II receptor blocker
    - aldosterone antagonist
    - nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)
- **Renewal Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 6 months*
  - The patient's current serum potassium level is within normal limits or has been significantly reduced from baseline, as evidenced by lab documentation submitted with the request

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
LOKELMA (Sodium Zirconium Cyclosilicate)	VELTASSA (Patiromer)

## Phosphate Binders

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Category Criteria:**

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- The patient must have had 30-day trials of at least 3 preferred agents of a unique active ingredient, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- The patient must have a diagnosis of end-stage renal disease or chronic kidney disease.

## Solid dosage form

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Calcium acetate	AURYXIA (ferric citrate) TABLET
FOSRENOL (lanthanum) CHEWABLE TABLET – <i>brand preferred</i>	Lanthanum chew tab
Sevelamer Carbonate Tablet	RENAGEL (Sevelamer HCl) TABLET
	REVELA (sevelamer carbonate) TABLET
	Sevelamer HCl 400mg Tablet
	Sevelamer HCl 800mg Tablet
	VELPHORO (Sucroferric oxyhydroxide)

## Non-solid dosage form

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
PHOSLYRA (calcium acetate) ORAL solution	FOSRENOL (lanthanum) POWDER PACK
REVELA (sevelamer) POWDER PACK – <i>Brand Required</i>	Sevelamer Powder Pack

## Urinary Antispasmodics

### Step Care and Concurrent Medications

- **Non-Preferred Step 1 Agents:** Use least expensive urinary antispasmodics must be trialed first
  - A total of 30 days of a preferred agent at max dose must be paid within 90 days prior to step 1 agents date of service.

### Therapeutic Duplication

- One strength of one of the following medications is allowed at a time: dutasteride, Jalyn, or finasteride
- Alpha 1 blockers (Alfuzosin ER, Doxazosin, Dutasteride-Tamsulosin, Prazosin, Terazosin, Tamsulosin) are not allowed with carvedilol or labetalol
  - Carvedilol and Labetalol are nonselective beta blockers with alpha 1 blocking activity
- Anticholinergic medications (tolterodine, oxybutynin, trospium, solifenacin) are not covered with Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitors. [Click here](#) for a full listing of medications included.
  - The effects of an anticholinergic (blocks the effect of acetylcholine) and acetylcholinesterase inhibitors (prevents breakdown of acetylcholine) oppose each other and the therapeutic effect of both products is diminished

### Prior Authorization Criteria

#### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of 2 preferred agents, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
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PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED STEP 1 AGENTS (ELECTRONIC STEP)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
flavoxate	tolterodine	darifenacin ER
GELNIQUE (oxybutynin)	tolterodine ER	DETROL (tolterodine)
oxybutynin ER		DITROPAN XL (oxybutynin)
oxybutynin syrup		dutasteride/tamsulosin
oxybutynin tablet		FLOMAX (tamsulosin)
OXYTROL (oxybutynin) PATCH		JALYN (dutasteride/tamsulosin)

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solifenacin		MYRBETRIQ (mirabegron)
tamsulosin		trospium ER
TOVIAZ (fesoterodine)		VESICARE (solifenacin)
trospium		

# Neurology

## Alzheimer's Disease

### Therapeutic Duplication

- One memantine medication is allowed at a time
- Anticholinergic medications are not covered with Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitors (Aricept, Exelon, Razadyne, Pyridostigmine). [Click here](#) for a full listing of medications included.
  - The effects of an anticholinergic (blocks the effect of acetylcholine) and acetylcholinesterase inhibitors (prevents breakdown of acetylcholine) oppose each other and the therapeutic effect of both products is diminished

### Electronic Age Verification

- Patients must be greater than 30 years old or documentation of diagnosis must be provided.

### Prior Authorization Criteria

#### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### Non-Preferred Product Criteria:

- The patient must have a diagnosis of an FDA-approved indication for use
- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of a pharmaceutically equivalent preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- The patient must not reside in facility with skilled nursing care.

#### Product Specific Criteria:

- Donepezil 23mg:
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred products (subject to clinical review).

Cholinesterase Inhibitors	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Donepezil 5mg, 10mg Tablet	ARICEPT (donepezil)
EXELON (rivastigmine) PATCH – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	Donepezil ODT
Galantamine Tablet	Donepezil 23mg Tablet
Galantamine ER	Galantamine oral solution
Rivastigmine Capsule	RAZADYNE (galantamine)
	RAZADYNE ER (galantamine)
	Rivastigmine patch
NMDA Receptor Antagonists	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Memantine	Memantine oral solution
	Memantine ER
	NAMENDA (memantine)
	NAMENDA XR (memantine)
Cholinesterase Inhibitors / NMDA Receptor Antagonist Combinations	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
NAMZARIC (memantine/donepezil)	

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## Anticonvulsants

### Therapeutic Duplication

- One Vimpat strength is allowed at a time
- Lyrica and Gabapentin are not allowed together
- Lyrica and Gabapentin oral solutions are not allowed with benzodiazepines, muscle relaxant, or narcotic tablets or capsules
  - If a patient can swallow, they should be transitioned to a tablet or capsule formulation

### Electronic Diagnosis Verification

- **Diacomit, Epidiolex, Fentepla:** The patient must have a FDA approved diagnosis

### Electronic Step Care and Concurrent Medications

- Diacomit is FDA approved to be used in combination with clobazam.
  - A total of 28 days of clobazam must be paid within 45 days prior to Diacomit (stiripentol)

### Prior Authorization Criteria

#### Group Criteria:

- **Branded non-preferred agents:** The patient must have had a 30-day trial of 2 pharmaceutically equivalent preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- **Generic non-preferred agents:** The patient must have had a 30-day trial of a pharmaceutically equivalent preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

## Anticonvulsant Prevention

Carbamazepine Derivatives	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED):
carbamazepine chewable tablet	carbamazepine XR tablet
carbamazepine ER capsule	CARBATROL (carbamazepine)
carbamazepine oral suspension	EPITOL (carbamazepine)
carbamazepine tablet	EQUETRO (carbamazepine)
oxcarbazepine tablet	oxcarbazepine oral solution
OXTELLAR XR (oxcarbazepine)	TEGRETOL (carbamazepine oral suspension)
TEGRETOL (carbamazepine)	TRILEPTAL (oxcarbazepine)
TRILEPTAL (oxcarbazepine) ORAL SUSPENSION – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	
TEGRETOL XR (carbamazepine) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	
First Generation	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED):
CELONTIN (methsuximide)	DEPAKENE (valproic acid) CAPSULE
clobazam	DEPAKENE (valproic acid) ORAL SOLUTION
clobazam oral solution	DEPAKOTE (divalproex sodium) TABLET
divalproex ER	DEPAKOTE ER (divalproex sodium)
divalproex sprinkle	DEPAKOTE SPRINKLE (divalproex sodium)
divalproex tablet	DILANTIN (phenytoin) CHEWABLE TABLET
ethosuximide capsule	DILANTIN (phenytoin) ORAL SUSPENSION
ethosuximide oral solution	DILANTIN ER (phenytoin)
FELBATOL (felbamate) TABLET– <i>Brand Preferred</i>	felbamate oral suspension
FELBATOL (felbamate) ORAL SUSPENSION - <i>Brand Preferred</i>	felbamate tablet
PEGANONE (ethotoin)	MYSOLINE (primidone)
phenobarbital elixir	ONFI (clobazam)
phenobarbital tablet	ONFI (clobazam) ORAL SOLUTION
phenytoin chewable tablet	PHENYTEK (phenytoin)

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phenytoin ER capsule	SYMPAZAN (clobazam)
phenytoin suspension	ZARONTIN (ethosuximide)
primidone	ZARONTIN (ethosuximide) ORAL SOLUTION
valproic acid capsule	
valproic acid oral solution	
<b>Second Generation</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED):</b>
BANZEL (rufinamide) ORAL SUSPENSION	KEPPRA (levetiracetam)
BANZEL (rufinamide) TABLET	KEPPRA (levetiracetam) ORAL SOLUTION
BRIVIACT (brivaracetam)	KEPPRA XR (levetiracetam)
DIACOMIT (stiripentol)	LAMICTAL (lamotrigine)
EPIDIOLEX (cannabidiol)	LAMICTAL (lamotrigine) DOSE PACK
FINTEPLA (fenfluramine) ORAL SOLUTION	LAMICTAL ODT (lamotrigine)
FYCOMPA (perampanel)	lamotrigine chewable tablet
FYCOMPA (perampanel) ORAL SUSPENSION	lamotrigine ER
gabapentin capsule	LYRICA (pregabalin)
gabapentin oral solution	LYRICA (pregabalin) ORAL SOLUTION
gabapentin tablet	NEURONTIN (gabapentin) CAPSULE
GABITRIL (tiagabine) - <i>Brand Preferred</i>	NEURONTIN (gabapentin) ORAL SOLUTION
LAMICTAL ODT (lamotrigine) DOSE PACK	NEURONTIN (gabapentin) TABLET
LAMICTAL ER (lamotrigine) DOSE PACK	QUDEXY XR (topiramate)
LAMICTAL XR (lamotrigine) - <i>Brand Preferred</i>	SPRITAM (levetiracetam)
LAMICTAL (lamotrigine) CHEWABLE TABLET - <i>Brand Preferred</i>	SUBVENITE (lamotrigine)
lamotrigine dose pack	tiagabine
lamotrigine ODT	TOPAMAX (topiramate)
lamotrigine tablet	TOPAMAX (topiramate) SPRINKLE CAPSULE
levetiracetam ER	VIGADRONE (vigabatrin)
levetiracetam oral solution	vigabatrin
levetiracetam tablet	vigabatrin powder pack
pregabalin	ZONEGRAN (zonisamide)
pregabalin oral solution	
SABRIL (vigabatrin) - <i>Brand Preferred</i>	
SABRIL (vigabatrin) POWDER PACK - <i>Brand Preferred</i>	
topiramate ER	
topiramate sprinkle capsule	
topiramate tablet	
TROKENDI XR (topiramate)	
XCOPRI (cenobamate)	
zonisamide	
<b>Third Generation</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED):</b>
APTOM (Eslicarbazepine)	
VIMPAT (lacosamide)	
VIMPAT (lacosamide) ORAL SOLUTION	

## Anticonvulsant treatment

<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED):</b>
DIASTAT PEDIATRIC (diazepam) RECTAL GEL – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	Diazepam pediatric rectal gel
DIASTAT ACUDIAL (diazepam) RECTAL GEL – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	Diazepam rectal gel
NAYZILAM (midazolam) SPRAY	
VALTOCO (diazepam) SPRAY	

## Emflaza

### [Prior Authorization Form - Emflaza](#)

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**Initial Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 6 months*

- The patient must be 2 years of age or older
- The patient must have diagnosis of Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) confirmed by the documented presence of abnormal dystrophin or a confirmed mutation of the dystrophin gene
- Onset of weakness must have occurred before 2 years of age
- The medication must be prescribed by or in consultation with a physician who specializes in the treatment of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) and/or neuromuscular disorders
- The patient must have serum creatinine kinase activity of at least 10 times the upper limit of normal (ULN) prior to initiating treatment
- The patient must have failed a 6-month trial of prednisone due to inadequate treatment response, intolerance, or contraindication, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
- The provider must submit baseline motor milestone score results from at least ONE the following assessments:
  - i. 6-minute walk test (6MWT)
  - ii. North Star Ambulatory Assessment (NSAA)
  - iii. Motor Function Measure (MFM)
  - iv. Hammersmith Functional Motor Scale (HFMS)
- The patient must have ONE of the following significant intolerable adverse effects supported by documentation:
  - i. Cushingoid appearance
  - ii. Central (truncal) obesity
  - iii. Undesirable weight gain (>10% of body weight gain increase over 6-month period)
  - iv. Diabetes and/or hypertension that is difficult to manage
  - v. Severe behavioral adverse effect

**Renewal Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 12 months*

- The patient must have ONE of the following (A or B)
  - Improvement in motor milestone score from baseline from ONE the following assessments:
    - i. 6MWT – improvement of 20 meters from baseline
    - ii. NSAA – improvement of 2 points from baseline
    - iii. MFM – improvement of 2 points from baseline
    - iv. HFMS – improvement of 2 points from baseline
  - The patient must have had improvement of adverse effects experienced on prednisone supported by documentation:
    - i. Cushingoid appearance
    - ii. Central (truncal) obesity
    - iii. Undesirable weight gain (>10% of body weight gain increase over 6-month period)
    - iv. Diabetes and/or hypertension that is difficult to manage
    - v. Severe behavioral adverse effect

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Prednisone	EMFLAZA (deflazacort)

## Headache/Migraine

### Prophylaxis of Migraine – CGRP Inhibitors

#### [Prior Authorization Form –Migraine/Cluster Headache Prophylaxis](#)

**Group Criteria:**

- **Initial (approval duration: 3 months):**
  - Patient must experience 3 or more migraine days per month.
  - The patient must have had 2-month trials of at least two of the following agents from different therapeutic classes, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
    - amitriptyline, atenolol, divalproex sodium, metoprolol, nadolol, propranolol, timolol, topiramate, venlafaxine

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- Prescriber must submit documentation, including clinical notes regarding failure of prior treatments to reduce migraine frequency after 2-month trial.
- **Renewal:**
  - The patient must have experienced at least a 50% reduction in migraines from baseline, since starting treatment with a CGRP inhibitor.

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had a 3-month trial of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
AJOVY (fremanezumab-vfrm)	AIMOVIG (erenumab-aooe)
EMGALITY (galcanzumab-gnlm)	

## Treatment of Migraine

### *Therapeutic Duplication*

- One strength of one medication is allowed at a time

### *Prior Authorization Criteria*

#### General Prior Authorization Form

#### **Group Criteria:**

- Within the past 2 years, the patient must have had 30-day trials of two triptans (5HT-1 agonists), as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

#### **Non-Preferred Agents:**

- Within the past 2 years, the patient must have had a 30-day trial of the preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

## Non-Triptan Agents

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
NURTEC ODT (rimegepant)	CAMBIA (diclofenac potassium) POWDER PACK
	D.H.E.45 (dihydroergotamine) INJECTION
	dihydroergotamine injection
	dihydroergotamine nasal spray
	ERGOMAR (ergotamine) SL TABLET
	MIGERGOT (ergotamine/caffeine) RECTAL SUPPOSITORY
	MIGRANAL (dihydroergotamine) SPRAY
	REYVOW (Lasmiditan)
	UBRELVY (Ubrogepant)

## Triptans (5HT-1 agonists)

*Approval Duration = 6 months*

#### **All (Preferred and Non-Preferred) Non-Oral Dosage Form Agents:**

- Patients must not be able to take oral medications (as evidenced by swallow study documentation):

#### **Non-Preferred Step 1 Agents Criteria:**

- Patients 18 years old or older: The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- Patients 6 to 17 years of age: The patient must have had a 30-day trial of rizatriptan, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

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### **Non-preferred step 2 agents:**

- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each available preferred triptan agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use all other products (subject to clinical review).

Solid Oral Dosage Forms		
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	PREFERRED STEP 1 AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED STEP 2 AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
RELPAK (eletriptan) TABLET – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	Naratriptan Tablet	Almotriptan Tablet
Rizatriptan tablet	Zolmitriptan Tablet	AMERGE (naratriptan) TABLET
Sumatriptan tablet		Eletriptan Tablet
		FROVA (frovatriptan) TABLET
		Frovatriptan Tablet
		IMITREX (sumatriptan) TABLET
		MAXALT (rizatriptan) TABLET
		Sumatriptan/Naproxen Tablet
		TREXIMET (Sumatriptan/Naproxen) TABLET
		ZOMIG (zolmitriptan) TABLET
Non-Solid Oral Dosage Form		
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	PREFERRED STEP 1 AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED STEP 2 AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Rizatriptan ODT	Zolmitriptan ODT	MAXALT MLT (rizatriptan)
		ZOMIG ODT (zolmitriptan)
Non-Oral Dosage Forms		
PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	PREFERRED STEP 1 AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED STEP 2 AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ONZETRA XSAIL (sumatriptan) NASAL SPRAY	ZOMIG (zolmitriptan) NASAL SPRAY	IMITREX (sumatriptan) CARTRIDGE
		IMITREX (sumatriptan) PEN INJCTR
		IMITREX (sumatriptan) SPRAY
		Sumatriptan Cartridge
		Sumatriptan Pen Injctr
		Sumatriptan Spray
		Sumatriptan Syringe
		Sumatriptan Vial
		TOSYMRA (Sumatriptan) NASAL SPRAY
		ZEMBRACE SYMTOUCH (Sumatriptan)

## **Cluster Headache**

### **Initial PA Criteria:** *Approval Duration: 3 months*

- Patient must meet ICHD-3 criteria for diagnosis of cluster headache:
  - Severe or very severe unilateral orbital, supraorbital and/or temporal pain lasting 15-180 minutes (during active time course)
  - Either or both of the following:
    - At least one of the following symptoms or signs, ipsilateral to the headache:
      - Conjunctival injection and/or lacrimation
      - Nasal congestion and/or rhinorrhea
      - Eyelid edema
      - Forehead and facial swelling
      - Miosis and/or ptosis

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- A sense of restlessness or agitation
  - Occurring with a frequency between one every other day and 8 per day (during active time course)

### *Cluster Headache Prevention*

#### **Non-preferred agents:**

- Patient must use medication as preventative treatment during episodic cluster headache episodes (cluster periods usually last between 2 weeks and 3 months with pain-free periods lasting at least 3 months), as medication is not indicated for chronic use
- Patient must have had a 2-month trial with verapamil

#### **Renewal PA Criteria:** *Approval Duration: 9 months*

- Prescriber must submit documentation indicating that the members' cluster headaches have been reduced in frequency and/or severity as a result of therapy per patient headache journal

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Topiramate	EMGALITY (Galcanzumab-gnlm)
Verapamil	

### *Cluster Headache Treatment*

#### **Non-preferred agents:**

- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of two unique pharmaceutical preferred agents within the past 24 months, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ONZETRA XSAIL (sumatriptan) NASAL SPRAY	D.H.E.45 (dihydroergotamine) INJECTION
ZOMIG (Zolmitriptan) NASAL SPRAY	Dihydroergotamine (DHE) intranasal
Zolmitriptan oral	Dihydroergotamine Injection
Zolmitriptan ODT	Dihydroergotamine Nasal Spray
	ERGOMAR (ergotamine) SL TABLET
	IMITREX (sumatriptan) CARTRIDGE
	IMITREX (sumatriptan) PEN INJECTR
	IMITREX (sumatriptan) SPRAY
	IMITREX (sumatriptan) VIAL
	MIGRANAL (dihydroergotamine) SPRAY
	Sumatriptan Cartridge
	Sumatriptan intranasal
	Sumatriptan Pen Injctr
	Sumatriptan Spray
	Sumatriptan subcutaneous
	Sumatriptan Syringe
	Sumatriptan Vial
	TOSYMRA (Sumatriptan) NASAL SPRAY
	ZEMBRANCE SYMTOUCH (Sumatriptan)

## Multiple Sclerosis

### Interferons

#### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had a 3-month trial of at least 1 preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

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PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
AVONEX (interferon beta-1A) PEN	EXTAVIA (interferon beta-1B)
AVONEX (interferon beta-1A) SYRINGE	PLEGRIDY (peginterferon beta-1A) PEN
AVONEX (interferon beta-1A) VIAL	PLEGRIDY (peginterferon beta-1A) SYRINGE
BETASERON (interferon beta-1B)	REBIF (interferon beta-1A)
	REBIF REBIDOSE (interferon beta-1A)

## Injectable Non-Interferons

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had a 3-month trial of each of the following, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
  - Copaxone 20mg/mL, Aubagio, Gilenya, Tecfidera, Vumerity, Zeposia,
- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred products (subject to clinical review).

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
COPAXONE (glatiramer) 20 MG/ML – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	COPAXONE (glatiramer) 40 MG/ML
	glatiramer 20mg/ml
	glatiramer 40mg/ml
	GLATOPA (glatiramer)

## Oral Non-Interferons

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had a 3-month trial of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- One of the following must be met (A OR B):
  - The patient must have had a 3-month trial of Copaxone, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
  - If patient has a documented intolerance, hypersensitivity, or labeled contraindication to Copaxone, the patient must have had a 3-month trial interferon beta-1, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
AUBAGIO (teriflunomide)	MAVENCLAD (cladribine)
dimethyl fumarate	MAYZENT (siponimod)
GILENYA (fingolimod)	TECFIDERA (dimethyl fumarate)
	VUMERITY (diroximel fumarate)
	ZEPOSIA (ozanimod)

## Narcolepsy

### *Therapeutic Duplication*

- Sunosi and Wakix are not allowed together
- Provigil and Nuvigil are not allowed together
- Xyrem is not allowed with sleeping medication or benzodiazepines

### *Electronic Step Care and Concurrent Medications*

- Wakix requires titration to 17.8 mg dose with 4.45 mg tablets.

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### Underutilization

- Wakix and Sunosi must be used compliantly and will reject on point of sale for late fill

### Prior Authorization Criteria

#### General Prior Authorization Form

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age)

#### **Diagnosis Specific Criteria:**

- **Narcolepsy:**
  - The patient must have failed 30-day trials of each preferred agent and at least 1 additional CNS stimulant indicated for treatment of narcolepsy, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
  - Provider must submit documentation of prior treatment failure, as evidenced by documentation of one of the following, while on prior treatments:
    - Multiple Sleep Latency Test (MSLT) <8 minutes
    - EPWORTH sleepiness scale score  $\geq 10$
- **Obstructive Sleep Apnea:**
  - The requested agent must be Sunosi
  - The patient must have failed 30-day trials of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
  - Provider must submit documentation of prior treatment failure, as evidenced by documentation of one of the following, while on prior treatments:
    - Multiple Sleep Latency Test (MSLT) <8 minutes
    - EPWORTH sleepiness scale score  $\geq 10$

#### **Renewal Criteria:**

- Provider must submit documentation of symptom improvement, as evidenced by documentation of one of the following, while on prior treatments:
  - Multiple Sleep Latency Test (MSLT) <8 minutes
  - EPWORTH sleepiness scale score  $\geq 10$

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Modafinil	Armodafinil
NUVIGIL (Armodafinil) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	PROVIGIL (Modafinil)
	SUNOSI (Solriamfetol)
	WAKIX (Pitolisant)
	XYREM (Sodium Oxybate)

## Nuedexta

### Prior Authorization Form - Nuedexta

#### **Group Criteria (Initial):** *Approval Duration = 3 months*

- The patient must be 18 years of age or older
- The patient must not have a diagnosis of any of the following: prolonged QT interval, heart failure, or complete atrioventricular (AV) block
- The prescriber must provide the following information:
  - Baseline Center for Neurological Studies lability (CNS-LS) score
  - Baseline weekly PBA episode count

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- The patient must have diagnosis of pseudobulbar affect (PBA) due to one of the following neurologic conditions and meet additional criteria for diagnosis:
    - Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
    - Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
    - Alzheimer’s Disease
    - Stroke
  - **Additional initial criteria for a diagnosis of PBA due to Alzheimer’s disease or stroke:**
    - Neurologic condition must have been stable for at least 3 months
    - Patient must have failed\*\* a 3-month trial of at least one medication from each of the classes listed below (A and B), as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy print outs:
      - A. **SSRIs:** sertraline, fluoxetine, citalopram and paroxetine
      - B. **Tricyclic Antidepressants:** nortriptyline and amitriptyline
    - A PBA episode count and CNS-LS score must be provided for before and after each trial
- \*\*A failure is defined as one of the following:*
- PBA count decreased less than 75 percent, stayed the same, or increased from baseline in each trial
  - CHS-LS score decreased less than 7 points, stayed the same, or increased from baseline in each trial

**Group Criteria (Renewal):** Approval Duration = 6 months

- Benefit of continued therapy must be assessed
- Baseline and current PBA episode count must be included with request
- Current PBA episode must be reduced by at least 75% from baseline
- **Additional initial criteria for a diagnosis of PBA due to Alzheimer’s disease or stroke:**
  - Baseline and current Center for Neurological Studies lability (CNS-LS) must be included with request
  - Current CNS-LS score must be reduced by at least 30% from baseline

## Parkinson’s disease

### *Electronic Step Care and Concurrent Medications*

- Xadago and Nourianz is FDA approved for adjunctive treatment to levodopa/carbidopa.
  - A total of 28 days of levodopa/carbidopa treatment must be paid within 40 days prior to Xadago or Nourianz’s date of service

### *Prior Authorization Criteria*

#### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria (Renewal):**

Documentation of disease stabilization or improvement in disease since initiation of treatment must be provided

## Parkinson’s Agents – Adenosine Receptor Agonist

- **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**
  - The patient must have a diagnosis of an FDA-approved indication for use
  - Medication must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a psychiatrist or neurologist
  - The patient must be currently experiencing intermittent hypomobility or “off” episodes
  - The patient must be currently taking an extended release formulation of carbidopa – levodopa, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts, and will continue taking carbidopa – levodopa concurrently with requested agent
  - The patient must be exhibiting deterioration in quality of response to during levodopa/carbidopa therapy for intermittent hypomobility, or “off” episodes

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- The patient must have had inadequate response to rasagiline and selegiline, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
NOURIANZ (Istradefylline)	

## Parkinson's Agents –Dopaminergic Agents for Intermittent Treatment of Off Episode

### • Group Criteria

- The patient must have a diagnosis of an FDA-approved indication for use
- Medication must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a psychiatrist or neurologist
- The patient must be currently taking an extended release formulation of carbidopa – levodopa, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts, and will continue taking carbidopa – levodopa concurrently with requested agent
- Documentation of intermittent hypomobility or “off” episodes (number and frequency) must be provided
- The patient must have had inadequate response to medications in two of the following classes to reduce number and frequency of OFF episodes, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
  - A monoamine oxidase-B (MAO-B) inhibitor (e.g. rasagiline and selegiline)
  - A dopamine agonist (e.g. pramipexole IR, ropinirole IR)
  - A catechol-O-methyltransferase (COMT) inhibitor (e.g. entacapone)

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
<b>Subcutaneous</b>	
APOKYN (apomorphine)	
<b>Enteral Suspension</b>	
DUOPA (levodopa/carbidopa)	
<b>Oral Inhalation</b>	
INBRIJA (levodopa)	
KYNMOBI (apomorphine)	

## Parkinson's Agents –Non-ergot Dopamine Receptor Agonists Maintenance

### • Non-Preferred Agents Criteria

- The patient must have a diagnosis of an FDA-approved indication for use
- The patient is must not currently be residing in a facility with skilled nursing care
- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred agents (subject to clinical review).
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<b>Maintenance - Oral</b>	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Pramipexole IR	MIRAPEX (pramipexole)
Ropinirole IR	MIRAPEX ER (pramipexole)
Ropinirole ER	Pramipexole ER
	REQUIP (ropinirole)
<b>Maintenance - Topical</b>	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
NEUPRO (Rotigotine) PATCH	

## Parkinson's Agents –Dopamine Precursor

### • Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:

- The patient must have a diagnosis of an FDA-approved indication for use
- The patient is must not currently be residing in a facility with skilled nursing care

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- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred agents (subject to clinical review).

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Carbidopa-levodopa-entacapone	Carbidopa-Levodopa ODT
Carbidopa-Levodopa capsules	RYTARY (Levodopa/Carbidopa)
Carbidopa-Levodopa ER	

## Parkinson's Agents – MAO-B Inhibitors

- **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria**

- The patient must have failed a 30-day trial of selegiline, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts

### Product Specific Criteria:

- **\*\*\*Xadago:**

- The patient must have a diagnosis of an FDA-approved indication for use
- Medication must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a psychiatrist or neurologist
- The patient must be currently experiencing intermittent hypomobility or “off” episodes
- The patient must be currently taking an extended release formulation of carbidopa – levodopa, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts, and will continue taking carbidopa – levodopa concurrently with requested agent
- The patient must be exhibiting deterioration in quality of response to during levodopa/carbidopa therapy for intermittent hypomobility, or “off” episodes
- The patient must have had inadequate response to rasagiline and selegiline, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
AZILECT (Rasagiline) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	EMSAM (Selegiline) PATCH
Selegiline	Rasagiline
ZALAPAR ODT (selegiline)	XADAGO (Safinamide)***

## Parkinson's Agents – COMT inhibitor

- **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria**

- The patient must have failed a 30-day trial of entacapone, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
entacapone	COMTAN (entacapone)
	ONGENTYS (opicapone)
	TASMAR (tolcapone)
	Tolcapone

## Parkinson's Agents – Other

- **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria**

- The patient must have a diagnosis of an FDA-approved indication for use
- The patient is must not currently be residing in a facility with skilled nursing care
- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred agents (subject to clinical review).

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
amantadine IR capsule	amantadine IR tablet
	GOCOVRI (amantadine ER)

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	OSMOLEX ER (amantadine ER)
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## Parkinson's Agents –Ergot Dopamine Receptor Agonists

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Bromocriptine	PARLODEL (bromocriptine)
Cabergoline	

## Parkinson's Agents – Anticholinergics

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Benztropine	COGENTIN (benztropine)
Trihexyphenidyl	

## Tardive Dyskinesia

### *Electronic Step Care and Concurrent Medications*

- Start Ingrezza with Initiation Pack before continuing therapy with 80mg capsules
  - The 30-count 40 mg bottle is not packaged for titration to 80 mg. If therapy is expected to be continued at 40 mg at time of drug initiation, please call for override.

### *Prior Authorization*

#### [Prior Authorization Form – Tardive Dyskinesia](#)

#### **Category Criteria**

- The patient must be 18 years of age or older.
- The prescription must be written by/in consultation with a specialist (neurologist or psychiatrist).
- The patient must have a diagnosis of tardive dyskinesia, including the following:
  - Involuntary athetoid or choreiform movements
  - History of treatment with dopamine receptor blocking agent (DRBA)
  - Symptom duration lasting longer than 4-8 weeks
- The patient must not be taking monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI)
- The patient is not pregnant or breastfeeding

#### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- \*\*\* Austedo/tetrabenazine:**
  - The patient must have a diagnosis of Huntington's disease or Tardive Dyskinesia.
  - The patient must not have hepatic impairment

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
AUSTEDO (deutetrabenazine)***	
INGREZZA (valbenazine)	
tetrabenazine***	

## Ophthalmic

## Antihistamines

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had 30-day trials of at least 3 preferred agents, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ALOCRIIL (nedocromil)	Epinastine

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ALOMIDE (Iodoxamide)	Olopatadine 0.2%
Azelastine	ZERVIAE (cetirizine)
BEPREVE (bepotastine)	
Cromolyn	
LASTACRAFT (alcaftadine)	
Olopatadine 0.1%	
PAZEO (olopatadine)	

## Anti-infectives

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had 3-day trials of at least 3 preferred agents, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Bacitracin/polymyxin B ointment	AZASITE (azithromycin)
BESIVANCE (besifloxacin) DROPS	Bacitracin ointment
CILOXAN (ciprofloxacin) OINTMENT	BLEPH-10 (sulfacetamide) DROPS
Ciprofloxacin drops	CILOXAN (ciprofloxacin) DROPS
Erythromycin ointment	Gatifloxacin drops
GENTAK (gentamicin sulfate) OINTMENT	Levofloxacin drops
Gentamicin sulfate drops	MOXEZA (moxifloxacin) DROPS
Gentamicin sulfate ointment	NEO-POLYCIN (neomycin SU/bacitracin/polymyxin B) OINTMENT
Moxifloxacin drops	NEOSPORIN (neomycin SU/polymyxin B/gramicidin) DROPS
Neomycin SU/bacitracin/polymyxin B ointment	OCUFLOX (ofloxacin) DROPS
Neomycin SU/polymyxin B/gramicidin drops	POLYCIN (bacitracin/polymyxin) OINTMENT
Ofloxacin drop	POLYTRIM (polymyxin B/trimethoprim) DROPS
Polymyxin B/trimethoprim drops	Sulfacetamide ointment
Sulfacetamide drops	TOBREX (tobramycin) DROPS
Tobramycin drops	VIGAMOX (moxifloxacin) DROPS
TOBREX (tobramycin) OINTMENT	ZYMAXID (gatifloxacin) DROPS

## Anti-infectives/Anti-inflammatories

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had 7-day trials of at least 2 preferred agents, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
BLEPHAMIDE (sulfacetamide/prednisolone) DROPS	BLEPHAMIDE S.O.P. (sulfacetamide/prednisolone) ointment
Neomycin/polymyxin b/dexamethasone drops	MAXITROL (neomycin/polymyxin b/dexamethasone) DROPS
Neomycin/polymyxin b/dexamethasone ointment	MAXITROL (neomycin/polymyxin b/dexamethasone) OINTMENT
PRED-G (gentamicin/prednisol ac) DROPS	Neomycin/bacitracin/polymyxin b/hydrocortisone ointment
PRED-G (gentamicin/prednisol ac) OINTMENT	Neomycin/polymyxin b/hydrocortisone drops
Sulfacetamide/prednisolone drops	NEO-POLYCIN HC (neomycin SU/bacitracin/polymyxin B/hydrocortisone) OINTMENT
TOBRADEX (tobramycin/dexamethasone) DROPS	TOBRADEX ST (tobramycin/dexamethasone) DROPS
TOBRADEX (tobramycin/dexamethasone) OINTMENT	Tobramycin/dexamethasone
ZYLET (tobramycin/lotepred etab) DROPS	

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## Anti-inflammatories

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had 5-day trials of at least 2 preferred agents, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ACUVAIL (ketorolac)	ACULAR (ketorolac)
ALREX (loteprednol)	ACULAR LS (ketorolac)
Diclofenac sodium	Bromfenac sodium
DUREZOL (Difluprednate)	BROMSITE (bromfenac sodium)
FLAREX (fluorometholone)	Dexamethasone sodium phosphate
Fluorometholone	INVELTYS (Loteprednol)
Flurbiprofen sodium	FML (fluorometholone)
FML FORTE (fluorometholone)	LOTEMAX SM (Loteprednol)
FML S.O.P. (fluorometholone)	Loteprednol eye drops
ILEVRO (nepafenac)	OMNIPRED 1% (prednisolone acetate)
ketorolac tromethamine 0.4%	PRED FORTE 1% (prednisolone acetate)
ketorolac tromethamine 0.5%	PROLENSA (bromfenac)
LOTEMAX (loteprednol) DROPS – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	
LOTEMAX (loteprednol) GEL DROPS	
LOTEMAX (loteprednol) OINTMENT	
MAXIDEX (dexamethasone)	
NEVANAC (nepafenac)	
PRED MILD 0.12% (prednisolone acetate)	
Prednisolone acetate 1%	
Prednisolone sodium phosphate 1%	

## Dry Eye Syndrome

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of the preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

#### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- Cequa, Restasis Multidose**
  - The patient must have had a 30-day trials of Xiidra, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use all other products (subject to clinical review).

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
RESTASIS (Cyclosporine)	CEQUA (Cyclosporine)***
	RESTASIS MULTIDOSE (Cyclosporine)***
	XIIDRA (Lifitegrast)

## Glaucoma

### Alpha Adrenergic

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

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### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- **Branded non-preferred agents:** The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each pharmaceutically equivalent preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- **Generic non-preferred agents:** The patient must have had a 30-day trial of a pharmaceutically equivalent preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ALPHAGAN P 0.1% (brimonidine)	brimonidine 0.15%
ALPHAGAN P 0.15% (brimonidine) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	
apraclonidine 0.5%	
IOPIDINE (apraclonidine) 1%	
brimonidine 0.2%	
COMBIGAN (brimonidine/timolol)	
SIMBRINZA (brinzolamide/brimonidine)	

## Beta Blockers

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of at least 2 preferred ophthalmic beta blocker products of a unique active ingredient, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
BETOPTIC S (betaxolol) 0.25%	betaxolol 0.5%
carteolol	ISTALOL (timolol maleate) Daily
COMBIGAN (brimonidine/timolol)	timolol daily
dorzolamide/timolol	timolol gel forming solution
levobunolol	TIMOPTIC (timolol maleate)
timolol maleate	TIMOPTIC-XE (timolol gel forming solution)
TIMOPTIC OCUDOSE (timolol)	

## Prostaglandins

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of at least 2 preferred ophthalmic prostaglandin products of a unique active ingredient, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Latanoprost	Bimatoprost 0.03%
LUMIGAN (Bimatoprost) 0.01%	Travoprost
ROCKLATAN (Netarsudil/Latanoprost)	VYZULTA (latanoprostene)
TRAVATAN Z (Travoprost) - <i>Brand Preferred</i>	XALATAN (Latanoprost)
ZIOPTAN (Tafluprost)	XELPROS (Latanoprost)

## Other

### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- **Branded non-preferred agents:** The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each pharmaceutically equivalent preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- **Generic non-preferred agents:** The patient must have had a 30-day trial of a pharmaceutically equivalent preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
AZOPT (Brinzolamide)	ISOPTO CARPINE (Pilocarpine)
Dorzolamide	TRUSOPT (Dorzolamide)

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PHOSPHOLINE (Echothiophate Iodide)	
Pilocarpine	
RHOPRESSA (Netarsudil)	
ROCKLATAN (Netarsudil/Latanoprost)	

## Otic

### Anti-infectives/Anti-inflammatories – Fluoroquinolones

[General Prior Authorization Form](#)

**Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had a 7-day trial of one preferred product in the past 3 months, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
CIPRO HC (ciprofloxacin/hydrocortisone)	Ciprofloxacin/dexamethasone otic drops
CIPRODEX (ciprofloxacin/dexamethasone) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	Ciprofloxacin/Fluocinolone
	OTOVEL (ciprofloxacin/fluocinolone)

## Pain

### Lidocaine topical cream

[Prior Authorization Form - Anesthetics - Topical](#)

**Group Criteria:**

- The request must be for patient home use of cream, prior to injection pain from a medically necessary procedure

### Lidocaine patch

[General Prior Authorization Form](#)

- **Generic non-preferred agents:** The patient must have had a 30-day trial of a pharmaceutically equivalent preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
LIDODERM (lidocaine) 5% PATCH – <i>Brand Required</i>	Lidocaine 5% patch
ZTLIDO (Lidocaine) 1.8% PATCH	

## NSAIDS

### *Therapeutic Duplication*

- One strength of one medication is allowed at a time (topical and oral formulations are not allowed together)

### *Electronic Diagnosis Verification*

- **Mefenamic acid and Meclofenamate:** The patient must have diagnosis of dysmenorrhea or endometriosis

### Solid Oral Dosage Forms

[Prior Authorization Form - NSAIDs](#)

**Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

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- The patient must have failed a 30-day trial of 3 different oral generic NSAIDs including a COX-2 inhibitor with GI intolerances, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy print outs

**Product Specific Criteria:**

- **Branded NSAIDs and non-preferred strengths:**

- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use other NSAID agents (subject to clinical review)

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
celecoxib 50mg, 100mg, 200mg	ARTHROTEC (diclofenac/misoprostol)
diclofenac potassium	celecoxib 400mg
diclofenac sodium 50mg, 75mg	CELEBREX (celecoxib)
etodolac	CONSENSI (amlodipine/celecoxib)
fenoprofen 600mg	DAYPRO (oxaprozin)
flurbiprofen	diclofenac sodium ER 100mg
ibuprofen	diclofenac sodium 35mg capsule
indomethacin	diclofenac/misoprostol
indomethacin ER	DUEXIS (famotidine/ibuprofen)
ketoprofen 50mg, 75mg	etodolac ER
ketorolac	FELDENE (piroxicam)
meclofenamate	fenoprofen 400mg
mefenamic acid	INDOCIN (indomethacin)
meloxicam	ketoprofen 25mg
nabumetone	ketoprofen ER 200mg
naproxen 220mg, 250mg, 500mg	MOBIC (meloxicam)
piroxicam	NALFON (fenoprofen)
Sulindac	NAPRELAN (naproxen)
tolmetin 200mg, 400mg	naproxen ER 375 mg
VIMOVO (naproxen/esomeprazole) – <i>Brand preferred</i>	naproxen 275mg, 550mg
	naproxen/esomeprazole
	oxaprozin
	RELAFEN DS (nabumetone)
	tolmetin 600mg
	VIVLODEX (meloxicam, submicronized)
	ZIPSOR (diclofenac)
	ZORVOLEX (diclofenac, submicronized)

## Non-Solid Oral Dosage Forms

[Prior Authorization Form - NSAIDs](#)

**Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had 30-day trials of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred products (subject to clinical review).

PREFERRED AGENTS	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS
Ibuprofen	INDOCIN (Indomethacin) SOLUTION
Naproxen	

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## Nasal

### [Prior Authorization Form - NSAIDs](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had 30-day trials of 2 oral and 1 topical preferred agents, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use another dosage form (subject to clinical review).

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
	Ketorolac Nasal Spray
	SPRIX (Ketorolac) NASAL SPRAY

## Topical:

### [Prior Authorization Form - NSAIDs](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had 30-day trials of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred products (subject to clinical review).

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Diclofenac 1% Gel	Diclofenac Patch
Diclofenac 1.5% Topical Solution	LICART (Diclofenac) PATCH 1.3%
FLECTOR (diclofenac) PATCH ( <i>Brand Preferred</i> )	PENNSAID (Diclofenac) 2% PACKET
	PENNSAID (Diclofenac) 2% PUMP

## Opioid Analgesics – Long Acting

### *Therapeutic Duplication*

- One extended release product/strength is allowed at a time
- One immediate release product is allowed (single ingredient or combination)
- Nucynta and Nucynta ER are not allowed with other narcotic medications
- Opioid-acetaminophen combination products are not allowed with acetaminophen
- Tramadol immediate release with tramadol extended release
- Methadone is not allowed
- 3A4 Substrates (Fentanyl, methadone, and oxycodone) are not allowed with strong 3A4 inhibitors. [Click here](#) for a full listing of medications included.
- Methadone: Not allowed with opioids, benzodiazepines, or opioid use disorder medications
- Opioids are not allowed with:
  - Quetiapine ER: Due to guidance in The SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (H.R. 6) on CNS depression risk between antipsychotics and opioids.
  - Benzodiazepines: [See Exception Criteria](#)
  - Carisoprodol: The “Holy Trinity” consists of an opioid, a benzodiazepine, and carisoprodol and is a highly abused dangerous combination that can lead to additive CNS depression, overdose, and death. It is not covered.
  - Opioid use disorder medications
- Morphine is not covered with Clopidogrel, Prasugrel, Ticagrelor, and Ticlopidine. Other opioid analgesics are covered with Clopidogrel, Prasugrel, Ticagrelor, and Ticlopidine.
  - Morphine may diminish the antiplatelet effect and serum concentrations of P2Y12 Inhibitor antiplatelet agents (clopidogrel, prasugrel, ticagrelor, and ticlopidine).

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### *Underutilization*

- Long acting opioid analgesics must be used compliantly and will reject on point of sale for late fill

### *Morphine Milligram Equivalents (MME)*

#### [Prior Authorization Form – Opioid Analgesics](#)

- A cumulative maximum of 90 MME will be allowed without authorization
- Patient must meet Prior Authorization Criteria

### *Prior Authorization Criteria*

#### [Prior Authorization Form – Opioid Analgesics](#)

##### **Category Criteria (initial):**

- The prescriber must attest that they have reviewed the past 3 months of the patient's North Dakota PDMP reports.
- The patient must have not achieved therapeutic goal with non-narcotic medication (NSAIDs, TCAs, SNRIs, Corticosteroids, etc.) and non-medication alternatives (Weight Loss, Physical Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, etc.).
- The patient must have established opioid tolerability by using short acting opioids daily for at least 90 days prior to request for long acting opioid, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
- The patient must have access to Narcan and be counseled on overdose risk
- The prescription must be written by or in consultation with an oncologist or pain management specialist with a pain management contract (with treatment plan including goals for pain and function, and urine and/or blood screens) if one of the following:
  - Cumulative daily dose of opioids exceeds 90 MED/day

##### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use other opioid and non-opioid analgesic agents (subject to clinical review).

##### **Category Criteria (renewal):**

- Documentation noting progress toward therapeutic goal must be included with request (including pain level and function).

## Partial Agonist/Antagonist Opioids

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
BELBUCA (Buprenorphine)	buprenorphine patches
Butorphanol	
BUTRANS (buprenorphine) PATCHES – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	

## Abuse Deterrent Formulations/Unique Mechanisms from Full Agonist Opioids

#### [Prior Authorization Form – Opioid Analgesics](#)

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
NUCYNTA ER (tapentadol)	ARYMO ER (morphine)
OXYCONTIN (oxycodone) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	CONZIP (tramadol ER) CAPSULES
Tramadol ER Tablets	HYSINGLA ER (hydrocodone)
	Levorphanol
	Methadone
	MORPHABOND ER (morphine)
	Tramadol ER Capsules
	XTAMPZA ER (oxycodone)

## Full Agonist Opioids Without Abuse Deterrent Formulations

#### [Prior Authorization Form – Opioid Analgesics](#)

##### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- **Fentanyl Patch:**

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- Patient must meet one of the following criteria:
  - The patient has an indication of cancer pain or palliative care pain
  - The patient requires a long acting narcotic and cannot tolerate an oral dosage form
- Patient must have a BMI  $\geq 17$
- **Fentanyl Patch 12 mcg/hr:**
  - Patient must meet one of the following (A or B):
    - A. The patient must be receiving a total daily opioid dose less than or equal to 60 Morphine Equivalent Dose (MED), as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
    - B. The patient must be continuously tapering off opioids from a higher strength Fentanyl patch

Full Agonist Opioids Without Abuse Deterrent Formulations	
PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Fentanyl 12 mcg/hr	EXALGO (hydromorphone)
Fentanyl 25 mcg/hr, 50 mcg/hr, 75 mcg/hr, 100 mcg/hr	Fentanyl patch 37.5 mcg/hr, 62.5 mcg/hr, 87.5 mcg/hr
Morphine ER tablets	Hydrocodone ER Tablets
	Hydromorphone ER tablets
	KADIAN (morphine)
	Morphine ER capsules
	MS CONTIN (morphine)
	Oxycodone ER
	Oxymorphone ER tablets
	ZOHYDRO ER (hydrocodone)

## Opioid Analgesic – Short Acting

### First Fill

- Short acting opioid analgesics must be filled with a 7-day supply if no previous fill within past 34 days
  - If patient is filling prescription less than every 34 days due to decreased utilization, please get a new prescription for a lower quantity that reflects actual utilization within a 34-day window.

### Prior Authorization Criteria

#### [Prior Authorization Form – Opioid Analgesics](#)

#### Product Specific Criteria:

- **Subsys, Fentanyl Citrate Buccal Tablet, Lazanda, Actiq, and Abstral:**
  - The patient's age must be within label recommendations
  - The patient must have a diagnosis of cancer pain
  - The patient must currently be on around the clock opioid therapy for at least a week, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
    - The around the clock opioid therapy must be equivalent to 60 mg oral morphine daily, 25 mcg transdermal fentanyl/hour, 30mg oxycodone daily, 8 mg of oral hydromorphone daily, or equianalgesic dose of another opioid daily
- **ALL Other Non-Preferred Short-Acting Opioid Analgesics (Initial):**
  - The patient must have required around-the-clock pain relief for the past 90 days, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
  - The prescriber must attest that they have reviewed the past 3 months of the patient's North Dakota PDMP reports
  - The patient must have not achieved therapeutic goal with non-narcotic medication (NSAIDs, TCAs, SNRIs, Corticosteroids, etc.) and non-medication alternatives (Weight Loss, Physical Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, etc.)

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- The prescription must be written by or in consultation with an oncologist or pain management specialist with a pain management contract (with treatment plan including goals for pain and function, and urine and/or blood screens)
- **Oxycodone IR**
  - The above Initial Criteria must be met
  - The patient must currently be on a long-acting opioid analgesic that provides a daily Morphine Equivalent Dose (MED) which meets requirements below (based on requested strength), as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts (Please use an [Opioid Dose Calculator](#) to find the MED for specific products):
    - **Oxycodone 15 mg tablet:** long-acting opioid must provide  $\geq 150$  mg MED per day
    - **Oxycodone 20 mg tablet:** long-acting opioid must provide  $\geq 200$  mg MED per day
    - **Oxycodone 30 mg tablet:** long-acting opioid must provide  $\geq 300$  mg MED per day
  - **Solution:** The patient must be unable to ingest solid dosage form as evidenced by swallow study documentation
- **Meperidine, butalbital-codeine products:**
  - The above Initial Criteria must be met
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use other opioid and non-opioid analgesic products (subject to clinical review).
- **ALL Other Non-Preferred Short-Acting Opioid Analgesics (Renewal):**
  - Documentation noting progress toward therapeutic goal must be included with request (including pain level and function).

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
acetaminophen-codeine solution	ABSTRAL (fentanyl) SUBLINGUAL TABLET
acetaminophen-codeine tablets	ACTIQ (fentanyl) LOZENGE
benzhydrocodone-acetaminophen	butalbital-codeine
codeine tablets	CONZIP (tramadol) CAPSULE
hydrocodone-acetaminophen 7.5-325/15ml Solution	DEMEROL (meperidine)
hydrocodone-acetaminophen 5-325 MG	DILAUDID (hydromorphone)
hydrocodone-acetaminophen 7.5-325 MG	ENDOCET (oxycodone-acetaminophen)
hydrocodone-acetaminophen 10-325 MG	FENTORA (fentanyl) EFFERVESCENT TABLET
hydrocodone-ibuprofen 7.5mg-200mg	fentanyl citrate buccal tablet
hydromorphone liquid	fentanyl lozenge
hydromorphone tablet	hydrocodone-acetaminophen 5-163mg/7.5mL solution
meperidine	hydrocodone-acetaminophen 2.5-325 MG
morphine tablets	hydrocodone-acetaminophen 10MG-300MG
morphine solution	hydrocodone-acetaminophen 5 MG-300MG
NUCYNTA (tapentadol) TABLETS	hydrocodone-acetaminophen 7.5-300 MG
oxycodone 5mg, 10mg tablets	hydrocodone-ibuprofen 5mg-200mg and 10mg-200mg
oxycodone solution	LAZANDA (fentanyl) SPRAY
oxycodone-acetaminophen 5-325 MG	LORCET (hydrocodone-acetaminophen)
oxycodone-acetaminophen 10 -325 MG	LORTAB (hydrocodone-acetaminophen) SOLUTION
oxymorphone tablets	NALOCET (oxycodone-acetaminophen)
tramadol tablets	NORCO (hydrocodone-acetaminophen)
tramadol-acetaminophen tablets	OPANA (oxymorphone)
	OXAYDO (oxycodone)
	oxycodone 15mg, 20mg, 30mg
	oxycodone-acetaminophen 2.5-325 MG
	oxycodone-acetaminophen 7.5-325 MG
	PERCOCET (oxycodone/acetaminophen)
	PRIMLEV (oxycodone/acetaminophen)
	ROXICODONE (oxycodone)

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	ROXYBOND (oxycodone)
	SUBSYS (fentanyl) SPRAY
	ULTRACET (tramadol/acetaminophen)
	ULTRAM (tramadol)
	VICODIN (hydrocodone/acetaminophen)

## Skeletal Muscle Relaxants

### *Therapeutic Duplication*

- One strength of one medication is allowed at a time
- Carisoprodol is not allowed with opioids, benzodiazepines, or opioid use disorder medications
  - The “Holy Trinity” consists of an opioid, a benzodiazepine, and carisoprodol and is a highly abused dangerous combination that can lead to additive CNS depression, overdose, and death. It is not covered.
- Tizanidine is not allowed with:
  - Antipsychotics: visual hallucinations being reported in 3% of patients receiving tizanidine, psychosis has also been reported.
  - Other alpha 2 agonists (clonidine, clonidine/chlorthalidone, guanfacine, methyldopa) as tizanidine is also an alpha 2 agonist

### *Prior Authorization Criteria*

#### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 3 months*

- The patient must have failed two 30-day trials of other skeletal muscle relaxants, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

#### **Product Specific Criteria**

- **Metaxalone:** *Approval Duration = 3 months*
  - One of the required 30-day trials must be methocarbamol, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- **Carisoprodol:** *Approval Duration = 1 week*
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred agents (subject to clinical review)

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Baclofen	AMRIX (Cyclobenzaprine) TAB 24HR
Chlorzoxazone 500mg	Chlorzoxazone 375mg and 750mg
Cyclobenzaprine 5mg and 10mg	Cyclobenzaprine 7.5mg
Dantrolene	Cyclobenzaprine ER
Methocarbamol	Carisoprodol
Orphenadrine ER	Carisoprodol-aspirin
Tizanidine tablets	Carisoprodol-aspirin-codeine
	DANTRIUM (Dantrolene)
	FEXMID (Cyclobenzaprine)
	LORZONE (Chlorzoxazone)
	METAXALL (Metaxalone)
	Metaxalone
	NORGESIC FORTE (orphenadrine/aspirin/caffeine)
	OZOBAX (Baclofen) SOLUTION
	ROBAXIN (Methocarbamol)
	SKELAXIN (Metaxalone)

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	SOMA (Carisoprodol)
	Tizanidine capsules
	ZANAFLEX (Tizanidine)

# Psychiatry

## ADHD Agents

### *Therapeutic Duplication*

- **For all stimulants:**
  - The following are not payable:
    - Multiple strengths of a single medication
    - Amphetamine Agent + Methylphenidate Agent
    - Multiple Long Acting Agents
    - Multiple Short Acting Agents
    - Non-Solid dosage + Solid dosage forms
- These long acting products are not allowed with short acting products is not allowed with the following products:
  - Aptensio XR (Methylphenidate)
  - Adhansia XR (Methylphenidate)
  - Cotempla XR-ODT (Methylphenidate)
  - Daytrana (Methylphenidate)
  - Adderall XR (Mixed Salts of a Single-Entity Amphetamine Product)
  - Adzenys XR ODT (Amphetamine Suspension, Extended Release)
  - Adzenys ER (Amphetamine Suspension, Extended Release)
  - Dyanavel XR (amphetamine suspension, Extended Release)
  - Mydayis (Mixed Salts of a Single-Entity Amphetamine Product)
  - Vyvanse (Lisexamfetamine)
  - Vyvanse Chewable (Lisexamfetamine)
- Amphetamines: One product will be allowed at a time. The following are not payable regimens:
  - Dextroamphetamine/Amphetamine ER with Proton Pump Inhibitors
    - Proton Pump Inhibitors increase blood levels and potentiate the action of amphetamine. Co-administration of Adderall XR and gastrointestinal or urinary alkalizing agents should be avoided
  - Concurrent use of Mydayis with benzodiazepines or sedatives
    - Insomnia has been reported in 25-56% of patients receiving Mydayis. Patients reporting insomnia should use a shorter acting product that does not reach steady state.
- Methylphenidates: The following are not payable regimens
  - Concurrent use of dexamethylphenidate and methylphenidate
- **For all non-stimulants:**
  - One strength of one medication is allowed at a time except for Guanfacine 4mg IR and ER which may be combined Guanfacine IR and ER, respectively, to form dosages up to 7mg per day
 

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- Clonidine, guanfacine are not allowed with each other or other alpha 2 agonists (clonidine/chlorthalidone, methyl dopa, or tizanidine)
  - Methyl dopa and tizanidine are also alpha 2 agonists

### First Fill

- Long Acting ADHD medications (stimulants and guanfacine ER) must be filled with a 14 day supply (or less) if no previous fill within past 99 days

### Prior Authorization Criteria

#### Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:

- **Branded non-preferred agents:** The patient must have had a 10-day trial of each pharmaceutically equivalent preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- **Generic non-preferred agents:** The patient must have had a 10-day trial of a pharmaceutically equivalent preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

#### Product Specific Criteria:

- \*\*\* **Clonidine ER:** Patient must have had a 30-day trial of immediate release clonidine, as evidenced by pharmacy claims or pharmacy printouts.

### Non-Stimulants

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
clonidine	atomoxetine
guanfacine	clonidine ER***
guanfacine ER	INTUNIV (guanfacine ER)
STRATTERA (atomoxetine) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	

### Stimulants

Stimulants - Methylphenidates	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ADHANSIA XR (methylphenidate)	Dexmethylphenidate ER
APTENSIO XR (methylphenidate) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	FOCALIN (dexmethylphenidate)
CONCERTA (methylphenidate) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	METADATE ER (methylphenidate)
COTEMPLA XR - ODT (methylphenidate)	METHYLIN (methylphenidate) chew tablets
DAYTRANA (methylphenidate)	Methylphenidate ER 72 mg
Dexmethylphenidate	Methylphenidate ER capsule
FOCALIN XR (dexmethylphenidate) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	Methylphenidate ER tablet
JORNAY PM (methylphenidate)	Methylphenidate LA capsules - 50-50
Methylphenidate solution	METHYLIN (methylphenidate) solution
Methylphenidate CD 30-70	RITALIN (methylphenidate)
Methylphenidate chew tablet	
Methylphenidate ER capsules 50-50	
Methylphenidate tablet	
QUILLICHEW ER (methylphenidate)	
QUILLIVANT XR (methylphenidate)	
RITALIN LA (methylphenidate LA capsules - 50-50) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	

Stimulants - Amphetamines	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ADDERALL XR (Dextroamphetamine/amphetamine) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	ADZENYS ER (Amphetamine) SOLUTION
ADZENYS XR - ODT (Amphetamine)	ADDERALL (Dextroamphetamine/amphetamine)
Amphetamine	DEXEDRINE (Dextroamphetamine)
Amphetamine ER solution	Dextroamphetamine 5 mg/5 ml
DESOXYN (Methamphetamine) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	EVEKEO (Amphetamine)

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Stimulants - Amphetamines	
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Dextroamphetamine	Methamphetamine
Dextroamphetamine ER	ZENZEDI (Dextroamphetamine)
Dextroamphetamine/amphetamine	Dextroamphetamine/amphetamine ER
DYANAVEL XR (Amphetamine)	
EVEKEO ODT (Amphetamine)	
MYDAYIS (Dextroamphetamine/dextroamphetamine)	
PROCENTRA (Dextroamphetamine) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	
VYVANSE (Lisdexamfetamine)	
VYVANSE (Lisdexamfetamine) CHEW TABLET	

## Atypical Antipsychotics

### *Therapeutic Duplication*

- Long acting injections are not allowed with oral tablets of the same active ingredient or prodrug
    - In some cases (e.g. missed/delayed dose or during initiation), time-limited concomitant therapy with oral formulation may be indicated.
  - First generation antipsychotics: Chlorpromazine, Fluphenazine, Perphenazine, Thioridazine, Trifluoperazine, Haloperidol
    - One strength allowed at a time
    - No other antipsychotic medication is allowed concurrently
  - Second generation antipsychotics:
    - Aripiprazole: one strength is allowed at a time
    - Risperidone: not allowed with paliperidone concurrently
    - Caplyta, Fanapt, Latuda, Paliperidone, Rexulti, Saphris, Secuado, Vraylar, Ziprasidone: one strength is allowed at a time and no other antipsychotic medication is allowed concurrently
    - Quetiapine:
      - Immediate release: 200mg, 300mg, and 400mg are not allowed together
      - Extended release: 200mg, 300mg, and 400mg are not allowed together or with immediate release. 150mg is not allowed with 50mg.
      - Opioids are not allowed with quetiapine IR due to risk of CNS depression.
    - Olanzapine:
      - Olanzapine 2.5mg is not allowed with olanzapine 5mg or 7.5mg
      - Olanzapine 5mg not allowed with 10mg or 15mg
      - All other olanzapine tablet strengths are allowed together
      - ODT and tablets are not allowed concurrently
      - Olanzapine/Fluoxetine is not allowed with any other product containing olanzapine.
- Additional information:
- Quantity limit is 1 tablet per day due to the 30 hour half-life of the medication
  - Pharmacokinetic studies show that olanzapine tablets and olanzapine ODT are bioequivalent
- Tizanidine is not allowed with antipsychotics due to visual hallucinations being reported in 3% of patients receiving tizanidine, psychosis has also been reported.

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## Oral

### *Electronic Step Care and Concurrent Medication*

- Start Vraylar with Initiation pack or 7 days of 1.5 mg tablets prior to continuing therapy with doses of 3 mg or more
  - Vraylar requires titration from 1.5 mg dose at initiation.

### *Underutilization*

- Caplyta, Fanapt, Latuda, Paliperidone ER, Rexulti, Saphris, Sacuado, and Vraylar must be used compliantly and will reject on point of sale for late fill

### *First Fill*

- Caplyta, Fanapt, Latuda, Paliperidone ER, Rexulti, Saphris, Sacuado, and Vraylar must be filled with a 10 day supply if no previous fill within past 99 days

### *Prior Authorization Criteria*

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- Branded non-preferred agents:** The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each pharmaceutically equivalent preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- Generic non-preferred agents:** The patient must have had a 30-day trial of a pharmaceutically equivalent preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

#### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- \*\*\*Olanzapine/fluoxetine:** Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred, individual products separately (subject to clinical review).

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Aripiprazole solution	ABILIFY (aripiprazole)
Aripiprazole	ABILIFY DISCMELT (aripiprazole)
Aripiprazole ODT	CLOZARIL (clozapine)
CAPLYTA (Lumateperone)	GEODON (ziprasidone)
Clozapine	INVEGA ER (paliperidone)
Clozapine ODT	Olanzapine/Fluoxetine***
FANAPT (Iloperidone)	RISPERDAL (risperidone)
LATUDA (Lurasidone)	RISPERDAL (risperidone) ORAL SOLUTION
Olanzapine	RISPERDAL M-TAB (risperidone)
Olanzapine ODT	SEROQUEL (quetiapine)
Paliperidone ER	SEROQUEL XR (quetiapine)
Quetiapine	ZYPREXA (olanzapine)
Quetiapine ER	ZYPREXA ZYDIS (olanzapine)
REXULTI (Brexipiprazole)	
Risperidone	
Risperidone ODT	
Risperidone oral solution	
SAPHRIS (Asenapine)	
SECUADO (Asenapine)	
VRAYLAR (Cariprazine)	
Ziprasidone	

## Long Acting Injectable

### *Electronic Step Care and Concurrent Medication*

- Oral formulations must be used prior to injectable formulations to establish tolerability and achieve steady state.
  - Please call for exception if there is a history of tolerability to active ingredient and no requirement for oral overlap for missed dose / initiation of long-acting injectable antipsychotic.

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PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ABILIFY MAINTENA (aripiprazole)	
ARISTADA (aripiprazole lauroxil)	
ARISTADA INITIO (aripiprazole lauroxil)	
INVEGA SUSTENNA (paliperidone)	
INVEGA TRINZA (paliperidone)	
PERSERIS (risperidone)	
RISPERDAL CONSTA (risperidone)	
ZYPREXA RELPREVV (olanzapine)	

## Sedatives/Hypnotics

### *Therapeutic Duplication*

- One strength of one medication is allowed at a time
  - Benzodiazepines indicated only for insomnia are not covered with other non-barbiturate insomnia medications or other benzodiazepines
- Sedative/hypnotics are not covered with:
  - Xyrem
  - Mydayis
    - Insomnia has been reported in 25-56% of patients receiving Mydayis. Patients reporting insomnia should use a shorter acting product that does not reach steady state.
  - Long Acting Benzodiazepines due to CNS depression
    - Belsomra and Dayvigo are not covered with short or long acting benzodiazepines
- Ramelteon is a 1A2 Substrate and is not covered with Fluvoxamine, a strong 1A2 inhibitor
- Mirtazapine is not allowed with other alpha 2 agonists (clonidine, clonidine/chlorthalidone, guanfacine, methylidopa)
  - Mirtazapine is also an alpha 2 agonist
- Benzodiazepines are not covered with Opioids: [See Exception Criteria](#)

### *Electronic Step Care and Concurrent Medications*

- Zolpidem: Initiation with trial of 5 mg must be used for 7 days prior to 10 mg tablets
  - Zolpidem is recommended to be used at lowest dose possible.

### *Prior Authorization Criteria*

#### [Prior Authorization Form - Sedative/Hypnotics](#)

#### **Product Specific Criteria (Initial): Approval Duration = 1 month**

- Zolpidem 10mg** (prior authorization required for females only):
  - The patient must have failed a 25-day trial of zolpidem 5 mg within the last 30 days, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy print outs
- Belsomra, Dayvigo:**
  - The patient's insomnia must be characterized by difficulty with sleep onset and maintenance
  - The patient must have had the following 25-day trials with the most recent failure within the last 30 days, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
    - Silenor (doxepin)
    - Eszopiclone
    - Zolpidem ER
- Temazepam, zolpidem SL:**
  - The patient's insomnia must be characterized by difficulty with sleep onset and maintenance

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- The patient must have had the following 25-day trials with the most recent failure within the last 30 days, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
  - Zolpidem ER
  - Eszopiclone
  - Silenor (doxepin)
  - Belsomra
- **Edluar (Zolpidem):**
  - The patient's insomnia must be characterized by difficulty with sleep onset
  - The patient must have had the following 25-day trials with the most recent failure within the last 30 days, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
    - Zolpidem IR
    - Zaleplon
    - Eszopiclone
- **Triazolam, flurazepam, estazolam, Seconal sodium, Zolpimist:**
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred agents (subject to clinical review)

**Product Specific Criteria (Renewal):** *Approval Duration = 6 months (2 weeks for benzodiazepines)*

- **ALL Agents:**
  - The prescriber has provided confirmation that other conditions causing sleep issues have been ruled out
- **Benzodiazepines (temazepam, triazolam, flurazepam, estazolam):**
  - The patient must be undergoing dose tapering

<b>NON - DEA SCHEDULED (NON-ADDICTIVE) MEDICATION:</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
Mirtazapine	Doxepin
ROZEREM (ramelteon)	Ramelteon
SILENOR (doxepin) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	
Trazodone	
<b>DEA SCHEDULED MEDICATIONS</b>	
<b>PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)</b>	<b>NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)</b>
Eszopiclone	AMBIEN (Zolpidem)
Zaleplon	AMBIEN CR (Zolpidem)
Zolpidem	BELSOMRA (Suvorexant)
Zolpidem ER	DAYVIGO (Lemborexant)
	EDLUAR (Zolpidem)
	Estazolam
	Flurazepam
	INTERMEZZO (Zolpidem) SL TABLET
	LUNESTA (Eszopiclone)
	SECONAL SODIUM (Secobarbital)
	Temazepam
	Triazolam
	ZOLPIMIST (Zolpidem)
	Zolpidem SL tab

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# Respiratory

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## Therapeutic Duplication

- One medication from each class is allowed at time (nebulizers and inhalers are not payable together)
  - One inhaled steroid
  - Long acting anticholinergic
  - Leukotriene pathway inhibitor
  - One long acting beta agonist
  - One short acting beta agonist
    - Inhalers and Nebulizers work equally well whether used at home, in school, or otherwise outside of the home. If patient receives multiple forms of rescue medication, the risk of unidentified uncontrolled asthma and rescue inhaler dependence is increased.
  - Exceptions:
    - Maximally treated patients with end-stage COPD will be allowed an ongoing override
    - Acutely ill children will be allowed a one-time override
- Anticholinergic medications are not covered with Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitors (Aricept, Exelon, Razadyne, Pyridostigmine). [Click here](#) for a full listing of medications included.
  - The effects of an anticholinergic (blocks the effect of acetylcholine) and acetylcholinesterase inhibitors (prevents breakdown of acetylcholine) oppose each other and the therapeutic effect of both products is diminished

## Concurrent Medication and Step Care

- Daliresp
  - A total of 25 days of an inhaled short or long acting anticholinergic must be paid within 45 days prior to daliresp's date of service.
    - According to the Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD) guidelines, Daliresp is a recommended add-on therapy to patients experiencing exacerbations while on antimuscarinic therapy.

## Albuterol/Levalbuterol Rescue Inhalers

### Concurrent Medication and Step Care

- Ventolin HFA
  - A total of 30 days of steroid inhaler must be paid within 40 days prior to Ventolin HFA or ProAir Respiclick's date of service. The quantity limit for ProAir HFA is set to 2 canisters per 6 months (2 Please use the [NDC Drug Lookup](#) to find Prior Authorization (PA) Forms

puffs per day). If more is needed, patient must switch to Ventolin HFA and be on a steroid inhaler to control asthma.

- According to the GINA guidelines:
  - A low dose ICS should be taken whenever SABA taken for step 1 control of asthma.
  - Dispensing  $\geq 3$  canisters per year is associated with higher risk of emergency department presentations
  - Dispensing  $\geq 12$  canisters per year is associated with higher risk of death
- Exception:
  - If primary insurance will only pay for Ventolin HFA or ProAir Respiclick and patient is well-controlled without steroid inhaler (i.e. uses less than 2 canisters per 6 months).

### *Prior Authorization*

[General Prior Authorization Form](#)

[MedWatch Form](#)

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Albuterol HFA – Labeler 66993, 50090	Albuterol HFA – Labeler 00933, 00254, 45802, 69097, 71205
PROAIR (albuterol) HFA – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	ProAir Digihaler
PROAIR RESPICLICK (albuterol)	PROVENTIL (albuterol) HFA
XOPENEX (levalbuterol) HFA - <i>Brand Preferred</i>	VENTOLIN (albuterol) HFA

## Anticholinergics/Beta Agonists Combinations

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### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of 2 preferred, combination anticholinergic/long-acting beta agonist products, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- \*\*\***Duaklir Pressair:**
  - The patient must have had a 30-day trial of Stiolto Respimat, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred products (subject to clinical review).

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Albuterol/ipratropium	DUAKLIR PRESSAIR (Aclidinium/Formoterol)***
ANORO ELLIPTA (umeclidinium/vilanterol)	DUONEB (albuterol/ipratropium)
BEVESPI AEROSPHERE (glycopyrrolate/formoterol)	STIOLTO RESPIMAT (tiotropium/olodaterol)
COMBIVENT RESPIMAT (albuterol/ipratropium)	

## Corticosteroids – Inhaled

### *Electronic Duration Verification:*

- Budesonide Suspension 1mg/2mL is payable for 30 days every 75 days. Guidelines recommend that once control is achieved, dose should be titrated down to minimum dose required to maintain control. For doses 1.5mg per day or lower, please use 0.5mg/2mL strength.

### *Prior Authorization*

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### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred inhaler of a unique active ingredient, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- \*\*\* **Asmanex Twisthaler, Alvesco:** Patient must have had a 30-day trial of Asmanex HFA, as evidenced by pharmacy claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Budesonide Suspension	ALVESCO (ciclesonide)***
FLOVENT DISKUS (fluticasone)	ARMONAIR RESPICLICK (fluticasone)
FLOVENT HFA (fluticasone)	ARNUITY ELLIPTA (fluticasone)
PULMICORT FLEXHALER (budesonide)	ASMANEX HFA (mometasone)
	ASMANEX (mometasone) TWISTHALER***
	PULMICORT RESPULES (budesonide)
	QVAR REDIHALER (beclomethasone)

## **Long Acting Anticholinergics**

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of at least 2 preferred long-acting anticholinergic agents, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
  - Either single ingredient or combination products will count toward trials.
- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).

### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- \*\*\***Lonhala Magnair:**
  - The patient must have had a 30-day trial of Yupelri, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred products (subject to clinical review).

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
INCRUSE ELLIPTA (umeclidinium)	LONHALA MAGNAIR (glycopyrrolate)***
SPIRIVA HANDIHALER (tiotropium)	YUPELRI (revefenacin)
SPIRIVA RESPIMAT 2.5 MCG (tiotropium)	
TUDORZA PRESSAIR (aclidinium)	

## **Spiriva Respimat 1.25 mcg**

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

### **Criteria for coverage:**

- The patient must have a diagnosis of asthma
- The patient must have failed a 30-day trial of a steroid inhaler and a long acting beta agonist

## **Long Acting Beta Agonists**

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

### **Group Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).

### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- \*\*\***Brovana:** The patient must have had a 30-day trial of Perforomist, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
PERFOROMIST (formoterol)	BROVANA (arformoterol)***
SEREVENT DISKUS (salmeterol)	

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## Steroid/Long Acting Beta Agonist (LABA) Combination Inhalers

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### Criteria for coverage:

- The patient must have had 30-day trials of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
- The patient must have a diagnosis of an FDA-approved indication for use and meet the criteria for that diagnosis
  - For COPD diagnosis: one of the following must be met (A or B):**
    - The patient must have failed 30-day trials of at least 1 agent from each of the below lists (I and II)
      - Tudorza Pressair, Spiriva Handihaler, Spiriva Respimat, or Incruse Ellipta
      - Brovana, Striverdi Respimat, Perforomist, or Serevent.
    - The patient must have failed 30-day trials of at least 1 of the following agents below:
      - Anoro Ellipta, Stiolto Respimat, Bevespi Aerosphere, or Trelegy Ellipta
  - For asthma diagnosis:**
    - The patient must have been reviewed for step down therapy for all renewal requests.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ADVAIR DISKUS (Fluticasone/Salmeterol) – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	AIRDUO RESPICLICK (Fluticasone/Salmeterol)
ADVAIR HFA (Fluticasone/Salmeterol)	BREO ELLIPTA (Fluticasone/Vilanterol)
DULERA (Mometasone/Formoterol)	Budesonide/Formoterol
SYMBICORT (Budesonide/Formoterol)	Fluticasone/Salmeterol
	WIXELA INHUB (Fluticasone/Salmeterol)

## Steroid/Anticholinergics/Long Acting Beta Agonists Combinations

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- For COPD diagnosis:** the patient must have had a 30-day trial of the following combinations (both 1 AND 2), as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
  - Steroid/Long Acting Beta Agonist (LABA) Combination Inhalers + Long Acting Anticholinergics
  - Combination Anticholinergics/Long Acting Beta Agonist + Inhaled Steroid
- For asthma diagnosis:** the patient must have had at least two 30-day trials of a steroid/LABA combination inhaler (unique ingredients for each trial) + Spiriva Respimat 1.25 mg inhaler, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
	TRELEGY ELLIPTA (Fluticasone Furoate/Umeclidinium/Vilanterol)

## Substance Use

## Nicotine / Tobacco Dependence Treatment

### [Concurrent Medication and Step Care](#)

- A total of 14 days of Nicotine patch, Chantix, or Zyban must be paid within 40 days prior to Nicotrol Nasal Spray, Nicotine Lozenge, Nicotrol Inhaler, or Nicotine Gum's date of service.
  - Better outcomes are associated with concurrent use of short acting and long acting tobacco cessation products.
- A total of 14 days of Nicotine patch must be paid within 40 days prior to Zyban's date of service.
  - Better outcomes are associated with concurrent use of short acting and long acting tobacco cessation products. Nicotine products can help bridge treatment until Zyban becomes effective.

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### *Duration Coverage*

- A total of 12 consecutive weeks will be covered for all other products, every 6 months (Chantix may be extended to 24 consecutive weeks if abstinent)

### *Therapeutic Duplication*

- Nicotine Gum, Lozenge, Inhaler, and Spray will not be paid concurrently
- Zyban will not be paid with other forms of bupropion

### *Underutilization*

- Nicotine Patch, Chantix, and Bupropion must be used compliantly and will reject on point of sale for late fill

### *Prior Authorization Criteria*

#### General Prior Authorization Form

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- **Branded non-preferred agents:** The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each pharmaceutically equivalent preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Bupropion SR	NICODERM CQ (Nicotine) PATCH
CHANTIX (Varenicline)	NICORETTE (Nicotine Polacrilex) GUM
Nicotine Lozenge	ZYBAN (Bupropion SR)
Nicotine Patch	
Nicotine Polacrilex Gum	
NICOTROL (Nicotine Polacrilex) INHALER	
NICOTROL (Nicotine Polacrilex) SPRAY	

## Opium Dependence Treatment

### Lucemyra

#### General Prior Authorization Form

#### **Group Criteria:**

- The patient must have a diagnosis of an FDA-approved indication for use
- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred agents (subject to clinical review)

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Clonidine	LUCEMYRA (Lofexidine)
Guanfacine	

## Naloxone Rescue Medications

#### General Prior Authorization Form

#### **Group Criteria (Initial):**

- Narcan Nasal Spray does NOT require prior authorization for the initial dose

#### **Group Criteria (Renewal):**

- The provider must attest that it is known that the previous dose was taken by the patient (and not diverted or given to another patient)
- One of the following criteria must be met (A, B, or C)
  - A. The previous dose has expired
  - B. The dose was used by patient for illicit drug use

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- C. The patient is currently taking opioids and meets one of the following criteria:
- The opioid dose must have been decreased
  - The provider has provided medical justification why the opioid dose as not been decreased

## Opioid Antagonist

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
VIVITROL (Naltrexone Microspheres)	

## Opioid Partial Agonist

### *Therapeutic Duplication*

- One strength of one medication is allowed at a time
- Opioid Partial Agonists are not allowed with:
  - Methadone
  - Carisoprodol
  - Opioid Analgesics

### *Underutilization*

- Buprenorphine and buprenorphine/naloxone must be used compliantly and will reject on point of sale for late fill

### *Prior Authorization Criteria*

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#### **Product Specific Criteria:**

- \*\*\* **Buprenorphine tablets:** The patient must be pregnant or breastfeeding, and estimated delivery date/duration of need for breastfeeding must be provided.

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred products (subject to clinical review).
- A MedWatch form for each trial of each product from the available manufacturer(s) must be filled out and attached to request
- [DAW \(Dispense As Written\) Criteria](#) must be met in addition to Opioid Partial Agonist Group PA Criteria.
- For all non-preferred agents OTHER than Zubsolv (buprenorphine/naloxone):
  - The patient must have failed a 30-day trial of Zubsolv (buprenorphine/naloxone)
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use Zubsolv (subject to clinical review).
  - A MedWatch form for each trial of each product from the available manufacturer(s) must be filled out and attached to request
  - [DAW \(Dispense As Written\) Criteria](#) must be met in addition to Opioid Partial Agonist Group PA Criteria.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)		NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Buprenorphine-naloxone tablets		BUNAVAIL FILM (buprenorphine/naloxone)
Buprenorphine tablets***		buprenorphine/naloxone film
		SUBOXONE FILM (buprenorphine/naloxone)
		ZUBSOLV (buprenorphine/naloxone)
<b>NON-ORAL AGENTS</b>		
PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)	
SUBLOCADE (buprenorphine)		

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# Obstetrics/Gynecology

## Estrogens

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### Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:

- The patient must have failed 30-day trials of at least two preferred products, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
CLIMARA PRO (estradiol-levonorgestrel) PATCH	ACTIVELLA (Estradiol/Norethindrone) TABLET
COMBIPATCH (Estradiol- Norethindrone)	ALORA (Estradiol) PATCH TWICE WEEKLY
ELESTRIN (estradiol) GEL	AMABELZ (Estradiol/Norethindrone) TABLET
Estradiol Tablet	BIJUVA (Estradiol/Progesterone)
ESTRING (estradiol)	CLIMARA (Estradiol) PATCH WEEKLY
EVAMIST (estradiol) SPRAY	DELESTROGEN (Estradiol Valerate) INJECTION
MENOSTAR (estradiol) PATCH	DEPO-ESTRADIOL (Estradiol Cypionate) INJECTION
Norethindrone-Ethinyl Estradiol tablet	DIVIGEL (estradiol) GEL
PREMARIN (estrogens, conjugated) INJECTION	DOTTI (Estradiol) PATCH TWICE WEEKLY
PREMARIN (estrogens, conjugated) TABLET	ESTRACE (Estradiol) TABLET
PREMARIN (estrogens, conjugated) VAGINAL CREAM	Estradiol Valerate Injection
PREMPHASE (estrogen, conj.,m-progest) TABLET	Estradiol- Norethindrone Tablet
PREMPRO (estrogen, conj.,m-progest) TABLET	Estradiol Patch Twice Weekly
VAGIFEM (estradiol) VAGINAL TABLET	Estradiol Patch Weekly
	Estradiol Vaginal Cream
	Estradiol Vaginal Tablet
	FEMRING (estradiol)
	FYAVOLV (Norethindrone-Ethinyl Estradiol) TABLET
	JINTELI (Norethindrone-Ethinyl Estradiol) TABLET
	LOPREEZA (Estradiol/Norgestimate) TABLET
	MENEST (estrogens, esterified) TABLET
	MIMVEY (Estradiol/Norgestimate) TABLET
	MINIVELLE (Estradiol) PATCH TWICE WEEKLY
	PREFEST (Estradiol/Norgestimate) TABLET
	VIVELLE-DOT (Estradiol) PATCH TWICE WEEKLY
	YUVAFEM (estradiol) VAGINAL TABLET

## Mifepristone

[Prior Authorization Form - Mifeprex](#)

**Criteria for coverage:** *Approval Duration = 1 month*

- Gestational age must be less than or equal to 70 days
- One of the following criteria must be met (A or B):
  - A. Pregnancy must have resulted from an act of rape or incest, and one of the following (I or II)**
    - The provider has provided a signed written statement indicating that the rape or act of incest has been reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency, or in the case of a minor who is a victim of incest, to an agency authorized to receive child abuse and neglect reports. The statement must indicate to whom the report was made.

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- II. The provider has provided written statement signed by the recipient and the provider that the recipient's pregnancy resulted from rape or incest and by professional judgement, the provider agrees with the woman's statement.

**B. Both of the following must be met (I and II)**

- I. The woman must suffer from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that would as certified by a provider, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed
- II. The provider must provide a signed written statement indicating why, in the provider's professional judgement, the life of a woman would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term

## Oriahnn

### Diagnosis

- The patient must have an FDA approved indication

### Age

- The patient must be 18 years of age or older

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ORIAHNN (Elagolix, Estradiol, and Norethindrone acetate)	

## Orilissa

### [Prior Authorization Form - Orilissa](#)

#### **Initial Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 6 months*

- The patient must be 18 years of age or older
- The patient must have a diagnosis of moderate to severe pain associated with endometriosis
- The patient must not have osteoporosis or severe liver disease (Child-Pugh Class C).
- The patient must have failed the following trials (A and B), as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
  - A. A 3-cycle trial of mefenamic acid, meclofenamate, celecoxib, ibuprofen 1800mg/day or equivalent high dose NSAID
  - B. A 3-cycle trial of an oral estrogen-progestin or progestin contraceptives

#### **Renewal Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 18 months*

- Prescriber must submit documentation of improvement in pain score from baseline
- Request must be for maintenance dosing (150 mg strength).

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
ORILISSA (Elagolix)	

## Progesterone

### [Prior Authorization Form - Makena](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred agent, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.
- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why medication is medically necessary

PREFERRED AGENTS (CLINICAL PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
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## Vaginal Anti-Infectives

### [General Prior Authorization Form](#)

#### **Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The patient must have had 30-day trials of 3 preferred vaginal anti-infective agents, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
AVC (sulfanilamide)	Clindamycin cream
CLEOCIN (Clindamycin) SUPPOSITORY	CLEOCIN (Clindamycin) CREAM
CLINDESSE (Clindamycin) CREAM	METROGEL-VAGINAL (Metronidazole)
GYNAZOLE 1 (butoconazole) CREAM	MICONAZOLE 3 (miconazole) suppository
Metronidazole gel	terconazole suppository
NUVESSA (Metronidazole) GEL	VANDAZOLE (Metronidazole) GEL
terconazole cream	

## Preferred Dosage Forms List:

### [Prior Authorization Form - Non-Preferred Dosage Form](#)

#### **Criteria for coverage:**

- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred agents (subject to clinical review).
- The patient must have a diagnosis of an FDA-approved indication for use
- The patient must not have any contraindication to the requested product
- The patient must have failed\* a therapeutic course\*\* of each preferred agent (listed in boxes below) within the past 2 years, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts.

*\*: A failure is defined as product was not effective at maximum tolerated dose or patient has a documented intolerance or adverse reaction to inactive ingredients where the non-preferred product is expected to have a different result and other alternatives (e.g. medications in same class) are not an option for the patient*

*\*\*:. Trials must have been at least 30 days in duration unless otherwise indicated*

## Amoxicillin ER

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Amoxicillin IR	Amoxicillin ER

## Antihistamines

### *Therapeutic Duplication*

- One strength of one medication is allowed at a time

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Cetirizine Chew Tablet	Desloratadine ODT
Cetirizine Solution	Levocetirizine solution
Cetirizine Tablet	
Desloratadine Tablet	

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Levocetirizine Tablet	
Loratadine Solution	
Loratadine Tablet	

## Bactroban

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Bactroban ointment	Bactroban cream

## Belladonna Alkaloids/Phenobarbital

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Belladonna Alkaloids/Phenobarbital Tablets	Belladonna Alkaloids/Phenobarbital Elixir

## Bowel Prep Agents

**Required trial duration:** 1 complete dose

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
GAVILYTE-G	CLENPIQ
GOLYTELY 227.1-21.5	COLYTE
GOLYTELY 236-22.74G	GAVILYTE-C
MOVIPREP	GAVILYTE-N
OSMOPREP	NULYTELY
PEG-3350 AND ELECTROLYTES 236-22.74G	PEG 3350-ELECTROLYTE 240-22.72G
	PEG 3350-ELECTROLYTE 420 G
	PEG 3350/SOD SUL/NaCL/KCL/ASB/C
	PLENVU
	PREPOPIK
	SUPREP
	TRILYTE

## Brisdelle (Paroxetine)

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Paroxetine tablets	Paroxetine Mesylate 7.5mg capsules

## Butalbital-Acetaminophen-Caffeine

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Butalbital-Acetaminophen-Caffeine Tablets	Butalbital-Acetaminophen-Caffeine Capsules
	ESGIC (Butalbital-Acetaminophen-Caffeine) CAPSULES
	VANATOL LQ (Butalbital-Acetaminophen-Caffeine) SOLUTION
	VANATOL S (Butalbital-Acetaminophen-Caffeine) SOLUTION
	ZEBUTAL (Butalbital-Acetaminophen-Caffeine) CAPSULES

## Daxbia (Cephalexin)

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Cephalexin	Daxbia (Cephalexin)

## Fenofibrate

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Fenofibrate capsules	Fenofibrate tablets 40mg, 120mg

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Fenofibrate tablets 48mg, 54mg, 145mg, 160mg	FENOGLIDE (Fenofibrate)
	LIPOFEN (Fenofibrate)
	TRICOR (Fenofibrate)
	TRIGLIDE (Fenofibrate)

## Gabapentin

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Gabapentin	GRALISE (gabapentin)
Gabapentin	HORIZANT (gabapentin)
Pramipexole	
Ropinirole	

## Jadenu (Deferasirox)

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Deferasirox tablet for suspension	EXJADE (Deferasirox tablet for suspension)
	Deferasirox tablets
	JADENU (Deferasirox) SPRINKLE
	JADENU (Deferasirox) TABLETS

## Kits

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
FDA approved products prescribed separately	CAMPHOTREX 4%-10% ROLL-ON G (menthol/camphor)
	CICLOPIROX (ciclopirox/urea/camphor/methol)
	CICLODAN (ciclopirox/urea/camphor/methol)
	CICLODAN (ciclopirox/skin cleanser 28)
	CLINDACIN ETZ (clindamycin phos/skin clnsr 19)
	CLINDACIN PAC (clindamycin phos/skin clnsr 19)
	DERMACINRX ARM PAK (lidocaine/dimethacone)
	DERMACINRX LEXITRAL PHARMAP (diclofenac/capsicum oleoresin)
	DERMACINRX PHN PAK (lidocaine/emollient cmb No. 102)
	DERMACINRX SILAPAK (triamcinolone/dimeth/silicone)
	DERMACINRX SILAZONE (triamcinolone/silicones)
	DERMACINRX SURGICAL PHARMAP (mupirocin/chlorhexidine/dimeth)
	DERMACINRX THERAZOLE PAK (clotrimazole/betameth dip/zinc)
	DERMACINRX ZRM PAK (lidocaine/dimethicone)
	ELLZIA PAK (triamcinolone/dimethicone)
	ESOMEPR-EZS KIT (esomeprazole mag/glycerin)
	ECONASIL (econazole/gauze/silicone)
	FLUOPAR (fluocinonide/dimethacone)
	FLUOVIX PLUS (fluocinonide/silicone,adhesive)
	GABACAINE KIT (gabapentin/lidocaine)
	INFAMMACIN (diclofenac/capsicum)
	KETODAN (ketoconazole/skin cleanser 28)
	LIDOPURE PATCH 5% COMBO PAC (lidocaine/kinesiology tape)
	LIDOTIN (gabapentin/lidocaine/silicone)

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	LIPRITIN (gabapentin/lidocaine/prilocaine/dressing)
	LOPROX (ciclopirox/skin cleanser No. 40)
	MIGRANOW KIT(sumatriptan/menthol/camphor)
	MORGIDOX (Doxycycline/skin cleanser No. 19)
	NOPIOID-TC KIT (cyclobenzaprine/lidocaine/menthaine)
	NUVAKAAN KIT (lidocaine/prilocaine/silicone)
	PRILO PATCH KIT (lidocaine/prilocaine)
	PRIZOTRAL II (lidocaine/prilocaine/lidocaine)
	PRO DNA MEDICATED COLLECTION (lidocaine/glycerin)
	QUTENZA (capsaicin/skin cleanser)
	SALEX (salicylic acid/ceramide comb 1) CREAM KIT
	SALEX (salicylic acid/ceramide comb 1) LOTION KIT
	SILAZONE-II KIT (triamcinolone acetone/silicones)
	SOLARAVIX (Diclofenac/silicone, adhesive)
	SUMADAN KIT (sulfacetamide/sulfur/cleanser23)
	SUMAXIN CP KIT (sulfacetamide/sulfur/cleanser23)
	TICANASE KIT (fluticasone/sodium chloride/sodium bicarbonate)
	TRIXYLITRAL (diclofenac/lidocaine/tape)
	XRYLIX 1.5% KIT (diclofenac/kinesiology tape)
	ZILACAINE PATCH 5% COMBO PA (lidocaine/silicone, adhesive)

## Metformin

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Metformin ER	FORTAMET (Metformin)
	GLUMETZA (Metformin)
	RIOMET (Metformin) ORAL SOLUTION
	RIOMET ER (Metformin) ORAL SOLUTION

## Methotrexate

**Required trial duration:** 6 weeks

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
methotrexate	OTREXUP (methotrexate)
	RASUVO (methotrexate)
	TREXALL (methotrexate)

## Mupirocin

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Mupirocin Ointment	Mupirocin Calcium Cream

## Nascobal (Cyanocobalamin) Nasal Spray

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Cyanocobalamin Injection	NASCOBAL (Cyanocobalamin) NASAL SPRAY

## Nitroglycerin Spray

**Required trial duration:** 1 dose while on preventative medication

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
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Nitroglycerin sublingual tablets	GONITRO (Nitroglycerin) SUBLINGUAL PACKET
	Nitroglycerin Spray
	NITROLINGUAL (Nitroglycerin) SPRAY

## Nocdurna (desmopressin)

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Desmopressin	Nocdurna (desmopressin)

## Onmel (itraconazole)

**Required trial duration:** 12 weeks with 6 months outgrow following treatment for onychomycosis

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Itraconazole capsule	ONMEL (itraconazole) TABLET
Terbinafine	

## Penicillamine

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
DEPEN (Penicillamine) TITRATAB – <i>Brand Preferred</i>	CUPRIMINE (Penicillamine) CAPSULE
	Penicillamine Capsule
	Penicillamine Tablet

## Potassium

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Potassium tablets	Potassium Solution
	Potassium Powder for Solution

## Procysbi (cysteamine)

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
CYSTAGON (cysteamine)	PROCYSBI (cysteamine)
	PROCYSBI GRANULES (cysteamine)

## Siklos (Hydroxyurea)

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
DROXIA (Hydroxyurea capsule)	SIKLOS (Hydroxyurea tablet)
Hydroxyurea capsule	

## Statins (HMG-CoA inhibitors)

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Amlodipine/Atorvastatin	ALTROPREV (lovastatin)
Atorvastatin	CADUET (Amlodipine/Atorvastatin)
Ezetimibe/Simvastatin	CRESTOR (rosuvastatin)
Fluvastatin	EZALLOR SPRINKLE (rosuvastatin)
JUVISYNC (sitagliptin/simvastatin)	Fluvastatin ER
LIVALO (pitavastatin)	LESCOL XL (Fluvastatin)
Lovastatin	LIPITOR (atorvastatin)
Pravastatin	PRAVACHOL (pravastatin)
Rosuvastatin	VYTORIN (ezetimibe/simvastatin)
Simvastatin	ZOCOR (simvastatin)
	ZYPITAMAG (pitavastatin)

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## Steroids - Oral

**Additional Criteria for coverage of Emflaza:** See Emflaza Criteria on this document

**Rayos required trial duration:** 12 weeks with 2AM dosing of prednisone

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Budesonide 3mg EC Capsules	Budesonide 9 mg ER Tablet
Cortisone	DEXPAK (dexamethasone)
Dexamethasone	DXEVO (dexamethasone)
Hydrocortisone	EMFLAZA (deflazacort)
Methylprednisone	MILLIPRED (Prednisolone)
Prednisolone sodium phosphate 5mg/5ml, 15mg/5ml, 25mg/5ml	Prednisone Intensol
Prednisone Solution	Prednisolone sodium phosphate ODT
Prednisone Tablets	Prednisolone sodium phosphate 10mg/5ml, 20mg/5ml solution
	RAYOS (prednisone)
	TAPERDEX (dexamethasone)
	UCERIS (budesonide)

## Tacrolimus

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Tacrolimus	ASTAGRAF XL (Tacrolimus)
	ENVARSUS ER (Tacrolimus)

## Tiglutik (riluzole)

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
riluzole	RILUTEK (Riluzole)
	TIGLUTIK (Riluzole) ORAL SUSPENSION

## Tirosint (levothyroxine)

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
levothyroxine	TIROSINT (levothyroxine)

## Tussicaps

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
Hydrocodone/chlorpheniramine ER suspension	TUSSICAPS (hydrocodone/chlorpheniramine)
Promethazine/codeine	
ZODRYL AC (chlorpheniramine/codeine)	

## Topical Corticosteroids Preferred Medication List

Potency	Dosage Form	Preferred		Non-Preferred	
Class 1 - Very High Potency	Class 1 - Very High Potency				
	Cream	Clobetasol Propionate	0.05%	Clobetasol Emollient	0.05%
				Halobetasol Propionate	0.05%
				STEP2* Fluocinonide	0.10%
	Ointment	Betamethasone, augmented	0.05%	Halobetasol Propionate	0.05%

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		Clobetasol Propionate	0.05%		
	Foam, Gel, Lotion, Shampoo, Solution, Spray, Tape	Clobetasol Propionate Solution	0.05%	Betamethasone, augmented lotion	0.05%
		Clobetasol Propionate Lotion	0.05%	Betamethasone, augmented gel	0.05%
		Clobex ( <i>Brand Required</i> ) Shampoo	0.05%	Clobetasol emulsion foam	0.05%
		Clobex ( <i>Brand Required</i> ) Spray	0.05%	Clobetasol propionate foam	0.05%
		Clobetasol Propionate Gel	0.05%	Lexette (Halobetasol) foam	0.05%
				Desoximetasone spray	0.25%
				STEP2* Cordran (Flurandrenolide) Tape	4MCG/SQ CM
				STEP 2* Ultravate (Halobetasol) lotion	0.05%
Class 2 - High Potency	Class 2 - High Potency				
	Cream	Betamethasone, augmented	0.05%	Apexicon E	0.05%
		Desoximetasone	0.25%	Fluocinonide-E	0.05%
		Diflorasone Diacetate	0.05%	STEP2* Amcinonide	0.10%
		Fluocinonide	0.05%		
		Hallog- <i>brand required</i>	0.10%		
		Triamcinolone Acetonide	0.50%		
	Ointment	Betamethasone Dipropionate	0.05%	Diflorasone Diacetate	0.05%
		Betamethasone Valerate	0.10%		
		Desoximetasone	0.25%		
		Fluocinonide	0.05%		
		Fluticasone Propionate	0.01%		
		Hallog (halcinonide)	0.10%		
		Mometasone Furoate	0.10%		
		Triamcinolone Acetonide	0.50%		
	Gel, Lotion Solution	Fluocinonide gel	0.05%	STEP2* Amcinonide Lotion	0.10%
		Fluocinonide solution	0.05%	Bryhali (halobetasol)	0.01%
				Desoximetasone gel	0.05%
				Hallog (halcinonide) Solution	0.1%
Class 3 - Medium Potency	Class 3 - Medium Potency				
	Cream	Betamethasone Valerate	0.10%	Betamethasone Dipropionate	0.05%
		Fluticasone Propionate	0.05%	Clocortolone Pivalate	0.10%
		Mometasone Furoate	0.10%	Fluocinolone Acetonide	0.025%
		Synalar	0.025%	Pandel	0.10%
		Triamcinolone Acetonide	0.10%	Prednicarbate	0.10%
				STEP2* Desoximetasone	0.05%
				STEP2* Flurandrenolide	0.05%

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				STEP2* Hydrocortisone Butyrate	0.10%
				STEP2* Hydrocortisone Butyrate Emollient	0.10%
				STEP2* Hydrocortisone Valerate	0.20%
	Ointment	Fluocinolone Acetonide	0.025%	Desoximetasone	0.05%
		Desonide	0.05%	Hydrocortisone Valerate	0.20%
		Hydrocortisone Butyrate	0.10%	Triamcinolone	0.05%
		Prednicarbate	0.10%	STEP2* Flurandrenolide	0.05%
		Triamcinolone Acetonide	0.10%		
		Triamcinolone Acetonide	0.025%		
	Aerosol, Foam, Lotion, Solution, Spray	Mometasone Furoate Solution	0.10%	Betamethasone Valerate Foam	0.12%
		Betamethasone Dipropionate Lotion	0.05%	Triamcinolone Acetonide Aerosol	0.147MG/G
		Hydrocortisone Butyrate Solution	0.10%	STEP2* Flurandrenolide Lotion	0.05%
		Triamcinolone Acetonide Lotion	0.10%	STEP2* Fluticasone Propionate Lotion	0.05%
				STEP2* Sernivo spray (Betamethasone)	0.05%
Class 4 - Low Potency	Class 4 - Low Potency				
	Cream	Alclometasone Dipropionate	0.05%		
		Desonide	0.05%		
		Fluocinolone Acetonide	0.01%		
		Hydrocortisone	2.50%		
		Hydrocortisone	1.00%		
		Triamcinolone Acetonide	0.025%		
	Ointment	Alclometasone Dipropionate	0.05%		
		Hydrocortisone	1.00%		
		Hydrocortisone	2.50%		
	Oil, Lotion, Gel Shampoo, Solution	Betamethasone Valerate Lotion	0.10%	Desonide Gel	0.05%
		Capex Shampoo	0.01%		
		Desonide Lotion	0.05%		
		Fluocinolone Acetonide Oil	0.01%		
		Fluocinolone Acetonide Solution	0.01%		
		Hydrocortisone Lotion	2.50%		
		Texacort Solution	2.50%		
		Triamcinolone Acetonide Lotion	0.025%		

## Clinic Administered Drugs

### Brineura

[Prior Authorization Form - Brineura](#)

**Initial Criteria:** Approval Duration = 6 months

- Patient must be between 3 and 8 years of age.

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- The patient must have diagnosis of late infantile neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis type 2 (CLN2), also known as tripeptidyl peptidase 1 (TPP1) deficiency confirmed by the following:
  - A genetic test confirming CLN2 disease
  - An enzyme assay confirming deficiency of tripeptidyl peptidase 1 (TPP1)
- Brineura must be prescribed by or in consultation with a metabolic specialist, geneticist, or pediatric neurologist.
- Patient must not have ventriculoperitoneal shunts
- Baseline results of motor and language domains of the Hamburg CLN2 Clinical Rating Scale must be submitted and meet the following parameters
  - Results must show a combined score of less than 6 in the motor and language domains
  - Results must show a score of at least 1 in each of these domains

**Renewal Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 12 months*

- The patient must not have acute, unresolved localized infection on or around the device insertion site or suspected or confirmed CNS infection
- Patient maintains at a score of at least 1 in the motor domain on the Hamburg CLN2 Clinical Rating Scale
- The patient has responded to therapy compared to pretreatment baseline with stability/lack of decline\* in motor function/milestones

*\*: Decline is defined as having an unreversed (sustained) 2-category decline or an unreversed score of 0 in the Motor domain of the CLN2 Clinical Rating Scale*

## Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD)

### Exondys / Vyondys

**Category Criteria (Initial):** *Approval Duration: 8 weeks*

- The patient must be a male between ages of 4 and 19 years old
- The prescriber must be, or in consult with, a neurologist specializing in treatment of DMD (submit documentation of formal consultation with specialist)
- The patient must have an FDA-approved diagnosis confirmed by genetic test as recommended by manufacturer
- The prescriber must submit medical records confirming the patient has
  - A baseline 6-Minute Walk Time (6MWT)  $\geq$  300 meters while walking independently (e.g. without side-by-side assist, cane, walker, wheelchair, etc.)
  - Stable respiratory function – FVC predicted  $>$  50%, not requiring ventilatory assistance
  - Stable cardiac function – LVEF  $>$  40 % by ECHO
  - Inadequate treatment response with standard corticosteroid therapy for a minimum of 6 months with adherence, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts
- The patient must be currently taking corticosteroids, as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts, and will continue taking with requested agent
- Weight and calculated dose must be provided consistent with approved FDA dose of 30 mg/kg infused once weekly
- The patient must not be taking any other RNA antisense agent or any other gene therapy

**Category Criteria (Renewal):** *Approval Duration: 6 months*

- The prescriber must be, or in consult with, a neurologist specializing in treatment of DMD (submit documentation of formal consultation with specialist)
- The prescriber must submit medical records confirming the patient has maintained
  - A 6MWT  $\geq$  300 meters while walking independently (e.g. without side-by-side assist, cane, walker, wheelchair, etc.)
  - Stable respiratory function – FVC predicted  $>$  50%, not requiring ventilatory assistance
  - Stable cardiac function – LVEF  $>$  40 % by ECHO

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## Eosinophilic Asthma

[Please see Clinical Criteria](#) if being dispensed by a pharmacy

If billed by medical/physician billing, does not require prior authorization if being used for an FDA approved indication.

### Self-Injectable Products

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
FASENRA (benralizumab)	DUPIXENT (dupilumab)
	NUCALA (mepolizumab)

### Health Professional Administration Only Products

PREFERRED AGENTS (NO PA REQUIRED)	NON-PREFERRED AGENTS (PA REQUIRED)
CINQUAIR (reslizumab)	
XOLAIR (omalizumab)	

## Gamifant

**Category Criteria (Initial):** *Approval Duration: 3 months or up to the hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) date*

- The prescriber must be, or in consultation with, a hematologist, oncologist, immunologist, or transplant specialist
- The patient must have diagnosis of primary hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH)
- The patient has refractory, recurrent or progressive disease or intolerance with conventional HLH therapy (i.e., etoposide + dexamethasone, cyclosporine A, or Anti-thymocyte globulin)
- The patient must be a candidate for stem cell transplant
- The patient must have one of the following:
  - Confirmation of a gene mutation known to cause primary HLH (e.g. PRF1, UNC13D, STX11 RAB27A, or STXBP2)
  - Confirmation of 5 of the following clinical characteristics:
    - Fever  $\geq 101.3^{\circ}\text{F}$  for over 7 days
    - Splenomegaly
    - Two of the following cytopenias in the peripheral blood:
      - ❖ Hemoglobin  $< 9 \text{ g/dL}$  (or  $< 10 \text{ g/dL}$  in infants less than 4 weeks of age)
      - ❖ Platelet count  $< 100,000/\text{microL}$
      - ❖ ANC  $< 1000/\text{microL}$
    - One of the following:
      - ❖ Hypertriglyceridemia defined as fasting triglycerides  $\geq 265 \text{ mg/dL}$  ( $2 \text{ mmol/L}$ )
      - ❖ Hypofibrinogenemia defined as fibrinogen  $\leq 1.5 \text{ g/L}$
    - Hemophagocytosis in bone marrow or spleen or lymph nodes with no evidence of malignancy
    - Low or absent natural killer cell activity
    - Ferritin  $\geq 500 \text{ mg/L}$
    - Soluble CD25 (i.e., soluble IL-2 receptor)  $\geq 2,400 \text{ U/mL}$
- The requested medication must be administered with dexamethasone as part of the induction or maintenance phase of stem cell transplant, which is to be discontinued at the initiation of conditioning for stem cell transplant

**Category Criteria (Renewal):** *Approval Duration: 3 months or up to the HSCT date*

- At least 3 HLH abnormalities must be improved by at least 50% from baseline.

## Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)

### Spinraza

[Prior Authorization Form - Spinraza](#)

**Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 12 months*

- For a diagnosis of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Type 1, 2, or 3:

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- The patient must not have respiratory insufficiency (need for invasive or noninvasive ventilation for more than 6 hours per 24-hour period)
- The patient must not require gastric feeding tubes for the majority of feeds
- The patient must not have severe contractures or severe scoliosis
- The patient must not have wasting or cachexia
- For a diagnosis of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Type 3:
  - The patient must be less than 2 years of age
  - The patient must be experiencing issues with ambulating (falls, trouble climbing stairs, unable to walk independently)

## Zolgensma

**Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 1 month (Approval is limited to a single intravenous infusion per lifetime)*

- Patient is less than 2 years of age
- The diagnosis is spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) with genetic testing confirming bi-allelic deletions or mutations in the *SMN1* gene
- Medication is prescriber per the dosing guidelines in the package insert (recommended dose is  $1.1 \times 10^{14}$  vector genomes per kilogram)
- Baseline Documentation has been submitted confirming anti-adenovirus serotype 9 (anti-AAV9) antibody titer is  $\leq 1:50$  measured by Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) binding immunoassay
- Patient must not have advanced SMA evidenced by one of the following
  - Complete paralysis of limbs
  - Permanent ventilator dependence (defined as requiring invasive ventilation (tracheostomy) or respiratory assistance for 16 or more hours per day (including noninvasive ventilatory support) continuously for 14 or more days in the absence of an acute reversible illness, excluding perioperative ventilation.

## Synagis

### [Prior Authorization Form - Synagis](#)

**Criteria:** *Approval Duration = 5 months (allows for 5 monthly doses between October 19th through April 21<sup>st</sup>)*

- Patient must have one of the following diagnoses (A, B, or C) and the additional criteria outlined for diagnosis:
  - **Prematurity:**
    - < 29 weeks, 0 days gestational age
    - $\leq 12$  months of age at start of RSV season
  - **Chronic Lung Disease of Prematurity (CLD)**
    - $\leq 12$  months of age at start of RSV season
      - ❖ < 32 weeks, 0 days gestational age
      - ❖ Requires supplemental oxygen > 21% for at least the first 28 days after birth
    - 13-24 months of age at start of RSV season
      - ❖ < 32 weeks, 0 days gestational age
      - ❖ Requires supplemental oxygen > 21% for at least the first 28 days after birth
      - ❖ Continues to receive medical support within six months before the start of RSV season with supplemental oxygen, diuretic, or chronic corticosteroid therapy
  - **Congenital Heart Disease**
    - $\leq 12$  months of age at start of RSV season
      - ❖ Hemodynamically significant cyanotic or acyanotic congenital heart disease with medical therapy required

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# Therapeutic Duplication Edits

Therapeutic Duplication Edits for medications on the PDL are embedded within those categories. This is a listing of therapeutic duplication edits on medications that are not managed by the PDL.

## Antidepressant Medications

- One strength of one medication per therapeutic class is allowed at a time
  - Therapeutic classes:
    - SSRIs
    - SNRIs
    - Tricyclic Antidepressants
    - Bupropion
    - Mirtazapine
    - Selegiline
- Mirtazapine is not allowed with other alpha 2 agonists (clonidine, clonidine/chlorthalidone, guanfacine, methylidopa)
  - Mirtazapine is also an alpha 2 agonist
- Fetzima, Viibryd, or Brintellix are not allowed with other antidepressant medications
  - Exceptions: trazodone and mirtazapine
- Fluvoxamine, a strong 1A2 inhibitor, is not covered with Ramelteon, a 1A2 Substrate.

## Benzodiazepines

- One short acting medication is allowed at a time: alprazolam, lorazepam, oxazepam
- One long acting medication is allowed at a time: chlordiazepoxide, clonazepam, diazepam, alprazolam ER
- Benzodiazepines are not covered with
  - Opioids: [See Exception Criteria](#)
  - Xyrem
  - Mydayis
    - Insomnia has been reported in 25-56% of patients receiving Mydayis. Patients reporting insomnia should use a shorter acting product that does not reach steady state.
- Benzodiazepines indicated only for insomnia are not allowed with other non-barbiturate insomnia medications or other benzodiazepines
- Long Acting Benzodiazepines are not covered with sleeping medication due to CNS depression
  - Belsomra and Dayvigo are not covered with short or long acting benzodiazepines
- 3A4 Substrates (alprazolam, clonazepam, midazolam,) are not allowed with strong 3A4 inhibitors. [Click here](#) for a full listing of medications included.

## Long Acting Contraception

- One strength of one medication is allowed at a time

# Therapeutic Duplication Class Expanded Lists

These classes are managed within the PDL. For full explanation of medications included within edit, an expanded list is provided here. Links with detailed explanation of how these edits work are included within the applicable sections within the PDL.

## Opioid and Benzodiazepines

### [Opioid and Benzodiazepines Concurrent Use Form](#)

Includes long acting opioids over 90 MME/day or immediate release opioids over 15 MME/dose due to guidance in The SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (H.R. 6) on CNS depression risk between benzodiazepines and opioids

#### **Criteria:**

- The prescriber must attest that they have reviewed the past 3 months of the patient's North Dakota PDMP reports.
- The patient has access to Narcan and has been counseled on overdose risk
- One of the following criteria must be met:
  - Prescriber must be or be in consult with an oncologist, palliative care specialist, or pain management specialist including a pain management contract (with treatment plan including goals for pain and function, and urine and/or blood screens)
  - Patient must have taper plan of one or both agents
  - The following criteria is met:
    - Prescriber(s) of both agents have provided reasons why opioid analgesics and benzodiazepines cannot be avoided, or lower doses be used (subject to clinical review)
    - Prescriber(s) from both the benzodiazepine and opioid attest to the following:
      - The patient must have not achieved therapeutic goal with non-narcotic medication (NSAIDs, TCAs, SNRIs, Corticosteroids, etc.) and non-medication alternatives (Weight Loss, Physical Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, etc.)
- Opioid dose does not exceed 90 MME/day

## Anticholinergics and Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitors

Anticholinergics	Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitors
Anoro Ellipta (Umeclidinium Bromide/Vilanterol)	Aricept (donepezil)
Atrovent HFA (Ipratropium Bromide)	Exelon (Rivastigmine)
Benztropine	Razadyne (Galantamine)
Bevespi Aerosphere (glycopyrrolate/formoterol)	Pyridostigmine
Combivent Respimat (Ipratropium/Albuterol)	
Cuvposa (Glycopyrrolate)	
Detrol (tolterodine)	
Dicyclomine	
Enablex (Darifenacin)	
Glycopyrrolate	
Incruse Ellipta (Umeclidinium Bromide)	
Lonhala Magnair (glycopyrrolate)	
Oxybutynin	
Propantheline	
Spiriva (Tiotropium Bromide)	

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Spiriva Respimat (Tiotropium Bromide)	
Stiolto Respimat (Tiotropium/Olodaterol)	
Toviaz (Fesoterodine)	
Trelegy Ellipta (Fluticasone/Umeclidinium/Vilanterol)	
Trihexyphenidyl	
Trospium	
Tudorza Pressair (Aclidinium Bromide)	
Vesicare (Solifenacin)	
Yupelri (Revefenacin)	

## CYP450 3A4 Interactions

Strong 3A4 Inhibitors	3A4 Substrates
Atazanavir	Alprazolam
Clarithromycin	Clonazepam
Cobicistat	Corlanor
Darunavir	Fentanyl
Dasabuvir	Midazolam
Idelaisib	Methadone
Indinavir	Oxycodone
Itraconazole	
Ketoconazole	
Lopinavir	
Mifepristone	
Nefazodone	
Nelfinavir	
Ombitasvir	
Paritaprevir	
Posaconazole	
Ritonavir	
Saquinavir	
Telithromycin	
Voriconazole	

## Electronic Step Care and Concurrent Medications

Electronic Step Care and Concurrent Medications for medications on the PDL are embedded within those categories. This is a listing of Electronic Step Care and Concurrent Medications on medications that are not managed by the PDL.

### Antidepressants

- Trintellix: Initiation with 10 mg must be used for 10 days prior to continuing therapy with 20 mg
  - Trintellix recommended starting dose is 10 mg once daily.
- Desvenlafaxine ER: 30 days of 50 mg must be paid within 40 days of 25 mg date of service
  - 25 mg is intended only for gradual titration before discontinuation. It is not a therapeutic dose.

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## Hepatic Encephalopathy

- Xifaxan: Xifaxan 550mg does not require prior authorization for hepatic encephalopathy if used concurrently with lactulose
  - A total of 30 days of Lactulose must be paid within 65 days prior to Xifaxan's date of service.

## Test strips, Lancets, Meters

- A total of a 25 day supply of Insulin and/or Sulfonylurea therapy must be paid within 150 days prior to diabetic test strip's date of service.
  - The ADA guidelines point out the lack of clinical utility and cost-effectiveness of routine Self-Monitoring of Blood Glucose (SMBG) in non-insulin treated patients. Both the Society of General Internal Medicine and the Endocrine Society recommend against routine SMBG for type 2 diabetes patients not on insulin or agents that cause hypoglycemia.
- Gestational Diabetes is a covered indication for diabetic testing supplies. Patients with gestational diabetes must have prenatal vitamins or folic acid preparations in their prescription claim history for testing supplies to pay.

## Potassium Supplements

- A total of a 30-day supply of diuretic must be paid within 100 days prior to potassium supplement's date of service.
  - Potassium labs should be regularly monitored when receiving continuous potassium supplementation to prevent hyperkalemia, especially in the absence of a potassium wasting diuretic.
  - A yearlong override will be granted after confirmation of continued need and monitoring

## First Fill

First Fill for medications on the PDL are embedded within those categories. This is a listing of First Fill on medications that are not managed by the PDL.

## Antidepressants

- Viibryd and Trintellix must be filled with a 10 day supply if no previous fill within past 99 days



**General  
Prior Authorization Form**

**Fax Completed Form to:  
855-207-0250  
For questions regarding this  
Prior authorization, call  
866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a prescription for non-preferred medications to meet specific diagnosis and step-therapy requirements. Criteria for agents requiring prior authorization can be found the following location:

- The Preferred Drug List (PDL) available at [www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf](http://www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf)

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name		Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)			
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:			Diagnosis for this request:		
List all failed medications:				Start Date:	End Date:
<b>Additional Qualifications for Coverage</b> (e.g. medical justification explaining inability to meet required trials) <input type="checkbox"/> Patient is pregnant: Due Date _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Patient has inability to take or tolerate solid oral dosage forms (please attach swallow study) <input type="checkbox"/> Patient has feeding tube in place: (please state specific type of feeding tube _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please fill out below)					
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**				Date	
<b>**:</b> By completing this form, I hereby certify that the above request is true, accurate and complete. That the request is medically necessary, does not exceed the medical needs of the member, and is clinically supported in the patient's medical records. I also understand that any misrepresentations or concealment of any information requested in the prior authorization request may subject me to audit and recoupment.					

**Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY**

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:		
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	DRUG	NDC #		





## Non-Preferred Dosage Forms Prior Authorization Form

**Fax Completed Form to:**  
**855-207-0250**  
**For questions regarding this**  
**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

### Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a prescription for non-preferred dosage form of a preferred agent must meet the following prior authorization criteria:

- The prescriber must submit medical justification explaining why the patient cannot use the preferred product (subject to clinical review)
- Patient must have FDA approved indication for use
- Patient must not have contraindications to requested product
- Patient must have failed a therapeutic course of all preferred agents within the last 2 years
  - Trials must have been at least 30 days in duration unless otherwise indicated
  - A failure is defined as product was not effective at maximum tolerated dose or patient has a documented intolerance or adverse reaction to inactive ingredients where the non-preferred product is expected to have a different result and other alternatives (e.g. medications in same class) are not an option for the patient

### Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name		Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)			
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:			Diagnosis for this request:		
List all failed medications:			Start Date:	End Date:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Does the patient have any contraindications to therapy with the requested agent?</li><li>• Is medical justification explaining why the patient cannot use the preferred product attached? (please attach any relevant documentation to the request)</li></ul>					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**				Date	
<p><b>**:</b> By completing this form, I hereby certify that the above request is true, accurate and complete. That the request is medically necessary, does not exceed the medical needs of the member, and is clinically supported in the patient's medical records. I also understand that any misrepresentations or concealment of any information requested in the prior authorization request may subject me to audit and recoupment.</p>					

### Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:		
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	DRUG	NDC #		



## Concurrent Medication Required Prior Authorization Form

**Fax Completed Form to:**  
**855-207-0250**  
**For questions regarding this**  
**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a product on the "Concurrent Medications and Step Care" list must also be taking the required concurrent medication listed in the document. Overrides will be considered for patients that are unable to take the required concurrent medication based on medical justification provided by the prescriber (subject to clinical review by ND Medicaid).

For an override to be considered, please complete and fax in this request form to the above number. Please attach any and all documentation (chart notes, pharmacy print-outs, etc.) supporting a medical justification as to why the patient is unable to use the required concurrent medication.

### Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE

Recipient Name	Recipient Date of Birth	Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name	Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)		
Prescriber NPI	Telephone Number	Fax Number	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Requested product(s) and frequency of use:		Diagnosis for this request:	
<b>Medical justification for inability to use required concurrent medication</b> (please attach any supporting documentation to this request):			
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.</i>			
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**			Date
<b>**:</b> <i>By completing this form, I hereby certify that the above request is true, accurate and complete. That the request is medically necessary, does not exceed the medical needs of the member, and is clinically supported in the patient's medical records. I also understand that any misrepresentations or concealment of any information requested in the prior authorization request may subject me to audit and recoupment.</i>			

### Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:
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**Dispense as Written  
Prior Authorization Form**

**Fax Completed Form to:  
855-207-0250  
For questions regarding this  
Prior authorization, call  
866-773-0695**

**Prior Authorization Vendor for ND Medicaid**

North Dakota Medicaid requires that patients receiving a brand name drug, when there is a generic equivalent available, must first try and fail the generic product. The Dispense as Written (DAW1) prior authorization criteria can be found in the Preferred Drug List (PDL) available at [www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf](http://www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf)

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name					
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Requested Drug:	DOSAGE:		Diagnosis for this request:		
<b>QUALIFICATIONS FOR COVERAGE:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> FAILED TWO GENERIC EQUIVALENTS			Start Date	End Date	Dose
					Frequency
<b>ADVERSE REACTION TO GENERIC EQUIVALENT:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> FDA MEDWATCH FORM ATTACHED FOR EACH GENERIC FAILED					
<b>PRIMARY INSURANCE REQUIRES:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> BRAND NAME PRODUCT					
Primary insurance carrier: _____					
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**				Date	
<i>** By completing this form, I hereby certify that the above request is true, accurate and complete. That the request is medically necessary, does not exceed the medical needs of the member, and is clinically supported in the patient's medical records. I also understand that any misrepresentations or concealment of any information requested in the prior authorization request may subject me to audit and recoupment.</i>					

**Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY**

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	DRUG	NDC #



## Antibiotics – Resistance Prevention Prior Authorization Form

**Fax Completed Form to:**  
**855-207-0250**  
**For questions regarding this**  
**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a prescription for select antibiotics to meet the following criteria:

- Medication must be prescribed by an infection disease specialist, an antibiotic stewardship program, or protocol
- Patient must be of an appropriate age for use per manufacturer label and have a diagnosis of an FDA approved indication for use, proven to be caused by a susceptible microorganism by culture and susceptibility testing
- One of the following must be met:
  - Prescriber must provide evidence-based medical justification for use, explaining why a preferred antibiotic is not an option due to susceptibility, previous failed trials, or other contraindications (subject to clinical review)
  - Patient is continuing treatment upon discharge from an acute care facility

### Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name		Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)			
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:			Diagnosis for this request:		
<b>Qualifications for coverage:</b>					
Has the provider attached documentation showing that the patient's infection is caused by a susceptible microorganism by culture and susceptibility testing?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Is the patient continuing treatment upon discharge from an acute care facility?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
RENEWAL ONLY: Is the patient's condition improving and continued treatment is required after re-evaluation of their condition?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Justification for use over preferred agents (provide below or in documentation attached to this request):					
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**				Date	
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### Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:		
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## Antihemophilic Factors Prior Authorization Form

**Fax Completed Form to:**  
**855-207-0250**  
**For questions regarding this**  
**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND Medicaid

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a new prescription for antihemophilic factors must meet the following criteria:

**Criteria for all agents:**

- The provider must attest that the patient visits an accredited Hemophilia Treatment Center once per year.
  - The date of the patient's last appointment with treatment center must be provided.
  - Contact information for treatment center must be provided.

**Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred agents (subject to clinical review).
  - The patient may qualify for non-preferred product if they are stable on current therapy (have had a paid claim for requested therapy in the past 45 days)

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Name	Recipient Date of Birth	Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name	Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)		
Prescriber NPI	Telephone Number	Fax Number	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:		Diagnosis for this Request:	
TREATMENT CENTER CONTACT INFORMATION:		Date of last appointment with treatment center:	
		Patient visits an accredited Hemophilia Treatment Center for yearly checkups: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.			
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**			Date
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**Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY**

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## Benzodiazepine + Opioid Concurrent Use Prior Authorization Form

**Fax Completed Form to:**  
**855-207-0250**  
**For questions regarding this**  
**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving both an opioid analgesic and a benzodiazepine must meet the "Opioid and Benzodiazepines" criteria listed in the Preferred Drug List (PDL) available at [www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf](http://www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf):

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/ PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE OF THE OPIOID ANALGESIC**

Recipient Name	Recipient Date of Birth	Recipient Medicaid ID Number
Prescriber Name	Pain, Palliative Care, or Oncology/Hematology Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)	
Prescriber NPI	Telephone Number	Fax Number
<b>Requested Opioid Analgesic:</b>	<b>Diagnosis for use of opioid(s) in this patient:</b>	
<b>Plan to taper:</b> (dose and length of treatment)	<b>Clinical justification for concurrent opioid and benzodiazepine treatment and/or reason opioid dose cannot be reduced:</b>	
<b>Treatment Alternatives:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NSAIDs <input type="checkbox"/> TCAs <input type="checkbox"/> SNRIs <input type="checkbox"/> Corticosteroids <input type="checkbox"/> Weight Loss <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Cognitive Behavioral Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<b>Start/End Date:</b>	<b>Reason for failure:</b>
<b>Qualifications for coverage:</b>		
Does provider routinely check the PDMP?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Has the provider established a realistic treatment plan with the patient, addressing expected outcomes and limitations of therapy in totally eliminating pain?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Will opioid therapy be routinely evaluated for effectiveness?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does the patient undergo routine drug screens?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Has the provider discussed and counseled the patient on the known risks of utilizing opioid analgesics in combination with benzodiazepines and other CNS depressing medications/conditions?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<b>Please confirm that all the following is attached to the request, along with any other relevant documentation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Patient's treatment/tapering plan including an evaluation of effectiveness and plans for continuation/discontinuation <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical documentation of previously tried and failed non-opioid therapies.		
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**		Date
<p><b>**:</b> By completing this form, I hereby certify that the above request is true, accurate and complete. That the request is medically necessary, does not exceed the medical needs of the member, and is clinically supported in the patient's medical records. I also understand that any misrepresentations or concealment of any information requested in the prior authorization request may subject me to audit and recoupment.</p>		



## Benzodiazepine + Opioid Concurrent Use Prior Authorization Form

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**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving both an opioid analgesic and a benzodiazepine must meet the "Opioid and Benzodiazepines" criteria listed in the Preferred Drug List (PDL) available at [www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf](http://www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf):

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE OF THE BENZODIAZEPINE**

Recipient Name	Recipient Date of Birth	Recipient Medicaid ID Number
Prescriber Name	Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)	
Prescriber NPI	Telephone Number	Fax Number
<b>Requested Benzodiazepine:</b>	<b>Diagnosis for use of a benzodiazepine in this patient:</b>	
<b>Plan to taper:</b> (dose and length of treatment)	<b>Clinical justification for concurrent opioid and benzodiazepine treatment and/or reason opioid dose cannot be reduced:</b>	
<b>List all failed treatments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> SSRIs <input type="checkbox"/> SNRIs <input type="checkbox"/> Buspirone <input type="checkbox"/> Lyrica <input type="checkbox"/> Mirtazapine <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Cognitive Behavioral Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Relaxation and Breath Training <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<b>Start/End Date:</b>	<b>Reason for failure:</b>
<b>Qualifications for coverage:</b>		
Does provider routinely check the PDMP?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Has the provider established an appropriate treatment plan with the patient, addressing the delayed onset of effectiveness of their maintenance therapy?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Will the benzodiazepine therapy be routinely evaluated for continued necessity?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does the patient undergo routine drug screens?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Has the provider discussed and counseled the patient on the known risks of utilizing benzodiazepines in combination with opioid analgesics and other CNS depressing medications/conditions?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<b>Please confirm that all of the following is attached to the request, along with any other relevant documentation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Patient's treatment plan including an evaluation of effectiveness and plans for continuation/discontinuation <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical documentation of previously tried and failed non-benzodiazepine therapies.		
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**		Date





**Brineura  
Prior Authorization Form**

**Fax Completed Form to:  
855-207-0250  
For questions regarding this  
Prior authorization, call  
866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving Brineura to meet prior authorization criteria. The prior authorization criteria can be found in the Preferred Drug List (PDL) available at [www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf](http://www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf):

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Name	Recipient Date of Birth	Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name	Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)		
Prescriber NPI	Telephone Number	Fax Number	
Billing Facility Name	Billing Facility NPI	Fax Number	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:		ICD-10 Diagnosis Code(s) for this request:	

**Qualifications for Coverage:**

**Initial Requests (please answer the questions below):**

Does patient have ventriculoperitoneal shunts?  
 Has the patient's diagnosis been confirmed by a genetic test confirming CLN2 disease?  
 Have results of an enzyme assay confirmed a deficiency of tripeptidyl peptidase 1 (TPP1) in this patient?  
 Have the patient's baseline results of motor and language domains of the Hamburg CLN2 Clinical Rating Scale been attached/faxed in with this request?

☐ YES ☐ NO  
☐ YES ☐ NO  
☐ YES ☐ NO  
☐ YES ☐ NO

**Renewal Requests (please answer the questions below):**

Does the patient have an acute, unresolved localized infection on or around the device insertion site or suspected or confirmed CNS infection?  
 Have the patient's current results of motor domain of the Hamburg CLN2 Clinical Rating Scale been attached/faxed in with this request?  
 Has the patient responded to therapy compared to pretreatment baseline with stability/lack of decline\* in motor function/milestones?  
 \*: Decline is defined as having an unreversed (sustained) 2-category decline or an unreversed score of 0 in the Motor domain of the CLN2 Clinical Rating Scale

☐ YES ☐ NO  
☐ YES ☐ NO  
☐ YES ☐ NO

Prescriber (or Staff) / Signature**	Date
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## Diabetic Testing Supplies Prior Authorization Form

**Fax Completed Form to:**  
**855-207-0250**  
**For questions regarding this**  
**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

In line with current ADA guidelines, ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a prescription for diabetic testing supplies that are not receiving an insulin or sulfonylurea product, as evidenced by paid pharmacy claims, will require prior authorization to qualify for coverage.

Overrides for a period of 6 months will be considered for patients that are newly diagnosed, acutely ill, or have a significant change in health status for medically necessary purposes. To obtain an override, please complete this form and fax to the number above for clinical review.

### Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE

Recipient Name	Recipient Date of Birth	Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name	Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)		
Prescriber NPI	Telephone Number	Fax Number	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Requested product(s) and frequency of use:		Diagnosis for this request:	
Medical justification for use/ qualifications for coverage (please attach any supporting documentation to this request):			
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.			
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**			Date
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### Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	DRUG	NDC #



## Eczema / Atopic Dermatitis Prior Authorization Form

**Fax Completed Form to:**  
**855-207-0250**  
**For questions regarding this**  
**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a new prescription for Eczema / Atopic Dermatitis agents that require prior authorization must meet prior authorization criteria. The prior authorization criteria can be found in the Preferred Drug List (PDL) available at [www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf](http://www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf)

### Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name		Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)			
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Requested Drug:	Diagnosis for this request:		Is the affected area is on the face, groin, axilla, or under occlusion? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
List all failed medications:			Start Date:	End Date:	
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**				Date	
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### Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:		
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	DRUG	NDC #		



## Emflaza Prior Authorization Form

**Fax Completed Form to:**  
**855-207-0250**  
**For questions regarding this**  
**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a new prescription for Emflaza must meet the criteria for use available at [www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/2018/Criteria/PA\\_Criteria.pdf](http://www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/2018/Criteria/PA_Criteria.pdf)

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name		Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)			
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
<b>Requested Drug and Dosage:</b>			<b>Diagnosis for this request:</b>		
<b>List all failed medications:</b>				<b>Start Date:</b>	<b>End Date:</b>
• <b>Patient's serum creatinine kinase activity prior to initiating treatment:</b>					
• <b>Patient's current motor milestone score</b> (provide score and assessment used):					
• <b>Did the patient experience onset of weakness before 5 years of age?</b>					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
• <b>INITIAL: Patient has experienced the following significant intolerable adverse effects*</b> (select all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Cushingoid appearance <input type="checkbox"/> Central (truncal) obesity <input type="checkbox"/> Severe behavioral adverse effect <input type="checkbox"/> Undesirable weight gain (>10% of body weight gain increase over 6-month period) <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes and/or hypertension that is difficult to manage					
• <b>RENEWAL: Patient has experienced an improvement from adverse effects experienced on prednisone*</b>					<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<b><u>Documentation of experienced adverse events or improvement on Emflaza must be provided with this request</u></b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.</i>					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**					Date
<b>**:</b> By completing this form, I hereby certify that the above request is true, accurate and complete. That the request is medically necessary, does not exceed the medical needs of the member, and is clinically supported in the patient's medical records. I also understand that any misrepresentations or concealment of any information requested in the prior authorization request may subject me to audit and recoupment.					

**Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY**

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**Gamifant  
Prior Authorization Form**

**Fax Completed Form to:  
855-207-0250  
For questions regarding this  
Prior authorization, call  
866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a new prescription for Gamifant must meet the agent criteria located on the Preferred Drug List (PDL), located on the North Dakota Department of Human Services Prior Authorization website at <http://www.hidesigns.com/ndmedicaid>. Please fill out this request form in its entirety, answer all questions relevant to the requested product, and attach any required documentation to this request form.

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name		Prescriber NPI		Billing Facility NPI	
Specialist involved (if not treating physician)		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Requested Drug:		Diagnosis:		ICD-10 Code:	
Prior therapies		Start-end dates		Reason for discontinuation	
<b>Is the patient a candidate for stem cell transplant?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
<b>Does the patient experience the following clinical characteristics?</b>					
• Fever $\geq 101.3^{\circ}\text{F}$ for > 7 days		<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
• Splenomegaly		<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
• Low or absent natural killer cell activity		<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
• Ferritin $\geq 500$ mg/L		<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
• Soluble CD25 (i.e., soluble IL-2 receptor) $\geq 2,400$ U/mL		<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
• Fasting triglycerides $\geq 265$ mg/dL (2 mmol/L)		<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
• Fibrinogen $\leq 1.5$ g/L		<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
• ANC <1000/microL		<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
• Platelet count < 100,000/microL		<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
• Hemoglobin < 9 g/dL (or < 10 g/dL in infants < 4 weeks of age)		<input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
<b>Has all required documentation been attached to the request (e.g. genetic testing, lab documentation)?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**				Date	
<p><b>**:</b> By completing this form, I hereby certify that the above request is true, accurate and complete. That the request is medically necessary, does not exceed the medical needs of the member, and is clinically supported in the patient's medical records. I also understand that any misrepresentations or concealment of any information requested in the prior authorization request may subject me to audit and recoupment.</p>					



# Growth Hormone Prior Authorization Form

**Fax Completed Form to:**  
**855-207-0250**  
**For questions regarding this**  
**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND Medicaid

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a preferred growth hormone\*, Serostim, or Zorbtive must meet the criteria for the specified product listed in the preferred drug list (PDL). Please see the PDL at <http://hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf>:

*\*=Patient's receiving a non-preferred growth hormone product must be switched to a preferred agent.*

## Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE

Recipient Name	Recipient Date of Birth	Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name	Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)		
Prescriber NPI	Telephone Number	Fax Number	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:		Diagnosis for this request:	

### Qualifications for coverage:

Does patient have any active malignancy?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Has patient attained epiphyseal closure?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does the patient consult with a dietician to maintain a nutritious diet?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is growth hormone needed to maintain proper blood glucose ( <i>endogenous GH deficiency only</i> )?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does the patient have multiple pituitary hormone deficiencies caused by a known, hypothalamic-pituitary Disease( <i>endogenous GH deficiency only</i> )?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Has the patient received a renal transplant ( <i>chronic renal insufficiency only</i> )?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Has a diagnosis of sleep apnea been ruled out in this patient ( <i>Prader-Willi syndrome only</i> )?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Are all lab values stated as required in the criteria attached to this request?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

### Patient's current BMI (Prader-Willi syndrome only):

Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**	Date
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## Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	DRUG	NDC #



## Hepatitis C Treatments Prior Authorization Form

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**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

**Prior Authorization Vendor for ND**

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a prescription for hepatitis C treatments must meet the criteria listed in the preferred drug list (PDL). Please see the PDL at <http://hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf>:

- Please complete this form in its entirety and provide any and all required documentation (if available)

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name		Specialist involved in therapy			
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
<b>Requested Drug and Dose:</b>		<b>Duration requested:</b>		<b>Patient's liver fibrosis score:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> F0-F1 <input type="checkbox"/> F3-F4	
<b>Diagnosis:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> HCV <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:		<b>Genotype:</b>		<b>Patient's Child-Pugh Class:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Please list any previous treatments the patient has failed for chronic HCV: <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		Regimen:		Dates of treatment:	Response:
Has the patient remained drug (illicit use by injection) and alcohol free for the past 3 months?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Does patient have a diagnosis of alcohol use disorder?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Does patient have a history of illicit use of drugs by injection?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Has patient completed or is currently in a treatment program from an enrolled addiction medicine/chemical dependency provider (or buprenorphine waived provider if history of IV drug use)?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Approximate Dates of Treatment:				Attested by: <input type="checkbox"/> PROVIDER <input type="checkbox"/> PATIENT	
Does the patient have Hepatitis B?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
If the patient has Hepatitis B, has it been treated or will it be closely monitored during treatment?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Is the patient post-liver transplant?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Does the patient's life expectancy greater than one year?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Does patient attended scheduled visits with no more than 1 no-show and fill maintenance medications on time?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Does patient have any contraindications to therapy with the requested agent?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
<b>***ONLY IF RIBAVIRIN IS BEING USED IN A PATIENT OF CHILD-BEARING POTENTIAL***</b> Has the patient had a negative pregnancy test in the last 30 days and will receive monthly pregnancy tests during treatment?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
<b>Please confirm that all of the following is attached to the request, along with any other documentation required, as stated in the PDL:</b> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Baseline HCV RNA  <input type="checkbox"/> ≥ 2 drug and alcohol tests dated at least 3 months apart  <input type="checkbox"/> Patient &amp; Prescriber attestation forms         </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> HCV RNA 4 weeks after starting therapy (for renewal)  <input type="checkbox"/> Chart notes addressing patient's alcohol and drug free status over the past year  <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation of patient's fibrosis score if available (e.g. APRI, Fibroscan, Fibrotest)         </div> </div>					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**					Date
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**Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY**

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	DRUG	NDC #

## Hepatitis C Patient Consent Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have been counseled by my healthcare provider on the following:

- ☐ I am planning to live in North Dakota during the entire treatment period. I will complete the entire course of treatment, attend office visits, and have laboratory tests as ordered by my healthcare provider during the treatment period.
- ☐ I will notify my chosen pharmacy of a need to refill one week prior to running out of medication. I understand I must take my medication each day as directed for the entire course of treatment. If the medication does not work due to missed doses, I may not be approved for re-treatment.
- ☐ I understand to keep my liver healthy, I must not drink alcohol or use illicit injectable drugs prior to, during, or after my treatment. If indicated, I will participate in a treatment program to remain abstinent.
- ☐ I understand that after treatment, I can be re-infected with Hepatitis C. My provider has educated me on routes of Hepatitis C transmission, and I will avoid or modify high risk activities to avoid re-infection.
- ☐ I understand that medications that treat Hepatitis C may be harmful to unborn babies. I will use methods to avoid getting pregnant or another person pregnant during treatment and when advised by my provider or pharmacist, for at least 6 months after treatment is complete.

**Patient Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

**Pharmacy or Prescriber Representative:**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

*By signature, the pharmacy or prescriber representative confirms the contract has been reviewed with the patient*

## Hepatitis C Prescriber Agreement Form

- ☐ I agree that I will counsel my patient on how, where, and when to obtain refills on their hepatitis C medications.
- ☐ I agree that I will have intermittent telephone check-ins with my patient, at minimum at 2 weeks and 6 weeks of treatment. I will assess continued adherence with medication, labs, and office visits, treatment tolerability, as well as medication changes that may affect treatment.
- ☐ I have reviewed my patient's medications for drug interactions that would make Hepatitis C medications less effective or cause other adverse effects.
- ☐ I have reviewed the treatment plan with my patient including medications, lab, vaccinations, and follow-up visits.
- ☐ I have assessed my patient's readiness for treatment and believe they are ready and willing to comply with the treatment plan. I have assessed social and psychological stability, substance use abstinence, compliance to follow up visits and medications, pregnancy status, and concurrent health risks.
- ☐ I understand that ND Medicaid tracks refill history and may contact me to provide additional information in the event of a dropped or late refill.
- ☐ I have a dedicated individual or team which may include pharmacy and nursing support to fulfill the elements of this form and have listed key members contact information below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pharmacy or Prescriber Representative:**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_





## Hyperkalemia Prior Authorization Form

**Fax Completed Form to:**  
**855-207-0250**  
**For questions regarding this**  
**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a prescription for select agents for hyperkalemia to meet the following criteria:

- Patient must be 18 years of age or older
- Medication must be prescribed by, or in consultation with, a nephrologist
- Patient's current serum potassium level must be exceeding the upper limit of normal (shown by 2 labs)
- Patient must not have gastrointestinal motility disorders
- One of the following criteria must be met:
  - Patient must have failed a 30-day trial with at least one preferred product
  - Provider has submitted medical justification explaining why the patient cannot use any preferred agents
- The patient must not be receiving the medications known to cause hyperkalemia, OR medical justification must be provided explaining why discontinuation of these agents would be clinically inappropriate in this patient
- **Renewal:** Patient's current serum potassium level must be within normal limits or significantly reduced from baseline

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Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name		Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)			
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:			Diagnosis for this request:		
List all failed medications:				Start Date:	End Date:
<b>Additional Qualifications for Coverage</b>					
Has the provider attached required lab documentation showing 2 of the patient's current potassium levels? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</span>					
Does the patient have a diagnosis of any gastrointestinal motility disorder? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</span>					
Is the patient to continue to receive a medication known to cause hyperkalemia? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</span>					
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**				Date	
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**Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY**

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:		
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## Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Agents Prior Authorization Form

Fax Completed Form to:  
855-207-0250  
For questions regarding this  
Prior authorization, call  
866-773-0695

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND Medicaid

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a new prescription for agents used to treat idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis must meet the following criteria:

**Category Criteria:**

- The patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use (meets label recommendations for diagnosis and age).
- The prescriber must be, or in consult with, a pulmonologist or rheumatologist.
- The patient must have forced vital capacity (FVC)  $\geq$  40% of predicted within prior 60 days
- The patient must have carbon monoxide diffusing capacity (DLCO, corrected for hemoglobin) of 30% to 79% of predicted.

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Name	Recipient Date of Birth	Recipient Medicaid ID Number		
Prescriber Name	Specialist Involved in Therapy (if different than prescriber)			
Prescriber NPI	Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address	City	State		Zip Code
Requested Drug:	Diagnosis:	FVC:	Date of FVC Provided:	
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.				
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**			Date	
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**Immune Globulins  
Prior Authorization Form**

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Prior Authorization Vendor for ND Medicaid

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a new prescription for an immune globulin must meet the following criteria:

- If patient's BMI > 30, adjusted body weight must be provided along with the calculated dose.
- **The patient must have a diagnosis of an FDA-approved indication for use**
- **For Gammagard S/D:** Patient must be intolerant to IgA.
- **For Cutaquig, Cuvitru, Hizentra, Hyqvia or Xembify:** Patient must be unable to tolerate IV administration and fail a trial of two of the following: Gamunex-C, Gammaked, or Gammagard.
- **For all other agents:** Patient must try and fail two of the following: Gamunex-C, Privigen, or Gammagard.

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Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name					
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:			Diagnosis for this request:		
List all failed medications:			Start Date:	End Date:	
<b>Qualifications for coverage:</b>					
Is patient intolerant to IgA? <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</span>					
Is patient unable to tolerate IV administration? <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</span>					
Is patient BMI over 30? <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</span>					
If patient BMI over 30, provide adjusted body weight and calculated dose:					
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.</i>					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**				Date	
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**Insulins  
Prior Authorization Form**

**Fax Completed Form to:  
855-207-0250  
For questions regarding this  
Prior authorization, call  
866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND Medicaid

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a new prescription for non-preferred insulin products must meet prior authorization criteria. The prior authorization criteria can be found in the Preferred Drug List (PDL) available at [www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf](http://www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf)

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name:					
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:			Diagnosis for this request:		
Failed Therapy:			Start Date:	End Date:	
Has all required documentation/medical justification supporting use over preferred agents been attached? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**				Date	
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**Makena  
Prior Authorization Form**

**Fax Completed Form to:  
855-207-0250  
For questions regarding this  
Prior authorization, call  
866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving Makena to meet prior authorization criteria. The prior authorization criteria can be found in the Preferred Drug List (PDL) available at [www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf](http://www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf)

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name		Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)			
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:			Diagnosis for this request:		
Patient's Estimated Date of Delivery or Gestational Age of Current Pregnancy (weeks and days):					
Does the patient have a history of singleton spontaneous preterm birth? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
Is the patient currently pregnant with singleton? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
Additional Qualifications for Coverage (if applicable)					
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**				Date	
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**Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY**

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**Mifeprex  
Prior Authorization Form**

**Fax Completed Form to:  
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For questions regarding this  
Prior authorization, call  
866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND Medicaid

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving Mifeprex to meet prior authorization criteria. The prior authorization criteria can be found in the Preferred Drug List (PDL) available at [www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf](http://www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf)

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Physician Name					
Physician Medicaid Provider Number		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:		FDA approved indication for this request:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Is the patient terminating a pregnancy before 70 days of gestation? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</li><li>Is the pregnancy resulting from an act of rape or incest? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If yes, please attach written statements as outlined in section 1 below)</li><li>Does the woman suffer from a physical disorder that would place the woman in danger of death unless abortion is performed? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If yes, please attach a written statement as outlined in section 2 below)</li></ul>					
<b>Section 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The provider has provided a signed written statement indicating that the rape or act of incest has been reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency, or in the case of a minor who is a victim of incest, to an agency authorized to receive child abuse and neglect reports. The statement must indicate to whom the report was made.</li><li>The provider has provided written statement signed by the recipient and the provider that the recipient's pregnancy resulted from rape or incest and by professional judgement, the provider agrees with the woman's statement.</li></ul>					
<b>Section 2:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The provider must provide a signed written statement indicating why, in the provider's professional judgement, the life of a woman would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term</li></ul>					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**				Date	
<i>** : By completing this form, I hereby certify that the above request is true, accurate and complete. That the request is medically necessary, does not exceed the medical needs of the member, and is clinically supported in the patient's medical records. I also understand that any misrepresentations or concealment of any information requested in the prior authorization request may subject me to audit and recoupment.</i>					

**Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY**

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## Migraine Prophylaxis (CGRP Inhibitors) Prior Authorization Form

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**For questions regarding this**  
**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a prescription for a CGRP inhibitor must meet the criteria listed in the preferred drug list (PDL). Please see the PDL at <http://hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf>:

### Initial Request Criteria for All Diagnoses:

- The patient must have had a 3-month trial of each preferred agent\*.
- The patient must have had the specified 2-month trial(s) of the required prerequisite therapy (stated in the PDL)\*.
- **Additional criteria for migraine prevention:** Patient must experience  $\geq 4$  migraine days per-month.
- **Additional criteria for episodic cluster headaches:** Prescriber must submit documentation supporting a diagnosis that meets the International Headache Society 3 – beta (IHS-3b) diagnostic criteria for cluster headache (chronic migraine must be ruled out).

\*= The prescriber must submit documentation, including clinical notes regarding failure of prior treatments.

**Renewal Requests:** Patient must experience a reduction in migraines/weekly cluster headaches of at least 50%

### Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name		Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)			
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:			Diagnosis for this request:		
List all failed medications:				Start Date:	End Date:
Additional Qualifications for Coverage (e.g. medical justification explaining inability to meet required trials)					
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**					Date
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### Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY

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**NSAIDs  
Prior Authorization Form**

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Prior authorization, call  
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Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

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**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Name	Recipient Date of Birth	Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name	Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)		
Prescriber NPI	Telephone Number	Fax Number	
Requested Drug and Dosage:	Diagnosis for this request:		
List all failed medications:	Start Date:	End Date:	Reason for Failure:
<b>Qualifications for coverage:</b>			
Does the patient have a history of gastric or duodenal ulcer or comorbidities of GI bleed, perforation, or obstruction?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Does patient have a diagnosis of dysmenorrhea or endometriosis?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
All other needed qualifications for coverage/medical justification for use is attached to this request?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.			
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**		Date	
<i>** : By completing this form, I hereby certify that the above request is true, accurate and complete. That the request is medically necessary, does not exceed the medical needs of the member, and is clinically supported in the patient's medical records. I also understand that any misrepresentations or concealment of any information requested in the prior authorization request may subject me to audit and recoupment.</i>			

**Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY**

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	DRUG	NDC #





**Nausea/Vomiting  
Prior Authorization Form**

**Fax Completed Form to:  
855-207-0250  
For questions regarding this  
Prior authorization, call  
866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a new prescription for a non-preferred agent for nausea/vomiting treatment must meet the criteria for the specified product listed in the preferred drug list (PDL). Please see the PDL at <http://hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf>:

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Name	Recipient Date of Birth	Recipient Medicaid ID Number
Prescriber Name	Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)	
Prescriber NPI	Telephone Number	Fax Number
Requested Drug and Dosage:		Diagnosis for this request:
List all failed medications:	Dates:	Reason for Failure:
Estimated last day of treatment (ie. pregnancy due date or final date of chemotherapy):		
<b>Additional Qualifications for Coverage:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Does the patient have an inability to tolerate oral medications (please attach swallow study)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Explain:		
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.		
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**		Date
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**Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY**

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	DRUG	NDC #



## Nuedexta Prior Authorization Form

**Fax Completed Form to:**  
**855-207-0250**  
**For questions regarding this**  
**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a new prescription for Nuedexta must meet prior authorization criteria. The prior authorization criteria can be found in the Preferred Drug List (PDL) available at [www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf](http://www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf)

### Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name		Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)			
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
<b>Requested Drug and Dosage:</b>		<b>Diagnosis for this request (include cause of PBA):</b>			
<b>List all failed medications:</b>		<b>Start Date (PBA Count at Start):</b>		<b>End Date (PBA Count at End):</b>	
Does the patient have a prolonged QT interval, heart failure, or complete atrioventricular (AV) block? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</span> Has the neurologic condition been stable for at least 3 months? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</span>					
Baseline CNS-LS:	Baseline weekly PBA episode count:	Current CNS-LS:	Current weekly PBA episode count:		
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**				Date	
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### Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:		
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	DRUG	NDC #		



## Opioid Analgesics Prior Authorization Form

**Fax Completed Form to:**  
**855-207-0250**  
**For questions regarding this**  
**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a new prescription for ALL long-acting opioid analgesics and non-preferred short-acting opioid analgesics must meet prior authorization criteria. The prior authorization criteria can be found in the Preferred Drug List (PDL) available at [www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf](http://www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf)

### Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE

Recipient Name	Recipient Date of Birth	Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name	Pain, Palliative Care, or Oncology/Hematology Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician):		
Prescriber NPI	Telephone Number	Fax Number	
<b>Requested Opioid Analgesic:</b>	<b>Diagnosis for use of opioid(s) in this patient:</b>		
<b>List All Failed/Current Medications:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NSAIDs <input type="checkbox"/> TCAs <input type="checkbox"/> SNRIs <input type="checkbox"/> Corticosteroids <input type="checkbox"/> Weight Loss <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Cognitive Behavioral Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<b>Dose and Frequency:</b>	<b>Start/End Date:</b>	<b>Reason for failure:</b>
<b>Qualifications for coverage:</b>			
Has the past 3 months of North Dakota PDMP reports must have been reviewed by the prescriber? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Has the provider established a realistic treatment plan with the patient, addressing expected outcomes and limitations of therapy in totally eliminating pain? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Has the patient established opioid tolerability by using short acting opioids daily for at least 90 days prior to request <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Does the patient have access to Narcan and counseled on overdose risk? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Does the patient undergo routine drug screens? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
<b>Please confirm that all the following is attached to the request, along with any other relevant documentation:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient's treatment plan including an evaluation of effectiveness and plans for continuation/discontinuation <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical documentation of previously tried and failed non-opioid therapies.			
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**			Date
<p><b>**:</b> By completing this form, I hereby certify that the above request is true, accurate and complete. That the request is medically necessary, does not exceed the medical needs of the member, and is clinically supported in the patient's medical records. I also understand that any misrepresentations or concealment of any information requested in the prior authorization request may subject me to audit and recoupment.</p>			



## Opioid Dependence Agents Prior Authorization Form

**Fax Completed Form to:**  
**855-207-0250**  
**For questions regarding this**  
**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND Medicaid

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a new prescription for buprenorphine and buprenorphine/naloxone combinations must meet the following criteria:

**Product Specific Criteria:**

- **Buprenorphine tablets:** The patient must be pregnant or breastfeeding

**Non-Preferred Agents Criteria:**

- The patient must have had a 30-day trial of each preferred agent.
- Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use the preferred products
- A MedWatch form for each trial of each product must be filled out and attached to request
- DAW Criteria must be met in addition to Opioid Partial Agonist Group PA Criteria.
- **For all non-preferred agents OTHER than Zubsolv (buprenorphine/naloxone):**
  - The patient must have failed a 30-day trial of Zubsolv (buprenorphine/naloxone)
  - Clinical justification must be provided explaining why the patient is unable to use Zubsolv
  - A MedWatch form for each trial of each product from the available manufacturer(s) must be filled out and attached to request
  - DAW Criteria must be met in addition to Opioid Partial Agonist Group PA Criteria.

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name		(SAMHSA ID-X DEA Number)			
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
<b>Requested Drug and Dosage:</b>		<b>FDA Approved Indication for this request:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient is not taking other opioids, tramadol, or carisoprodol concurrently with requested medication.					
Is the patient pregnant? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</span>					
Is the patient currently breastfeeding? <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</span>					
<b>Patient Due Date (if pregnant):</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**					Date
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**Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY**

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:		
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**Orilissa  
Prior Authorization Form**

**Fax Completed Form to:  
855-207-0250  
For questions regarding this  
Prior authorization, call  
866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a prescription for Orilissa to meet the following prior authorization criteria:

- Patient must have an FDA-approved indication for use and be of the FDA approved age for use
- The patient must have a diagnosis of moderate to severe pain associated with endometriosis
- The patient must not have osteoporosis or severe liver disease (Child-Pugh Class C).
- The patient must have failed the following trials (A and B), as evidenced by paid claims or pharmacy printouts:
  - A. A 3-cycle trial of mefenamic acid, meclofenamate, celecoxib, ibuprofen 1800mg/day or equivalent high dose NSAID
  - B. A 3-cycle trial of an oral estrogen-progestin or progestin contraceptives

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name		Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)			
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:			Diagnosis for this request:		
List all failed medications:			Start Date:	End Date:	
<b>Qualifications for coverage:</b>					
Has the patient had a negative pregnancy test and will use a non-combination hormone birth control method must be used throughout treatment? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
Does the patient have osteoporosis or severe liver disease (Child-Pugh Class C)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**				Date	
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**Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY**

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**Osteoporosis Agents  
Prior Authorization Form**

**Fax Completed Form to:  
855-207-0250  
For questions regarding this  
Prior authorization, call  
866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a new prescription for osteoporosis treatment agents that require prior authorization must meet prior authorization criteria. The prior authorization criteria can be found in the Preferred Drug List (PDL) available at [www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf](http://www.hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf)

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name		Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)			
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:			Diagnosis for this request:		
List all failed medications:				Start Date:	End Date:
<b>Qualifications for coverage:</b>					
Patient's BMD T-Score:		Site of BMD Measurement:			
Does the patient have a history of low trauma fracture?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Has the patient had a new fracture within the last 6-months?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Does the patient have multiple risk factors for fracture?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**					Date
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**Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY**

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**Out of State Pharmacy  
Prior Authorization Form**

**Fax Completed Form to:  
855-207-0250  
For questions regarding this  
Prior authorization, call  
866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND Medicaid

**Part I**

Recipient Name	Recipient Date of Birth	Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
<b>Requested Drug and Dosage:</b>			
<b>Qualifications for coverage:</b>			
Start Date	End Date	Dose	Frequency
<b>Reason for out of state pharmacy request:</b>			
Recipient is residing out of state? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, please provide recipient residence, city, state, zip code:			
Requested drug is only available at out of state pharmacies? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Third party requires out of state pharmacy for coverage? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, contact State Provider Relations at 1-800-755-2604.			

**Part II**

PHARMACY NAME (REQUIRED)			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER (REQUIRED)
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	DRUG	NDC # (REQUIRED)
Pharmacy Signature:			Date:



**Phenylketonuria Agents  
Prior Authorization Form**

**Fax Completed Form to:  
855-207-0250  
For questions regarding this  
Prior authorization, call  
866-773-0695**

**Prior Authorization Vendor for ND Medicaid**

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a new prescription for a phenylketonuria agent must meet the criteria for the specified product listed in the preferred drug list (PDL). Please see the PDL at <http://hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf>:

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name					
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code:
Requested Drug and Dosage:		Diagnosis for use:		PHE level:	Patient's weight:
Has the patient been known to have two null mutations in TRANS?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Are baseline PHE levels attached?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is patient of child-bearing potential?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is this a renewal request?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Has the patient been compliant with diet and medications for past 6 months?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**				Date	
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**Sedative/Hypnotic  
Prior Authorization Form**

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855-207-0250  
For questions regarding this  
Prior authorization, call  
866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND Medicaid

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a new prescription for a non-preferred sedative/hypnotic agent must meet the criteria for the specified product listed in the preferred drug list (PDL). Please see the PDL at <http://hidesigns.com/assets/files/ndmedicaid/NDPDL.pdf>:

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name					
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:		Diagnosis for this request:			
Qualifications for coverage:					
List all failed medications:		Start Date:		End Date:	
Have other conditions causing sleep issues been ruled out?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Is the patient's insomnia characterized by difficulty with sleep initiation?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Is the patient's insomnia characterized by difficulty with sleep maintenance?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Does the patient require dose tapering?				<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**				Date	
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**Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY**

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:
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## Spinal Muscular Atrophy Prior Authorization Form

**Fax Completed Form to:**  
**855-207-0250**  
**For questions regarding this**  
**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND Medicaid

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a prescription for treatments of spinal muscular atrophy must meet the agent criteria located on the Preferred Drug List (PDL), located on the North Dakota Department of Human Services Prior Authorization website at <http://www.hidesigns.com/ndmedicaid>. Please fill out this request form in its entirety, answer all questions relevant to the requested product, and attach any required documentation to this request form.

### Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number																						
Prescriber Name			Prescriber NPI																							
Billing Facility NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number																						
Address		City		State	Zip Code																					
Billing Facility NPI		ICD-10 Code:																								
Requested Drug and Dose:																										
Diagnosis for this request: <input type="checkbox"/> SMA Type 1 <input type="checkbox"/> SMA Type 2 <input type="checkbox"/> SMA Type 3																										
Patient's weight:		Baseline motor ability score:		Age at SMA symptom onset:																						
<table border="0"><tr><td>Does the patient have respiratory insufficiency?</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> YES</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> NO</td></tr><tr><td>Does the patient require gastric feeding tubes for the majority of feeds?</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> YES</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> NO</td></tr><tr><td>Does the patient have severe contractures or severe scoliosis?</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> YES</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> NO</td></tr><tr><td>Does the patient have wasting or cachexia?</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> YES</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> NO</td></tr><tr><td>Does the patient experience issues with ambulating?</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> YES</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> NO</td></tr><tr><td>Has the patient reached full gestational age?</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> YES</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> NO</td></tr><tr><td>Has all required documentation been attached to the request (e.g. genetic testing, antibody titers, motor ability scores)?</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> YES</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> NO</td></tr></table>						Does the patient have respiratory insufficiency?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Does the patient require gastric feeding tubes for the majority of feeds?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Does the patient have severe contractures or severe scoliosis?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Does the patient have wasting or cachexia?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Does the patient experience issues with ambulating?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Has the patient reached full gestational age?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Has all required documentation been attached to the request (e.g. genetic testing, antibody titers, motor ability scores)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
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Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**					Date																					

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Prior Authorization Vendor for ND Medicaid

Note:

- Synagis season will be October 19<sup>th</sup> through April 21<sup>st</sup>
- Providers will choose when to start dosing Synagis based on prevalence of RSV in the community
- Clinicians may administer up to a maximum of 5 monthly doses during the RSV season.
- Qualifying infants born during the RSV season may require fewer doses.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Medicaid ID Number	Recipient Date of Birth	Prescriber NPI	Prescriber Fax Number
Billing Facility NPI	Billing Facility Name		ICD-10 code

Diagnosis (qualification for Synagis)

☐ **Prematurity**

<29 weeks, 0 days gestational age – Synagis allowed if younger than 12 months of age at start of RSV season (max of 5 doses)

**Gestational Age (e.g. 28 weeks, 4 days)**

**Weeks** \_\_\_\_\_ **Days** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Chronic Lung Disease of Prematurity (CLD)** – Child ≤12 months old with gestational age <32 weeks, 0 days and requires supplemental oxygen >21% for at least the first 28 days after birth.

☐ **Chronic Lung Disease of Prematurity (CLD)** – Child ≤24 months old with gestational age <32 weeks, 0 days and requires supplemental oxygen >21% for at least the first 28 days after birth and continues to receive medical support within six months before the start of RSV season.

☐ Supplemental Oxygen

☐ Diuretic

☐ Chronic corticosteroid therapy

☐ **Congenital Heart Disease (CHD)**

Child ≤12 months old with hemodynamically significant cyanotic or acyanotic CHD

Medical Therapy Required \_\_\_\_\_

\*children less than 24 months who undergo cardiac transplantation during RSV season may be considered for prophylaxis.

☐ **Neuromuscular disease** (may be considered for prophylaxis during the first year of life)

☐ **Pulmonary abnormalities** (may be considered for prophylaxis during the first year of life)

☐ **Profoundly Immunocompromised children** (children <24 months of age may be considered for prophylaxis during the RSV season)



**Palforzia  
Prior Authorization Form**

**Fax Completed Form to:  
855-207-0250  
For questions regarding this  
Prior authorization, call  
866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a prescription for Palforzia to meet criteria confirming the medication is being used according to its FDA-approved indication. Please fill out the following form in its entirety.

**Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE**

Recipient Name	Recipient Date of Birth	Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name	Specialist involved in therapy (if not treating physician)		
Prescriber NPI	Telephone Number	Fax Number	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:		Diagnosis for this request:	
Does the patient have uncontrolled asthma? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Has the patient experienced severe or life-threatening anaphylaxis in the 60 days? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Does the patient have a history of eosinophilic esophagitis or another eosinophilic GI disease? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Has the patient/caregiver been educated on appropriate use of epinephrine? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
RENEWAL ONLY: Does the patient continue to have a peanut allergy and has been/is being monitored for resolution of their allergy? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
RENEWAL ONLY: Has the patient been able to tolerate the maintenance dose of Palforzia (300 mg daily)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Additional Qualifications for Coverage (if applicable)			
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.			
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**			Date
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**Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY**

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	DRUG	NDC #



## Tardive Dyskinesia Agents Prior Authorization Form

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**855-207-0250**  
**For questions regarding this**  
**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

### Prior Authorization Vendor for ND Medicaid

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a new prescription for Austedo, Ingrezza, or tetrabenazine must meet the following criteria:

#### Category Criteria

- The patient must be 18 years of age or older.
- The prescription must be written by/in consultation with a specialist (neurologist or psychiatrist).
- The patient must have a diagnosis of tardive dyskinesia, including the following:
  - Involuntary athetoid or choreiform movements
  - History of treatment with dopamine receptor blocking agent (DRBA)
  - Symptom duration lasting longer than 4-8 weeks
- The patient must not be taking monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI)
- The patient is not pregnant or breastfeeding

#### Product Specific Criteria: \*\*\* Austedo/tetrabenazine:

- The patient must have a diagnosis of Huntington's disease or Tardive Dyskinesia.
- The patient must not have hepatic impairment

### Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE

Recipient Name		Recipient Date of Birth		Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name					
Prescriber NPI		Telephone Number		Fax Number	
Address		City		State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:		FDA approved indication for this request:			
		Does the patient have hepatic impairment? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
List all failed medications (drug name, date of trial, reason for failure):					
<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have considered a generic or other alternative and that the requested drug is expected to result in the successful medical management of the recipient.					
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**				Date	
**: By completing this form, I hereby certify that the above request is true, accurate and complete. That the request is medically necessary, does not exceed the medical needs of the member, and is clinically supported in the patient's medical records. I also understand that any misrepresentations or concealment of any information requested in the prior authorization request may subject me to audit and recoupment.					

### Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:		
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	DRUG	NDC #		



## Topical Anesthetics Prior Authorization Form

**Fax Completed Form to:**  
**855-207-0250**  
**For questions regarding this**  
**Prior authorization, call**  
**866-773-0695**

Prior Authorization Vendor for ND Medicaid

ND Medicaid requires that patients receiving a new prescription for topical anesthetic must meet the following criteria:

- The request must be for patient home use of cream, prior to injection pain from a medically necessary procedure

### Part I: TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESCRIBER/PRESCRIBER'S OFFICE

Recipient Name	Recipient Date of Birth	Recipient Medicaid ID Number	
Prescriber Name			
Prescriber NPI	Telephone Number	Fax Number	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Requested Drug and Dosage:	FDA approved indication for this request:		
Is the requested agent being given used at the patient's residence? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Prescriber (or Staff) / Pharmacy Signature**			Date
<i>** : By completing this form, I hereby certify that the above request is true, accurate and complete. That the request is medically necessary, does not exceed the medical needs of the member, and is clinically supported in the patient's medical records. I also understand that any misrepresentations or concealment of any information requested in the prior authorization request may subject me to audit and recoupment.</i>			

### Part II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PHARMACY

PHARMACY NAME:			ND MEDICAID PROVIDER NUMBER:
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER	DRUG	NDC #

## REVIEW OF EVRYSDI (risdiplam)

### Spinal muscular atrophy (SMA):

- Genetic, autosomal recessive, disease affecting the central nervous and peripheral nervous system, characterized by degeneration of the anterior horn cells in the spinal cord and motor nuclei in the lower brainstem, which results in progressive muscle weakness and atrophy voluntary muscle movement
  - Typically caused by a mutation in the survival of motor neuron 1 (SMN1) gene, which results in deficiency in functional SMN protein, resulting in progressive motor neuron death and muscle atrophy
    - SMN protein is still made by SMN2 genes, however the majority of the SMN proteins from SMN2 are truncated and non-functional due to SMN2 most mRNA missing exon 7
      - The more functional SMN protein is produced, the milder the disease course
- **Symptoms**
  - Variability between and within SMA types
    - Symmetric proximal voluntary muscle weakness, greater in lower limbs
    - Absent or decreased deep tendon reflexes
    - Restrictive, progressive respiratory insufficiency
- **Types**

Type	Age of Onset	Motor Milestones	Avg/ Life Expectancy	Usual SMN2 Gene Copies
<b>Type 0</b>	Prenatal	No motor milestones are achieved	0-6 months	1
<b>Type 1</b>	0-6 months	Unable to sit unsupported	2 years	2-3
<b>Type 2</b>	3-15 months	Unable to stand or walk unassisted	~25 years	3
<b>Type 3</b>	18 months- adulthood	Progressive limb weakness	Normal	3-4
<b>Type 4</b>	undefined	All milestone achieved; progressive weakness	Normal	4-8

- **Therapy:**
  - **Supportive therapy:**
    - Nutrition assistance
      - Changing food consistency to improve food intake and protect against aspiration
      - Feeding tube placement
    - Respiratory assistance
      - Methods for mobilization and clearance of airway secretions
      - Ventilation support
    - Complications of muscle weakness
      - Physical therapy, spinal bracing, surgical repair of scoliosis
  - **Disease-Modifying Therapy**
    - **Spinraza (nusinersen):** Modifies splicing of the SMN2 gene to increase production of normal, full-length SMN protein
      - Intrathecal injection given in 4 loading doses, then every 4 months
    - **Zolgensma (onasemnogene abeparvovec):** viral vector containing complementary DNA encoding the normal human SMN protein (gene replacement of SMN1)
      - IV infusion, one time
    - **Evrysdi (risdiplam):** SMN2 splicing modifier that binds two sites in SMN2 pre-messenger RNA, thereby correcting the splicing deficit of SMN2, leading to increased levels of full-length SMN protein
      - By mouth, daily

## EVRYSDI

- **Indication:** Treatment of spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) in patients 2 months of age and older
- **Mechanism of action:** SMN2 splicing modifier that binds two sites in SMN2 pre-messenger RNA to increase exon 7 inclusion in SMN2 mRNA
  - Corrects the splicing deficit of SMN2 which results to increased levels of full-length SMN protein
    - >2-fold median change in functional SMN protein from baseline
- **Contraindications:** None per label
- **Administration and Dosing:**
  - Given orally, once daily after a meal, using reusable syringe provided
    - If not taken within 5 minutes, dose should be discarded, and a new dose should be given
  - Dose:
    - **2 months - <2 years of age:** 0.2 mg/kg daily
    - **>2 years of age, < 20 kg:** 0.25 mg/kg
    - **>2 years of age, ≥20 kg:** 5 mg
- **Clinical Trial Experience**
  - **Study 1**
    - **Patient demographics:**
      - Type 1 SMA
      - 2 SMN2 copies
    - **Results:**
      - Sit without support for 5 seconds at 12 months
        - 41% able to sit independently (vs 0% expected)
      - Survival without permanent ventilation
        - 90% at 12 months (>15 months old)
        - 81% at 23 months (>28 months old)
        - In the normal population, 25% survive w/o ventilation beyond 14 months
  - **Study 2**
    - **Patient demographics:**
      - Type 2 (71%) and 3 (29%) SMN
      - 2-25 years of age
      - 67% had scoliosis (32% had severe scoliosis)
    - **Results (at 12 months):**
      - Change from baseline in the Motor Function Measure 32 (MFM32) score:
        - +1.36 for treatment group vs. -0.19 in placebo (1.55-point difference)
      - Proportion of patients with ≥3-point change from baseline in MFM32 score:
        - 38.3% in treatment group vs. 23.7% in placebo group (OR: 2.35)
      - Change in Revised Upper Limb Module (RULM) score:
        - 1.61 for treatment group vs. 0.02 in placebo (1.59-point difference)
- **Warnings/Precautions:**
  - Some dosage forms may contain sodium benzoate/benzoic acid, which in large amount may lead to a potentially fatal toxicity ("gasping syndrome") in neonates
- **Adverse Effects**
  - **Common (>10%)**
    - **Dermatologic:** Skin rash (17%)
    - **Gastrointestinal:** Constipation (≥10%), diarrhea (17%), vomiting (≥10%)
    - **Respiratory:** Pneumonia (≥10%), upper respiratory tract infection (≥10%)
    - **Miscellaneous:** Fever (22%)
  - **Less Common (1-10%):**
  - **Gastrointestinal:** Aphthous stomatitis (≤7%), oral mucosa ulcer (≤7%)
  - **Genitourinary:** Urinary tract infection (5%)
  - **Neuromuscular & skeletal:** Arthralgia (5%)



- **Pregnancy/Lactation/Reproduction:**

- **Pregnancy:**

- In animal studies, administration during pregnancy or throughout pregnancy and lactation resulted in adverse effects on development (embryofetal mortality, malformations, decreased fetal body weights, and reproductive impairment in offspring) at or above clinically relevant drug exposures
      - females of reproductive potential should be advised of this potential risk, receive pregnancy testing, and be advised to use effective contraception during treatment and for at least 1 month after her last dose

- **Lactation:**

- Excreted in breastmilk of lactating rate. No data on human breastmilk, effects on infant or milk production

- **Reproduction:**

- Male fertility may be compromised by treatment
      - Studies in juvenile and adult rats and in monkeys demonstrated adverse effects on the reproductive organs, including germ cells, in males at clinically relevant plasma exposures
      - Patients should be counseled on this potential, and male patients may consider sperm preservation prior to treatment

- **Drug interactions**

- May increase plasma concentrations of drugs eliminated via MATE1 or MATE2-K such as metformin (avoid concomitant use with MATE substrates)
      - If coadministration cannot be avoided, monitor for drug-related toxicities and consider dosage reduction of the coadministered drug is needed

## **COST**

Drug	Strength	Package Size	AWP Pkg Price	AWP Price Per Dose	Cost per year*	Cost per 1 <sup>st</sup> 5 years*
Evrysdi	0.75 mg/mL	80 mL	\$13,404.52	\$1,117.07 #	\$407,731 #	\$2,038,653 #
Spinraza	2.4 mg/mL	5	\$153,000	\$153,000	\$459,000*	\$2,754,000 *
Zolgensma	N/A	1	\$2,550,000	\$2,550,000	\$2,550,000 &	\$2,550,000 &
#: Evrysdi based on highest dosing schedule *: Spinraza initial dose costs: \$918,000 &: Zolgensma given as 1 dose/lifetime						

## **CURRENT UTILIZATION**

ND Medicaid Utilization (09/2019 – 09/2020)		
Label Name	Rx Num	Total Reimb Amt
Evrysdi	0	-

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**NORTH DAKOTA MEDICAID  
RETROSPECTIVE DRUG UTILIZATION REVIEW  
CRITERIA RECOMMENDATIONS  
4TH QUARTER 2020**

***Criteria Recommendations***

***Approved    Rejected***

**1. Celecoxib Oral Solution / Overuse**

Alert Message: Elyxyb (celecoxib oral solution) may be over-utilized. The recommended maximum dosage of celecoxib oral solution in a 24-hour period is 120 mg. The safety and effectiveness of a second dose in a 24-hour period have not been established. The recommended and maximum dose in patients who are known or suspected to be CYP2C9 poor metabolizers is 60 mg (2.4 mL).

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Negating)

Celecoxib Oral Solution

Hepatic Impairment

Max Dose: 120 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Elyxyb Prescribing Information, May 2020, Promius Pharma LLC.

**2. Celecoxib Oral Solution / Overuse – Hepatic Impairment**

Alert Message: Elyxyb (celecoxib oral solution) may be over-utilized. The recommended maximum dosage of celecoxib oral solution in patients with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class B) in a 24-hour period is 60 mg.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Include)

Celecoxib Oral Solution

Hepatic Impairment

Max Dose: 60 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Elyxyb Prescribing Information, May 2020, Promius Pharma LLC.

**3. Celecoxib Oral Solution / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Elyxyb (celecoxib oral solution) in pediatric patients have not been established. Disseminated intravascular coagulation has occurred with the use of celecoxib capsules in pediatric patients with systemic onset JRA.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Celecoxib Oral Solution

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Elyxyb Prescribing Information, May 2020, Promius Pharma LLC.

**4. Celecoxib Oral Solution / Severe Hepatic Impairment**

Alert Message: The use of Elyxyb (celecoxib oral solution) in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class C) is not recommended. The effect of hepatic impairment on the pharmacokinetics of celecoxib oral solution has not been evaluated. A pharmacokinetic study in subjects with mild (Child-Pugh Class A) and moderate (Child-Pugh Class B) hepatic impairment conducted using celecoxib oral capsule has shown that steady-state celecoxib AUC is increased about 40% and 180%, respectively, above that seen in healthy control subjects.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Celecoxib Oral Solution	Cirrhosis Liver Failure	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Elyxyb Prescribing Information, May 2020, Promius Pharma LLC.

**5. Celecoxib Oral Solution / Severe Renal Impairment**

Alert Message: The use of Elyxyb (celecoxib oral solution) in patients with severe renal impairment is not recommended. Patients with severe renal impairment have not been studied.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C (Include)</u>
Celecoxib Oral Solution		CKD Stage 4 CKD Stage 5

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Elyxyb Prescribing Information, May 2020, Promius Pharma LLC.

**6. Celecoxib Oral Solution / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Overuse of acute migraine drugs (e.g., ergotamine, triptans, opioids, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs or a combination of these drugs for 10 or more days per month), including Elyxyb (celecoxib oral solution), may lead to exacerbation of headache (medication overuse headache). Medication overuse headache may present as migraine-like daily headaches or as a marked increase in the frequency of migraine attacks. Detoxification of patients, including withdrawal of the overused drugs and treatment of withdrawal symptoms (which often includes a transient worsening of headache), may be necessary.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C (Include)</u>
Celecoxib Oral Solution	Ergotamine Triptans Opioids NSAIDs CGRP Receptor Antagonist Lasmiditan	Migraine

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Elyxyb Prescribing Information, May 2020, Promius Pharma LLC.

**7. Duloxetine / High Dose (MDD & GAD)**

Alert Message: Drizalma Sprinkle (duloxetine delayed-release) may be over-utilized. The recommended dosing range for patients with MDD or GAD is 40 mg to 60 mg a day. While a 120 mg per day dose was shown to be effective, there is no evidence that doses greater than 60 mg per day confer any additional benefits. The safety of doses above 120 mg per day has not been adequately evaluated. Periodically reassess to determine the need for maintenance treatment and the appropriate dose for such treatment.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C (Include)</u>
Duloxetine sprinkle		MDD GAD

Max Dose: 120 mg/day

## References:

Drizalma Sprinkle Prescribing Information, June 2020, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**8. Duloxetine / High Dose (DPNP & CMP)**

Alert Message: Drizalma Sprinkle (duloxetine delayed-release) may be over-utilized. The recommended daily dose for patients with diabetic peripheral neuropathic pain or chronic musculoskeletal pain is 60 mg a day. There is no evidence that doses higher than 60 mg confer significant additional benefit.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C (Include)</u>
Duloxetine sprinkle		Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathic Chronic Musculoskeletal Pain

Max Dose: 60 mg/day

## References:

Drizalma Sprinkle Prescribing Information, June 2020, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**9. Duloxetine / End Stage Renal Disease**

Alert Message: The use of Drizalma Sprinkle (duloxetine delayed-release) should be avoided in patients with severe renal impairment. Increased plasma concentration of duloxetine, and especially of its metabolites, occur in patients with end-stage renal disease (requiring dialysis).

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Duloxetine sprinkle	Severe Renal Impairment End Stage Renal Disease	

## References:

Drizalma Sprinkle Prescribing Information, June 2020, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**10. Duloxetine / Hepatic Insufficiency**

Alert Message: The use of Drizalma Sprinkle (duloxetine delayed-release) should be avoided in patients with mild, moderate, or severe hepatic impairment. Duloxetine should not be prescribed to patients with evidence of chronic liver disease. Patients with clinically evident hepatic impairment have decreased duloxetine metabolism and elimination.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Duloxetine sprinkle	Hepatic Insufficiency	

## References:

Drizalma Sprinkle Prescribing Information, June 2020, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**11. Duloxetine / MAO Inhibitors**

Alert Message: The use of MAOIs intended to treat psychiatric disorders with Drizalma Sprinkle (duloxetine delayed-release), or within 5 days of stopping treatment with duloxetine, is contraindicated because of an increased risk of serotonin syndrome. The use of duloxetine delayed-release within 14 days of stopping an MAOI intended to treat psychiatric disorders is also contraindicated. Starting duloxetine delayed-release in a patient who is being treated with MAOIs such as linezolid or intravenous methylene blue is contraindicated because of an increased risk of serotonin syndrome.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Duloxetine sprinkle

Util B

Isocarboxazid

Linezolid

Phenelzine

Tranylcypromine

Util C

## References:

Drizalma Sprinkle Prescribing Information, June 2020, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**12. Duloxetine / Thioridazine**

Alert Message: Drizalma Sprinkle (duloxetine delayed-release) and thioridazine should not be co-administered. Duloxetine is a moderate inhibitor of CYP2D6, and concurrent use with thioridazine (a sensitive CYP2D6 substrate) may increase the risk of serious ventricular arrhythmias and sudden death associated with elevated plasma levels of thioridazine.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Duloxetine sprinkle

Util B

Thioridazine

Util C

## References:

Drizalma Sprinkle Prescribing Information, June 2020, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**13. Duloxetine / Narrow-Angle Glaucoma**

Alert Message: The use of Drizalma Sprinkle (duloxetine delayed-release) should be avoided in patients with anatomically narrow angles. The pupillary dilation that occurs following the use of many antidepressant drugs, including duloxetine, may trigger an angle closure attack in a patient with anatomically narrow angles who does not have a patent iridectomy.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Duloxetine sprinkle

Util B

Anatomical Narrow Angle

Util C

## References:

Drizalma Sprinkle Prescribing Information, June 2020, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**14. Duloxetine / Fluvoxamine**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Drizalma Sprinkle (duloxetine delayed-release) with fluvoxamine should be avoided. Duloxetine is a CYP1A2 substrate, and fluvoxamine is a potent CYP1A2 inhibitor. In drug studies, the concurrent use of these agents resulted in an approximately 6-fold increase in the duloxetine AUC, a 2.5-fold increase in the duloxetine Cmax, and the duloxetine t1/2 was increased approximately 3-fold.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Duloxetine sprinkle

Util B

Fluvoxamine

Util C

References:

Drizalma Sprinkle Prescribing Information, June 2020, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**15. Duloxetine / Potent 2D6 Inhibitors**

Alert Message: Drizalma Sprinkle (duloxetine delayed-release) should be used with caution in patients receiving potent CYP2D6 inhibitors (paroxetine, fluoxetine, and quinidine). Concomitant use of duloxetine, a CYP2D6 substrate, with potent CYP2D6 inhibitors increases the AUC of duloxetine.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Duloxetine sprinkle

Util B

Bupropion

Fluoxetine

Paroxetine

Quinidine

Util C

References:

Drizalma Sprinkle Prescribing Information, June 2020, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**16. Duloxetine / TCAs that are CYP2D6 Substrates**

Alert Message: Drizalma Sprinkle (duloxetine delayed-release) should be used with caution in patients receiving tricyclic antidepressants (TCA) that are primarily metabolized by CYP2D6 (i.e., desipramine, amitriptyline, nortriptyline, and imipramine). Duloxetine is a moderate inhibitor of CYP2D6, and concurrent use with these TCAs may result in elevated TCA plasma concentrations. TCA plasma levels may need to be monitored, and TCA dose reduction may be necessary.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Duloxetine sprinkle

Util B

Amitriptyline

Desipramine

Imipramine

Nortriptyline

Util C

References:

Drizalma Sprinkle Prescribing Information, June 2020, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**17. Duloxetine / CYP2D6 Metabolized Drugs**

Alert Message: Drizalma Sprinkle (duloxetine delayed-release) should be used with caution in patients receiving drugs that are extensively metabolized by CYP2D6 isozyme and which have a narrow therapeutic index (e.g., Type 1C antiarrhythmics and phenothiazines).

Duloxetine is a moderate inhibitor of CYP2D6, and concurrent use with these agents may result in elevated plasma concentrations of the CYP2D6.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Duloxetine sprinkle

Util B

Chlorpromazine

Flecainide

Fluphenazine

Nebivolol

Perphenazine

Propafenone

Util C

References:

Drizalma Sprinkle Prescribing Information, June 2020, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**18. Duloxetine / Underuse**

Alert Message: After reviewing your patient's refill frequency for Drizalma Sprinkle (duloxetine delayed-release) we are concerned that they may be non-adherent to the prescribed dosing regimen, which may lead to sub-therapeutic effects.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Duloxetine sprinkle

Util B

Util C

References:

Drizalma Prescribing Information, June 2020, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.

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**19. Duloxetine / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Drizalma Sprinkle (duloxetine delayed-release) have not been established in pediatric patients less than 7 years.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Duloxetine Sprinkle

Util B

Util C

Age Range: 0 – 6 yoa

References:

Drizalma Sprinkle Prescribing Information, June 2020, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**20. Duloxetine / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Drizalma Sprinkle (duloxetine delayed-release) have not been established in pediatric patients for any indication other than GAD in patients 7 to 17 years. The use of duloxetine delayed-release capsules in a child or adolescent must balance the potential risks with the clinical need.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C (Negating)</u>
Duloxetine Sprinkle	MDD DPN CMP	GAD

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Drizalma Sprinkle Prescribing Information, June 2020, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**21. Diroximel / Overuse**

Alert Message: Vumerity (diroximel) may be over-utilized. The recommended maintenance dose after 7 days of initial treatment is 462 mg twice a day orally (administered as two 231 mg capsules).

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Diroximel		

Max Dose: 924 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
Vumerity Prescribing Information, August 2020, Biogen Inc.

**22. Diroximel / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Vumerity (diroximel) in pediatric patients have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Diroximel		

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.  
Vumerity Prescribing Information, August 2020, Biogen Inc.



**23. Diroximel / Dimethyl Fumarate**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Vumerity (diroximel) with Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate) is contraindicated. Both drugs are rapidly metabolized to the active metabolite, monomethyl fumarate (MMF). Co-administration of these drugs may result in elevated concentrations of MMF and increase the risk of adverse/toxic effects.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Diroximel

Util B

Dimethyl Fumarate

Util C

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Vumerity Prescribing Information, August 2020, Biogen Inc.

**24. Diroximel / Moderate & Severe Renal Impairment**

Alert Message: Because of an increase in the exposure of a major metabolite [2-hydroxyethyl succinimide (HES)], the use of Vumerity (diroximel) is not recommended in patients with moderate or severe renal impairment. No dosage adjustment is necessary in patients with mild renal impairment.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Diroximel

Util B

CKD 3, 4, &amp; 5

Util C

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Vumerity Prescribing Information, August 2020, Biogen Inc.

**25. Diroximel / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: There are no adequate data on the developmental risk associated with the use of Vumerity (diroximel) or dimethyl fumarate (which has the same active metabolite as diroximel) in pregnant patients. In animal studies, administration of diroximel fumarate during pregnancy or throughout pregnancy and lactation resulted in adverse effects on embryofetal and offspring development (increased incidences of skeletal abnormalities, increased mortality, decreased body weights, neurobehavioral impairment) at clinically relevant drug exposures.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Diroximel

Util B

Pregnancy

Util C (Negating)

Abortion

Delivery

Miscarriage

Gender: Female

Age Range 11 – 50 yoa

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Vumerity Prescribing Information, August 2020, Biogen Inc.

**26. Diroximel / Lactation**

Alert Message: There are no data on the presence of Vumerity (diroximel) or metabolites (MMF, HES) in human milk. The effects on the breastfed infant and milk production are unknown. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for diroximel and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from the drug or the underlying maternal condition.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Diroximel

Lactation

Gender: Female

Age Range 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Vumerity Prescribing Information, August 2020, Biogen Inc.

**27. Diroximel / Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy**

Alert Message: Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML) has occurred in patients with MS treated with dimethyl fumarate (which has the same active metabolite as Vumerity (diroximel)). At the first sign or symptom suggestive of PML, withhold diroximel and perform an appropriate diagnostic evaluation.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Diroximel

Visual Disturbances

Muscle Weakness

Disorientation

Altered Mental Status

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Vumerity Prescribing Information, August 2020, Biogen Inc.

**28. Diroximel / Flushing / Aspirin**

Alert Message: Vumerity (diroximel) may cause flushing (e.g., warmth, redness, itching, and/or burning sensation). The administration of diroximel with food may reduce the incidence of flushing. Alternatively, the administration of non-enteric coated aspirin (up to a dose of 325 mg) 30 minutes prior to dosing may reduce the incidence or severity of flushing.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Negating)

Diroximel

Flushing

Aspirin

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

Vumerity Prescribing Information, August 2020, Biogen Inc.

**29. Diroximel / Non-adherence**

Alert Message: Based on refill history, your patient may be under-utilizing Vumerity (diroximel). Nonadherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in subtherapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased patient outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Diroximel

References:

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. N Engl J Med 2005;353:487-97.

McKay KA, Tremlett H, Patten SB, et al. Determinants of Non-Adherence to Disease-Modifying Therapies in Multiple Sclerosis: A Cross-Canada Prospective Study. Mult Scler. 2016;23(4):588-596.

Higuera L, Carlin CS, Anderson S. Adherence to Disease-Modifying Therapies for Multiple Sclerosis. J Manag Care Spec Pharm. 2016;22(12):1394–1401.

**30. Empagliflozin/Linagliptin/Metformin XR / Nonadherence**

Alert Message: Based on refill history, your patient may be under-utilizing Trijardy XR (empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin extended-release). Non-adherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in sub-therapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased patient outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Empagliflozin/Linagliptin/Metformin

References:

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. N Engl J Med 2005;353:487-97.

Ho PM, Rumsfeld JS, Masoudi FA, et al., Effect of Medication Nonadherence in Diabetes Mellitus. Cardiology Review, April 2007.

Currie CJ, Peyrot M, Morgan CL, et al. The Impact of Treatment Noncompliance on Mortality in People With Type 2 Diabetes. Diabetes Care 35:1279-1284, June 2012.

**31. Empagliflozin/Linagliptin/Metformin XR / Overutilization**

Alert Message: Trijardy XR (empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin extended-release) may be over-utilized. The recommended maximum dose of the combination agent is empagliflozin 25 mg/linagliptin 5mg/metformin 2000 mg once daily with a meal in the morning.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Empagliflozin/Linagliptin/Metformin

Max Dose: 25mg/5mg/2000mg per day

References:

Trijardy Prescribing Information, Jan. 2020, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**32. Empagliflozin/Linagliptin/Metformin XR / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Trijardy XR (empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin extended-release) in pediatric patients under 18 years of age have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Empagliflozin/Linagliptin/Metformin

Age Range: 0-17 yoa

References:

Trijardy Prescribing Information, Jan. 2020, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**33. Empagliflozin/Linagliptin/Metformin XR / Mild to Mod. Renal Impairment**

Alert Message: Assessment of renal function is recommended prior to initiation of Trijardy XR (empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin extended-release) and periodically thereafter. No dosage adjustment is needed in patients with an eGFR greater than or equal to 45 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>. Empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin ER should not be initiated in patients with an eGFR less than 45 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> or continued in patients with an eGFR less than 45 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Include)

Empagliflozin/Linagliptin/Metformin

CKD Stage 1

CKD Stage 2

CKD Stage 3

References:

Trijardy Prescribing Information, Jan. 2020, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**34. Empagliflozin/Linagliptin/Metformin XR / CKD 4, 5, ESRD, & Dialysis**

Alert Message: Trijardy XR (empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin extended-release) use is contraindicated in patients with severe renal impairment (eGFR less than 30 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>), end-stage renal disease, or receiving dialysis. The empagliflozin component of the combination product causes intravascular volume contraction and can cause acute kidney injury. The metformin component of the combination product is associated with the occurrence of lactic acidosis. The risk of metformin accumulation and metformin-associated lactic acidosis increases with the severity of renal impairment.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Include)

Empagliflozin/Linagliptin/Metformin

CKD Stage 4 & 5

ESRD

Dialysis

References:

Trijardy Prescribing Information, Jan. 2020, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**35. Empagliflozin/Linagliptin/Metformin XR / Insulin & Sulfonylureas**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Trijardy XR (empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin extended-release) with insulin or an insulin secretagogue can increase the risk of hypoglycemia. A lower dose of insulin or insulin secretagogue may be required to minimize the risk of hypoglycemia when used in combination with empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin ER.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Empagliflozin/Linagliptin/Metformin

Util B

Insulins

Chlorpropamide

Glimepiride

Glipizide

Glyburide

Tolazamide

Tolbutamide

Util C

## References:

Trijardy Prescribing Information, Jan. 2020, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**36. Empagliflozin/Linagliptin/Metformin XR / Ketoacidosis**

Alert Message: Trijardy XR (empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin) use is contraindicated in patients with ketoacidosis. Fatal cases of ketoacidosis have been reported in patients receiving SGLT2 inhibitors, including empagliflozin, a component of the combination product. In patients treated with empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin ER, consider monitoring for ketoacidosis and temporarily discontinuing empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin ER in clinical situations known to predispose to ketoacidosis (e.g., prolonged fasting due to acute illness or surgery).

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Empagliflozin/Linagliptin/Metformin

Util B

Ketoacidosis

Util C

## References:

Trijardy Prescribing Information, Jan. 2020, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**37. Empagliflozin/Linagliptin/Metformin XR / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: Based on animal data showing adverse renal effects from empagliflozin, Trijardy XR (empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin extended-release) is not recommended during the second and third trimesters of pregnancy.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Empagliflozin/Linagliptin/Metformin

Util B

Pregnancy

Util C (Negating)

Abortion

Delivery

Miscarriage

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

## References:

Trijardy Prescribing Information, Jan. 2020, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**38. Empagliflozin/Linagliptin/Metformin XR / Lactation**

Alert Message: Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in a breastfed infant, including the potential for empagliflozin to affect postnatal renal development, advise patients that use of Trijardy XR (empagliflozin/linagliptin/metformin extended-release) is not recommended while breastfeeding.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Empagliflozin/Linagliptin/Metformin Lactation

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Trijardy Prescribing Information, Jan. 2020, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**39. Forfivo XL / Clopidogrel & Ticlopidine**

Alert Message: Concurrent use of a Forfivo (bupropion extended-release) with clopidogrel or ticlopidine (CYP2B6 inhibitors) may result in elevated bupropion (CYP2B6 substrate) plasma concentrations and risk of bupropion-related adverse effects (e.g., seizure, nausea, tremor, and insomnia). Coadministration of this bupropion-containing product with ticlopidine or clopidogrel is not recommended.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Forfivo XL

Clopidogrel

Ticlopidine

References:

Forfivo XL Prescribing Information, Dec. 2019, Almatica Pharma, Inc.  
Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

**40. Istradefylline / Overuse**

Alert Message: The recommended dosage of Nourianz (istradefylline) is 20 mg administered orally once daily. The dosage may be increased to a maximum of 40 mg once daily, based on individual need and tolerability. Initial dose titration is not required.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Istradefylline

Max Dose: 40 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Nourianz Prescribing Information, August 2019, Kyowa Kirin Inc.

**41. Istradefylline 40 mg / Overuse – Hepatic Impairment**

Alert Message: The recommended dosage of Nourianz (istradefylline) in patients with moderate hepatic impairment is 20 mg once daily. Closely monitor patients with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh B) for adverse reactions when on istradefylline treatment. Avoid the use of istradefylline in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh C). No dosage adjustment is needed in patients with mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh A).

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Istradefylline 40 mg

Util B

Hepatic Impairment

Util C

Max Dose: 20 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nourianz Prescribing Information, August 2019, Kyowa Kirin Inc.

**42. Istradefylline / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Nourianz (istradefylline) in pediatric patients have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Istradefylline

Util B

Util C

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nourianz Prescribing Information, August 2019, Kyowa Kirin Inc.

**43. Istradefylline / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Women of childbearing potential should be advised to use contraception during treatment with Nourianz (istradefylline). The use of istradefylline during pregnancy is not recommended.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Istradefylline

Util B

Util C (Negating)

Contraceptives

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

Gender: Female

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nourianz Prescribing Information, August 2019, Kyowa Kirin Inc.

**44. Istradefylline / Tobacco Use**

Alert Message: Tobacco smoking has been shown to decrease Nourianz (istradefylline) steady-state systemic exposures by 38% to 54%, which may decrease efficacy. Therefore, the recommended istradefylline dosage in patients who smoke 20 or more cigarettes per day (or the equivalent amount of another tobacco product) is 40 mg once daily.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Istradefylline 20mg

Util B

Tobacco Use

Util C

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nourianz Prescribing Information, August 2019, Kyowa Kirin Inc.

**45. Istradefylline 40 mg / Overuse – Strong CYP3A4 Inhibitors**

Alert Message: The maximum recommended dosage of Nourianz (istradefylline) with concomitant use of strong CYP3A4 inhibitors is 20 mg once daily. In clinical drug studies, co-administration of istradefylline with a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor (ketoconazole) increased istradefylline AUCinf by 2.5 fold.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Istradefylline 40mg

Util B

Clarithromycin

Cobicistat

Indinavir

Itraconazole

Ketoconazole

Nefazodone

Util C

Nelfinavir

Posaconazole

Ritonavir

saquinavir

Voriconazole

Max Dose: 20 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nourianz Prescribing Information, August 2019, Kyowa Kirin Inc.

**46. Istradefylline / Strong CYP3A4 Inducers**

Alert Message: In drug studies, co-administration of Nourianz (istradefylline), a CYP3A4 substrate, with a strong CYP3A4 inducer (rifampin) decreased istradefylline Cmax and AUCinf by 45% and 81%, respectively. Therefore, it is recommended to avoid the use of istradefylline with strong CYP3A4 inducers (e.g., carbamazepine, rifampin, and phenytoin).

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Istradefylline

Util B

Apalutamide

Carbamazepine

Phenobarbital

Phenytoin

Primidone

Rifampin

Util C

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nourianz Prescribing Information, August 2019, Kyowa Kirin Inc.



**47. Istradefylline / P-gp Substrates**

Alert Message: In drug studies, the co-administration of Nourianz (istradefylline) with a P-gp substrate (digoxin) increased the P-gp substrate C<sub>max</sub> and AUC<sub>inf</sub> by 33% and 21%, respectively. Monitor for an increase in adverse reactions of concomitant drugs that are P-gp substrates when co-administering with istradefylline.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Istradefylline	Dabigatran Digoxin Fexofenadine Loperamide Quinidine	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nourianz Prescribing Information, August 2019, Kyowa Kirin Inc.

**48. Istradefylline / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: Based on animal data, Nourianz (istradefylline) may cause fetal harm. There are no adequate data on the developmental risk associated with the use of istradefylline in pregnant patients. In animal studies, oral administration of istradefylline during pregnancy resulted in teratogenicity (increased incidences of fetal structural abnormalities, embryofetal and offspring mortality and growth deficits) at clinically relevant exposures and in the absence of maternal toxicity.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C (Negating)</u>
Istradefylline	Pregnancy	Abortion Delivery Miscarriage

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nourianz Prescribing Information, August 2019, Kyowa Kirin Inc.

**49. Istradefylline / Lactation**

Alert Message: There are no data on the presence of Nourianz (istradefylline) in human milk, the effects of istradefylline on the breastfed infant, or the effects of istradefylline on milk production. Istradefylline was present in the milk of lactating rats at concentrations up to 10 times that in maternal plasma. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for istradefylline, and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from istradefylline or the underlying maternal condition.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Istradefylline	Lactation	

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nourianz Prescribing Information, August 2019, Kyowa Kirin Inc.

**50. Istradefylline / Non-adherence**

Alert Message: Based on refill history, your patient may be under-utilizing Nourianz (istradefylline). Non-adherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in sub-therapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased patient outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Istradefylline

References:

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. *N Engl J Med*. 2005;353:487-97.Grosset D, Antonini A, Canesi M, et al. Adherence to Antiparkinson Medication in a Multicenter European Study. *Movement Disord*. 2009. Vol 24, No. 6:826-832.Straka I, Minár M, Škorvánek M, et al. Adherence to Pharmacotherapy in Patients With Parkinson's Disease Taking Three and More Daily Doses of Medication. *Front Neurol*. 2019;10:799. Published 2019 Jul 31. doi:10.3389/fneur.2019.00799**51. Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe / Overuse**

Alert Message: Nexlizet (bempedoic acid/ezetimibe) may be over-utilized. The recommended dosage of bempedoic acid/ezetimibe in combination with maximally tolerated statin therapy is 180 mg bempedoic acid/10 mg ezetimibe orally once daily.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe

Max Dose: 180 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nexlizet Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

**52. Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Nexlizet (bempedoic acid/ezetimibe) have not been established in pediatric patients.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nexlizet Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

**53. Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Nexlizet (bempedoic acid/ezetimibe) inhibits renal tubular OAT2 and may increase blood uric acid levels. In clinical trials, 26% of bempedoic acid-treated patients with normal baseline uric acid values (versus 9.5% placebo) experienced hyperuricemia one or more times, and 3.5% of patients experienced clinically significant hyperuricemia reported as an adverse reaction (versus 1.1% placebo). Elevated blood uric acid may lead to the development of gout. Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of hyperuricemia, and initiate treatment with urate-lowering drugs as appropriate.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nexlizet Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

**54. Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe / Tendon Rupture**

Alert Message: Nexlizet (bempedoic acid/ezetimibe) is associated with an increased risk of tendon rupture or injury. In clinical trials, tendon rupture occurred in 0.5% of patients treated with bempedoic acid versus 0% of placebo-treated patients. Discontinue the bempedoic acid-containing drug immediately if the patient experiences rupture of a tendon. Consider discontinuing the bempedoic acid-containing drug if the patient experiences joint pain, swelling, or inflammation. Consider alternative therapy in patients with a history of tendon disorders or tendon rupture.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nexlizet Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

**55. Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe / Simvastatin 40 & 80 mg**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Nexlizet (bempedoic acid/ezetimibe) with simvastatin causes an increase in the simvastatin concentration and may increase the risk of simvastatin-related myopathy. Avoid concomitant use of a bempedoic acid-containing drug with simvastatin greater than 20 mg.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe

Simvastatin 40mg

Simvastatin 80mg

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nexlizet Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

**56. Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe / Pravastatin 80 mg**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Nexlizet (bempedoic acid/ezetimibe) with pravastatin causes an increase in pravastatin concentration and may increase the risk of pravastatin-related myopathy. Avoid concomitant use of a bempedoic acid-containing drug with pravastatin greater than 40 mg.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe

Util B

Pravastatin 80 mg

Util C

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nexlizet Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

**57. Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe / Cyclosporine**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Nexlizet (bempedoic acid/ezetimibe) with cyclosporine increases ezetimibe and cyclosporine concentrations. Monitor the cyclosporine concentrations in patients receiving bempedoic acid/ezetimibe and cyclosporine. In patients treated with cyclosporine, the potential effects of the increased exposure to ezetimibe from concomitant use should be carefully weighed against the benefits of alterations in lipid levels provided by bempedoic acid/ezetimibe.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe

Util B

Cyclosporine

Util C

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nexlizet Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

**58. Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe / Fenofibrate**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Nexlizet (bempedoic acid/ezetimibe) with fenofibrate increases cholesterol excretion into the bile, leading to cholelithiasis. If cholelithiasis is suspected in a patient receiving bempedoic acid/ezetimibe and fenofibrate, gallbladder studies are indicated and alternative lipid-lowering therapy should be considered. Co-administration of bempedoic acid/ezetimibe with fibrates other than fenofibrate is not recommended.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe

Util B

Fenofibrate

Util C

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nexlizet Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

**59. Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: Discontinue Nexlizet (bempedoic acid/ezetimibe) when pregnancy is recognized unless the benefits of therapy outweigh the potential risks to the fetus. There are no available data on bempedoic acid use in pregnant women to evaluate for a drug-associated risk of major birth defects, miscarriage, or adverse maternal or fetal outcomes. There are insufficient data on ezetimibe use in pregnant women to evaluate for drug-associated risk of major birth defects, miscarriage, or adverse maternal or fetal outcomes. Bempedoic acid/ezetimibe decreases cholesterol synthesis and may cause fetal harm when administered to pregnant women based on the mechanism of action.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe

Util B

Pregnancy

Util C (Negating)

Abortion

Delivery

Miscarriage

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nexlizet Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

**60. Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe / Lactation**

Alert Message: Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in a breastfed infant, based on the mechanism of action, advise patients that breastfeeding is not recommended during treatment with Nexlizet (bempedoic acid/ezetimibe). There is no information regarding the presence of bempedoic acid in human or animal milk, the effects of the drug on the breastfed infant, or the effects of the drug on milk production. There is no information about the presence of ezetimibe in human milk. Bempedoic acid/ezetimibe decreases cholesterol synthesis and may cause harm to the breastfed infant.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe

Util B

Lactation

Util C

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Nexlizet Prescribing Information, Feb. 2020, Esperion Therapeutics, Inc.

**61. Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe / Non-adherence**

Alert Message: Based on refill history, your patient may be under-utilizing Nexlizet (bempedoic acid/ezetimibe). Non-adherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in subtherapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Bempedoic Acid/Ezetimibe

Util B

Util C

References:

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. N Engl J Med. 2005;353:487-97.

Kumbhani DJ, Steg PG, Cannon CP, et al., Adherence to Secondary Prevention Medications for Four-Year Outcomes in Outpatients with Atherosclerosis. Am J Med. 2013 Aug;126(8):693-700.

Simpson RJ, Mendys P. The Effects of Adherence and Persistence on Clinical Outcomes in Patients Treated with Statins: A Systematic Review. Jrm; Clin Lipidol. 2010 Nov-Dec;4(6):462-471.

Lindgren P, Ericksson J, Buxton M, et al., The Economic Consequences of Non-Adherence to Lipid-Lowering Therapy: Results from the Anglo-Scandinavian Cardia Outcomes Trial. Int J Clin Pract. 2010 May 24.

**62. Duvelisib / Overuse**

Alert Message: Copiktra (duvelisib) may be over-utilized. The recommended daily dose of duvelisib is 25 mg twice daily with or without food, for a cycle of 28 days.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Duvelisib

Max Dose: 50 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Copiktra Prescribing Information, July 2019, Verastem, Inc.

**63. Duvelisib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Copiktra (duvelisib) have not been established in pediatric patients.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Duvelisib

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Copiktra Prescribing Information, July 2019, Verastem, Inc.

**64. Duvelisib / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: Based on findings from animal studies and the mechanism of action, Copiktra (duvelisib) can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant patient. Advise patients of reproductive potential and males with partners of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment and for at least 1 month after the last duvelisib dose.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Negating)

Duvelisib

Pregnancy

Abortion

Delivery

Miscarriage

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Copiktra Prescribing Information, July 2019, Verastem, Inc.

**65. Duvelisib / Lactation**

Alert Message: There are no data on the presence of Copiktra (duvelisib) and/or its metabolites in human milk, the effects on the breastfed child, or milk production. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions from duvelisib in a breastfed child, advise lactating patients not to breastfeed while taking duvelisib and for at least 1 month after the last dose.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Duvelisib

Util B

Lactation

Util C

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Copiktra Prescribing Information, July 2019, Verastem, Inc.

**66. Duvelisib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Advise patients of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with Copiktra (duvelisib) and for at least 1 month after the last dose. Based on findings in animals and its mechanism of action, duvelisib can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant patient. Pregnancy testing should be conducted before the initiation of duvelisib treatment.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Duvelisib

Util B

Util C (Negating)

Contraceptives

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Copiktra Prescribing Information, July 2019, Verastem, Inc.

**67. Duvelisib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Advise male patients with partners of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with Copiktra (duvelisib) and for at least 1 month after the last dose.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Duvelisib

Util B

Util C

Gender: Male

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Copiktra Prescribing Information, July 2019, Verastem, Inc.

**68. Duvelisib / Strong CYP3A Inducers**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Copiktra (duvelisib) with strong CYP3A4 inducers should be avoided. Duvelisib is a CYP3A4 substrate, and co-administration with a strong CYP3A4 inducer may result in decreased duvelisib exposure and loss of duvelisib therapeutic efficacy.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Duvelisib	Apalutamide Carbamazepine Phenobarbital Phenytoin Primidone Rifampin	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Copiktra Prescribing Information, July 2019, Verastem, Inc.

**69. Duvelisib / Strong CYP3A Inhibitors**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Copiktra (duvelisib) with strong CYP3A4 inhibitors should be avoided. Duvelisib is a CYP3A4 substrate, and co-administration with a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor may result in increased duvelisib exposure and increased risk of duvelisib-related toxicities.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Duvelisib	Clarithromycin Cobicistat Indinavir Itraconazole Ketoconazole Nefazodone	Nelfinavir Posaconazole Ritonavir Saquinavir Voriconazole

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Copiktra Prescribing Information, July 2019, Verastem, Inc.

**70. Duvelisib / Sensitive CYP3A4 Substrates**

Alert Message: The concurrent use of Copiktra (duvelisib) with a drug that is a sensitive CYP3A4 substrate may cause an increase in the AUC of a sensitive CYP3A4 substrate, which may increase the risk of toxicities of these drugs. Consider reducing the dose of the sensitive CYP3A4 substrate, and monitor for signs of toxicities of the coadministered sensitive CYP3A substrate.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>				<u>Util C</u>
Duvelisib	Avanafil Budesonide Buspirone Conivaptan Darifenacin Darunavir Dronedarone	Eletriptan Eplerenone Everolimus Felodipine Ibrutinib Lomitapide Lovastatin	Lurasidone Maraviroc Midazolam Naloxegol Nisoldipine Quetiapine Sildenafil	Simvastatin Sirolimus Tacrolimus Ticagrelor Tipranavir Tolvaptan Triazolam	Vardenafil

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Copiktra Prescribing Information, July 2019, Verastem, Inc.



**71. Duvelisib / Serious Infections**

Alert Message: Serious, including fatal, infections have occurred in patients receiving Copiktra (duvelisib). The most common serious infections were pneumonia, sepsis, and lower respiratory infections. Treat infections prior to initiation of duvelisib. Advise patients to report any new or worsening signs and symptoms of infection. Refer to the official prescribing information for dose modification to manage duvelisib toxicities.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Duvelisib	Herpes Zoster Urinary Tract Infection Esophageal Candidiasis Acute Histoplasmosis	Cytomegalovirus Hepatitis Fever Respiratory Infections

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Copiktra Prescribing Information, July 2019, Verastem, Inc.

**70. Duvelisib / Hepatotoxicity**

Alert Message: Copiktra (duvelisib) can cause hepatotoxicity. Monitor hepatic function during treatment with duvelisib. For Grade 2 ALT/AST elevation (greater than 3 to 5 × ULN), maintain duvelisib dose and monitor at least weekly until return to less than 3 × ULN. For Grade 3 ALT/AST elevation (greater than 5 to 20 × ULN), withhold duvelisib and monitor at least weekly until return to less than 3 × ULN. Resume duvelisib at the same dose (first occurrence) or a reduced dose for subsequent occurrence. For grade 4 ALT/AST elevation (greater than 20 × ULN), discontinue duvelisib.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Duvelisib	Abnormal Liver Function Studies	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Copiktra Prescribing Information, July 2019, Verastem, Inc.

**73. Duvelisib / Diarrhea or Colitis**

Alert Message: Serious, including fatal, diarrhea or colitis occurred in 18% of patients receiving Copiktra (duvelisib). Advise patients to report any new or worsening diarrhea. Refer to the official prescribing information for therapy modification to manage duvelisib-related diarrhea or colitis.

## Drugs/Diseases

<u>Util A</u>	<u>Util B</u>	<u>Util C</u>
Duvelisib	Diarrhea Colitis	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.  
Copiktra Prescribing Information, July 2019, Verastem, Inc.

**74. Duvelisib / FDA Approved Indications**

Alert Message: A review of the patient's diagnosis records did not reveal a supporting diagnosis for Copiktra (duvelisib). Duvelisib is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) or small lymphocytic lymphomas (SLL) after at least two prior therapies or those with relapsed or refractory follicular lymphoma (FL) after at least two prior systemic therapies. The long-term safety and efficacy of this agent in the treatment of disease states other than the FDA-approved indications are unknown.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Duvelisib

Util BUtil C (Negating)

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia  
Small Lymphocytic Lymphomas  
Follicular Lymphoma

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Facts & Comparisons, 2020 Updates, Wolters Kluwer Health.

**75. Duvelisib / Nonadherence**

Copiktra (duvelisib). Non-adherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in sub-therapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased patient outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Duvelisib

Util BUtil C

## References:

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. N Engl J Med. 2005;353:487-97.

Ruddy K, Mayer E, Partridge A. Patient Adherence and Persistence With Oral Anticancer Treatment. CA Cancer J Clin 2009;59:56-66.

Barillet M, Prevost V, Joly F, Clarisse B. Oral Antineoplastic Agents: How do We Care About Adherence?. Br J Clin Pharmacol. 2015;80(6):1289–1302. doi:10.1111/bcp.12734

Greer JA, Amoyal N, Nisotel L, et al. Systemic Review of Adherence to Oral Antineoplastic Therapies. The Oncologist. 2016;21:354-376.

**76. Niraparib / MDS/AML**

Alert Message: Myelodysplastic Syndrome/Acute Myeloid Leukemia (MDS/AML), including cases with fatal outcome, have been reported in patients who received Zejula (niraparib) monotherapy in clinical trials. Discontinue niraparib if MDS/AML is confirmed.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Niraparib

Util B

Myelodysplastic Syndrome  
Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Util C

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Zejula Prescribing Information, April 2020, GlaxoSmithKline.

**77. Niraparib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Zejula (niraparib) have not been established in pediatric patients.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Niraparib

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Zejula Prescribing Information, April 2020, GlaxoSmithKline.

**78. Niraparib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Hypertension and hypertensive crisis have been reported in patients treated with Zejula (niraparib). Monitor blood pressure and heart rate at least weekly for the first two months, then monthly for the first year and periodically thereafter during treatment with niraparib. Closely monitor patients with cardiovascular disorders, especially coronary insufficiency, cardiac arrhythmias, and hypertension. Medically manage hypertension with antihypertensive medications and adjustment of the niraparib dose, if necessary.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Niraparib

Hypertension

Atherosclerotic Heart Disease

Cardiac Arrhythmias

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Zejula Prescribing Information, April 2020, GlaxoSmithKline.

**79. Niraparib / Hematologic Adverse Reactions**

Alert Message: Hematologic adverse reactions (thrombocytopenia, anemia and neutropenia) have been reported in patients treated with Zejula (niraparib). Do not start niraparib until patients have recovered from hematological toxicity caused by previous chemotherapy ( $\leq$  Grade 1). Monitor complete blood counts weekly for the first month, monthly for the next 11 months of treatment, and periodically after this time. If hematological toxicities do not resolve within 28 days following interruption, discontinue niraparib, and refer the patient to a hematologist for further investigations, including bone marrow analysis and blood sample for cytogenetics.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Niraparib

Thrombocytopenia

Anemia

Neutropenia

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Zejula Prescribing Information, April 2020, GlaxoSmithKline.

**80. Niraparib / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: Based on its mechanism of action, Zejula (niraparib) can cause fetal harm when administered to pregnant patients. There are no data regarding the use of niraparib in pregnant patients to inform the drug-associated risk. Niraparib has the potential to cause teratogenicity and/or embryo-fetal death since niraparib is genotoxic and targets actively dividing cells in animals and patients (e.g., bone marrow). Due to the potential risk to a fetus based on its mechanism of action, animal developmental and reproductive toxicology studies were not conducted with niraparib. Apprise pregnant patients of the potential risk to a fetus.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Niraparib

Util B

Pregnancy

Util C (Negating)

Abortion

Delivery

Miscarriage

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Zejula Prescribing Information, April 2020, GlaxoSmithKline.

**81. Niraparib / Reproductive Potential**

Alert Message: Advise patients of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with Zejula (niraparib) and for at least 6 months following the last dose. Niraparib can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant patient.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Niraparib

Util BUtil C (Negating)

Contraceptives

Gender: Female

Age Range 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Zejula Prescribing Information, April 2020, GlaxoSmithKline.

**82. Niraparib / Lactation**

Alert Message: No data are available regarding the presence of Zejula (niraparib) or its metabolites in human milk or on its effects on the breastfed infant, or milk production. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in breastfed infants from niraparib, advise a lactating patient not to breastfeed during treatment with niraparib for 1 month after receiving the final dose.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Niraparib

Util B

Lactation

Util C

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Zejula Prescribing Information, April 2020, GlaxoSmithKline.

**83. Niraparib / Non-adherence**

Alert Message: Based on refill history, your patient may be under-utilizing Zejula (niraparib). Non-adherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in subtherapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased patient outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Niraparib

References:

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. *N Engl J Med* 2005; 353:487- 497.

Paoella GA, Boyd AD, Wirth SM, Cuellar S, Venepalli NK, Crawford SY. Adherence to Oral Anticancer Medications: Evolving Interprofessional Roles and Pharmacist Workforce Considerations. *Pharmacy (Basel)*. 2018;6(1):23. Published 2018 Mar 8. doi:10.3390/pharmacy6010023.

Greer JA, Amoyal N, Nisotel L, Fishbein JN, et al., A Systematic Review of Adherence to Oral Antineoplastic Therapies. *The Oncologist*. 2016;21:354–376.

**84. Dacomitinib / Overutilization**

Alert Message: Vizimpro (dacomitinib) may be over-utilized. The recommended dosage of dacomitinib is 45 mg orally once daily.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Dacomitinib

Max Dose: 45 mg/day

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Vizimpro Prescribing Information, Sept. 2018, Pfizer, Inc.

**85. Dacomitinib / Interstitial Lung Disease**

Alert Message: Severe and fatal ILD/pneumonitis occurred in patients treated with Vizimpro (dacomitinib) and occurred in 0.5% of the 394 dacomitinib-treated patients; 0.3% of cases were fatal. Monitor patients for pulmonary symptoms indicative of ILD/pneumonitis. Withhold dacomitinib and promptly investigate for ILD in patients who present with worsening of respiratory symptoms which may be indicative of ILD (e.g., dyspnea, cough, and fever). Permanently discontinue dacomitinib if ILD is confirmed.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Dacomitinib

Dyspnea

Cough

Fever

Interstitial Pneumonia

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2019 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Vizimpro Prescribing Information, Sept. 2018, Pfizer, Inc.

**86. Dacomitinib / Diarrhea**

Alert Message: Severe and fatal diarrhea occurred in patients treated with Vizimpro (dacomitinib). Diarrhea occurred in 86% of the 394 dacomitinib-treated patients; Grade 3 or 4 diarrhea was reported in 11% of patients, and 0.3% of cases were fatal. Withhold dacomitinib for Grade 2 or greater diarrhea until recovery to less than or equal to Grade 1 severity, then resume dacomitinib at the same or a reduced dose depending on the severity of diarrhea. Promptly initiate anti-diarrheal treatment (loperamide or diphenoxylate hydrochloride with atropine sulfate) for diarrhea.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Dacomitinib

Util B

Diarrhea

Util C

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Vizimpro Prescribing Information, Sept. 2018, Pfizer, Inc.

**87. Dacomitinib / Pregnancy / Pregnancy Negating**

Alert Message: Based on findings from animal studies and its mechanism of action, Vizimpro (dacomitinib) can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. There are no available data on dacomitinib use in pregnant women. Advise a pregnant woman of the potential risk to a fetus. Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with dacomitinib and for at least 17 days after the final dose.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Dacomitinib

Util B

Pregnancy

Util C (Negating)

Miscarriage

Delivery

Abortion

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Vizimpro Prescribing Information, Sept. 2018, Pfizer, Inc.

**88. Dacomitinib / Lactation**

Alert Message: There is no information regarding the presence of Vizimpro (dacomitinib) or its metabolites in human milk or their effects on the breastfed infant or on milk production. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in breastfed infants from dacomitinib, advise women not to breastfeed during treatment with dacomitinib and for at least 17 days after the last dose.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Dacomitinib

Util B

Lactation

Util C

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Vizimpro Prescribing Information, Sept. 2018, Pfizer, Inc.

**89. Dacomitinib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Vizimpro (dacomitinib) in pediatric patients have not been established.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Dacomitinib

Age Range: 0 - 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Vizimpro Prescribing Information, Sept. 2018, Pfizer, Inc.

**90. Dacomitinib / Therapeutic Appropriateness**

Alert Message: Vizimpro (dacomitinib) can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with dacomitinib and for at least 17 days after the final dose.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Negating)

Dacomitinib

Contraceptives

Gender: Female

Age Range: 11 – 50 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Vizimpro Prescribing Information, Sept. 2018, Pfizer, Inc.

**91. Dacomitinib / Proton Pump Inhibitors**

Alert Message: Concomitant use with a PPI decreases dacomitinib concentrations, which may reduce Vizimpro (dacomitinib) efficacy. Avoid the concomitant use of PPIs with dacomitinib. As an alternative to PPIs, use locally-acting antacids or an H2-receptor antagonist. Administer dacomitinib at least 6 hours before or 10 hours after taking an H2-receptor antagonist.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Dacomitinib

Dexlansoprazole

Esomeprazole

Lansoprazole

Omeprazole

Pantoprazole

Rabeprazole

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Vizimpro Prescribing Information, Sept. 2018, Pfizer, Inc.

**92. Dacomitinib / CYP2D6 Substrates**

Alert Message: Concomitant use of Vizimpro (dacomitinib) increases the concentration of drugs that are CYP2D6 substrates, which may increase the risk of toxicities of these drugs. Avoid concomitant use of dacomitinib with CYP2D6 substrates where minimal increases in the concentration of the CYP2D6 substrate may lead to serious or life-threatening toxicities.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Dacomitinib	Amphetamine	Metoprolol
	Aripiprazole	Nebivolol
	Atomoxetine	Paroxetine
	Brexpiprazole	Perphenazine
	Codeine	Propafenone
	Desipramine	Quinidine
	Dextroamphetamine	Risperidone
	Dextromethorphan	Thioridazine
	Dihydrocodeine	Timolol
	Fluoxetine	Tolterodine
	Fluvoxamine	Venlafaxine
	Iloperidone	

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Vizimpro Prescribing Information, Sept. 2018, Pfizer, Inc.

Straight Healthcare. Cytochrome P450 2D6. Available at: <https://www.straighthealthcare.com/cytochrome-p450-2d6.html>

**93. Secukinumab / Overutilization**

Alert Message: Cosentyx (secukinumab) may be over-utilized. The recommended maximum dose of secukinumab is 300 mg every 4 weeks.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Secukinumab

Max Dose: 300 mg/4 weeks

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Cosentyx Prescribing Information, June 2020. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.

**94. Secukinumab / Serious Infection**

Alert Message: Cosentyx (secukinumab) may increase the risk of infections. In clinical trials, a higher rate of infections was observed in secukinumab treated subjects compared to placebo-treated subjects. Exercise caution when considering the use of secukinumab in patients with a chronic infection or a history of recurrent infection. If a patient develops a serious infection, the patient should be closely monitored, and secukinumab should be discontinued until the infection resolves.

## Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Secukinumab	Herpes Zoster	Cytomegalovirus
	Urinary Tract Infection	Hepatitis
	Esophageal Candidiasis	Fever
	Acute Histoplasmosis	Respiratory Infections

## References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Cosentyx Prescribing Information, June 2020. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.



**95. Secukinumab / Therapeutic Appropriateness (0 – 17 yoa)**

Alert Message: The safety and effectiveness of Cosentyx (secukinumab) in pediatric patients have not been evaluated.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Secukinumab

Age Range: 0 – 17 yoa

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Cosentyx Prescribing Information, June 2020. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.

**96. Secukinumab / Inflammatory Bowel Disease**

Alert Message: Caution should be used when prescribing Cosentyx (secukinumab) to patients with inflammatory bowel disease. Exacerbations, in some cases serious, occurred in secukinumab treated patients during clinical trials in plaque psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, and ankylosing spondylitis. In addition, new-onset inflammatory bowel disease cases occurred in clinical trials with secukinumab. Patients who are treated with secukinumab should be monitored for signs and symptoms of inflammatory bowel disease.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C (Include)

Secukinumab

Inflammatory Bowel Disease

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Cosentyx Prescribing Information, June 2020. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.

**97. Secukinumab / CYP3A4 Substrates w/ NTI**

Alert Message: Upon initiation or discontinuation of Cosentyx (secukinumab) in patients who are receiving concomitant CYP450 substrates, particularly those with a narrow therapeutic index, consider monitoring for therapeutic effect or drug concentration and consider dosage adjustment as needed. The formation of CYP450 enzymes can be altered by increased levels of certain cytokines (e.g., IL-1, IL-6, IL-10, TNF $\alpha$ , IFN) during chronic inflammation. Thus, the formation of CYP450 enzymes could be normalized during secukinumab administration.

Drugs/Diseases

Util A

Util B

Util C

Secukinumab

Avanafil

Eletriptan

Lurasidone

Simvastatin

Vardenafil

Budesonide

Eplerenone

Maraviroc

Sirolimus

Buspirone

Everolimus

Midazolam

Tacrolimus

Carbamazepine

Felodipine

Naloxegol

Ticagrelor

Darifenacin

Ibrutinib

Nisoldipine

Tipranavir

Darunavir

Lomitapide

Quetiapine

Tolvaptan

Dronedarone

Lovastatin

Sildenafil

Triazolam

References:

Clinical Pharmacology, 2020 Elsevier/Gold Standard.

Cosentyx Prescribing Information, June 2020. Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.

**98. Secukinumab / Nonadherence**

Alert Message: Based on refill history, your patient may be under-utilizing Cosentyx (secukinumab). Nonadherence to the prescribed dosing regimen may result in subtherapeutic effects, which may lead to decreased patient outcomes and additional healthcare costs.

Drugs/Diseases

Util AUtil BUtil C

Secukinumab

## References:

Osterberg L, Blaschke T. Adherence to Medication. N Engl J Med 2005;353:487-97.

Soobraty A, Boughdady S, Selinger CP. Current Practice and Clinicians' Perception of Medication Non-adherence in Patients with Inflammatory Bowel Disease: A Survey of 98 Clinicians. World J Gastro Pharma Ther. 2017; 8(1):67-73.

McKay KA, Tremlett H, Patten SB, et al. Determinants of Non-Adherence to Disease-Modifying Therapies in Multiple Sclerosis: A Cross-Canada Prospective Study. Mult Scler. 2016;23(4):588-596.

Joplin S, van der Zwan R, Joshua F, Wong PK. Medication Adherence in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis: The Effect of Patient Education, Health Literacy, and Musculoskeletal Ultrasound. Biomed Res Int. 2015;2015:150658.