PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group	**Oncology Drugs/Therapies**
Drugs	Oncology Medications and Oncology Gene Therapies (specialty or non-specialty) without product specific criteria when requested for an oncology diagnosis
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI) , and the Drug Package Insert, and/or per the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber is an oncologist, or specialist in type of cancer being treated
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for up to 6 month duration.
Other Criteria	**All of the following criteria must be met:** • Requested use must be a labeled indication or be supported by NCCN Category 1 or 2A level of evidence. If the request is for an off-label use supported by NCCN as Category 2B recommendation then medical documentation has been provided as to why member is unable to utilize a treatment regimen with a higher level of evidence (e.g. allergic reaction, contraindication) • Documentation has been provided of the results of all required genetic testing where required per product package insert • Documentation has been provided of the results of all required laboratory values and patient specific information (e.g. weight, ALT/AST, Creatine Kinase, etc.) necessary to ensure the patient has no contraindications to therapy per product package insert • The product is being prescribed at a dose that is within FDA approved/NCCN guidelines. • Request to initiate therapy with an oral, non-preferred brand drug with a therapeutically equivalent (AB-rated) generic drug currently available, will require a 30-day trial and failure or documented medical reason for not using, the generic equivalent drug • If the request is for a non-preferred reference biologic drug with either a biosimilar or interchangeable biologic drug currently available, documentation of one of the following: o The provider has verbally or in writing submitted a member specific reason why the non-preferred reference biologic is required based on the member's condition or treatment history; AND if the member had side effects or a reaction to the

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Medications without Drug or Class Specific Criteria**
Drugs	• Medications without drug or class specific prior authorization criteria • Brand drugs and reference biologics when a therapeutic equivalent generic drug or biosimilar/interchangeable biologic is available ***The Oncology Drugs prior authorization criteria will be applied to oncology drugs without drug or class specific criteria***
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, requests will be approved for up to 12 months (depending on the diagnosis and usual treatment duration).
Other Criteria	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** **All Requests:** • The drug is requested for an appropriate use (per the references outlined in "Covered Uses") • The dose requested is appropriate for the requested use (per the references outlined in "Covered Uses") • Patient meets one of the three following criteria: o Documented trial and failure or intolerance of two alternative formulary/preferred medications appropriate for the requested use (per the references outlined in "Covered Uses" or has a medical reason why these drug(s) cannot be used [e.g. intolerance, contraindication]). For medications where there is only one preferred agent, only that agent must have been ineffective or not tolerated. o No other preferred medication has a medically accepted use for the patient's specific diagnosis as referenced in the medical compendia. o All other preferred medications are contraindicated based on the patient's diagnosis, other medical conditions, or other medication therapy.

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Prior Authorization Exception Criteria**
Covered Uses	All medically accepted indications. Medically accepted indications are defined using the following compendia resources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved indication(s) (Drug Package Insert), American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information (AHFS-DI), and DRUGDEX Information System. The reviewer may also reference disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Scope	Requests for exception to the drug's prior authorization criteria requirements
Coverage Duration	12 months

Criteria	• The provider either verbally or in writing has submitted a medical or member specific reason why prior authorization criteria all or in part is not applicable to the member.
	  o Medical and/or member specific reasons may include but are not limited to:
	  ▪ Uniqueness of the member's condition or other physical characteristics of the member's condition.
	  ▪ Psychiatric, intellectual, physical, cultural, and/or linguistic characteristics of the member which may inhibit the provider from obtaining all necessary prior authorization criteria requirements.
	
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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Quantity Limit Exception Criteria**
Covered Uses	All medically accepted indications. Medically accepted indications are defined using the following compendia resources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved indication(s) (Drug Package Insert), American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information (AHFS-DI), and DRUGDEX Information System. The reviewer may also reference disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Scope	Requests for formulary drugs exceeding the health plan's published quantity limits
Criteria	• The provider has submitted a medical reason why the plan's quantity limit will be inadequate based on the member's condition and treatment history. **AND one of the following:** o The member has a documented treatment failure with the drug prescribed at the health plan's quantity limit AND the dose requested is supported by the Medical Compendia or current treatment guidelines. o The member requires a dose within prescribing guidelines that exceeds the plan's quantity limit. **Medical Director/clinical reviewer may override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**
Coverage Duration	12 Months
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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Safety Edit Exception Criteria**
Covered Uses	All medically accepted indications. Medically accepted indications are defined using the following compendia resources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved indication(s) (Drug Package Insert), American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information (AHFS-DI), and DRUGDEX Information System. The reviewer may also reference disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Scope	Requests for formulary drugs and for previously approved non-formulary drugs: • Exceeding the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or compendia max dose recommendations • Exceeding the FDA dosing or compendia administration frequency recommendations • Exceeding the FDA or compendia duration of therapy recommendations • Duplication of therapy error at Point of Service (POS) • Age Restriction error at POS • Day Supply Limit error at POS • Concurrent Use error at POS • Drug Drug Interaction error at POS
Criteria Revision/Review Date: 7/2025	**Exceeding the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or compendia maximum dose, administration frequency or duration of therapy recommendations.** • The member must have a documented treatment failure with the drug at the maximum dose based on patient age/weight, administration frequency, or duration of therapy per FDA or compendia. AND • The provider must submit a medical reason why the maximum dose, administration frequency or duration of therapy needs to be exceeded based on the member's condition or treatment history. **Duplication of therapy** <u>Transition from one agent to another</u> • If a provider has outlined a plan to transition a member to a similar drug or provided a dose titration schedule, the requested drug is approved for one month*. <u>Concurrent Therapy with two similar agents</u> • The provider must submit a medical reason why treatment with more than one drug in the same class is required based on the member's condition and treatment history. OR

	• The provider must submit disease state specific standard of care guidelines supporting concurrent therapy. **Age Restriction** • The provider must submit a medical reason why the drug is needed for a member whose age is outside of the plan's minimum or maximum age limit. AND • The indication and dose requested is supported by the Medical Compendia or current treatment guidelines. AND For members over the age of 10: if the request is for an orally disintegrating tablet, the member has a documented trial and failure of the solid dosage form (tablet or capsule) or a reason why the solid dosage form cannot be used. **Day Supply Limit** • An additional fill exceeding the day supply limit is needed based on a dose increase or is needed to achieve a total daily dose OR • The provider must submit a medical reason why an additional fill is needed outside of the plan's day supply limit. AND • The indication and dose requested is supported by the FDA, Medical Compendia or current treatment guidelines. **Concurrent Use/Drug-Drug Interaction** • The provider must submit a medical reason why treatment with both drugs is necessary for the member AND • The increased risk for side effects when taking the drugs together has been discussed with the member **Medical Director/clinical reviewer may override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**
Coverage Duration	*One month approval for Duplication of therapy when transitioning from one agent to another and Day Supply Limit due to a dose increase. All Other Scenarios: 12 months

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Step Therapy Exception Criteria**
Covered Uses	All medically accepted indications. Medically accepted indications are defined using the following compendia resources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved indication(s) (Drug Package Insert), American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information (AHFS-DI), and DRUGDEX Information System. The reviewer may also reference disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Scope	Requests for drugs on the plan's formulary with a step therapy restriction which do not meet step therapy requirements
Criteria	Requests for drugs on the plan's formulary with a step therapy restriction which do not meet step therapy requirements will be considered when the provider verbally or in writing has submitted a medical reason why: • Required step therapy drug(s) would be ineffective, or; • Required step therapy drug(s) have the potential to cause harm or deterioration of the member's condition, or; • The requested drug would be superior to the required prerequisite trial(s) with preferred drug(s). **Medical Director/clinical reviewer may override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**
Coverage Duration	12 Months
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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Off-Label Uses Criteria**
Drugs	**Medications with off-label uses**
Covered Uses	Off-label uses: Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: American Hospital Formulary Service-Drug Information (AHFS-DI), Truven Health Analytics Micromedex DrugDEX (DrugDEX), National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Drugs and Biologics Compendium, Wolters Kluwer Lexi-Drugs, and Elsevier/Gold Standard Clinical Pharmacology and/or positive results from two peer-reviewed published studies.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If the criterion is met, the request will be approved for up to a 12 month duration (depending on the diagnosis and usual treatment duration).
Other Criteria	**Authorization:** 1. One of the following: a. Patient has had a documented trial and or intolerance with up to two preferred medications used to treat the documented diagnosis, or for medications where there is only one preferred agent, only that agent must have been ineffective or not tolerated. b. No other formulary medication has a medically accepted use for the patient's specific diagnosis as referenced in the medical compendia **AND** 2. One of the following: a. Medication is being requested for an accepted off-label use and is listed in the standard clinical decision support resources (as noted in Covered Uses section above) b. Requested use can be supported by at least two published peer reviewed clinical studies **AND**

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**5-Hydroxytryptamine-3 Serotonin Receptor Antagonists (5-HT3 RA), Substance P/Neurokinin 1 Receptor Antagonists (NK1 RA), and Combination Agents**
Drugs	Preferred (Step 1): 5-HT3 RA: ondansetron (Zofran) oral tablet, orally disintegrating tablet (ODT), oral solution, IV solution, injection (IV/SQ) solution or granisetron (Kytril) oral tablet, IV solution NK1 RA: aprepitant (Emend) oral capsule, fosaprepitant (Emend) IV emulsion Preferred (Step 2): 5-HT3 RA: palonosetron (Aloxi) IV solution Non-Preferred: Sustol (granisetron ER) SQ injection, Sancuso (granisetron ER) transdermal patch, Zuplenz (ondansetron) oral film, dolasetron (Anzemet) oral tablet, Cinvanti (aprepitant) IV emulsion, Emend (aprepitant) oral suspension, Varubi (rolapitant) oral capsule, Akynzeo (palonosetron/netupitant) oral capsule, IV solution, Focinvez (fosaprepitant) Any other newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert (PPI).
Exclusion Criteria	None
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	None
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by a specialist in the field to treat the patient's respective medical condition
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for up to 6 months or as long as recommended by the medical compendium and/or per the NCCN/ASCO standard of care guidelines.
Other Criteria	• The medication is being requested for a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved indication or a medical condition that is supported by the medical compendium, the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), and/or American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) standard of

	care guidelines for antiemetic therapy. • The requested dosing of the 5-HT3 RA and/or NK1 RA is within FDA approved, NCCN/ASCO or other medical compendia standard of care guidelines • Patients meeting one of the following criteria may receive the generic 5-HT3 RA palonosetron hydrochloride without prior trial and failure of ondansetron/granisetron o Adult patients receiving an antineoplastic agent with HIGH or MODERATE emetic risk per the NCCN Practice Guidelines o Pediatric patients receiving an antineoplastic agent with HIGH emetic risk per the NCCN Practice Guidelines who are unable to receive dexamethasone • For all other patients, if the medication request is for any 5-HT3 RA other than ondansetron, granisetron, or an NK1-RA other than aprepitant oral capsule or fosaprepitant IV emulsion: o The patient has a documented treatment failure after receiving an adequate trial of a preferred 5-HT3 RA and a preferred NK1 RA and/or has a documented medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc.) for not utilizing these medications to treat their medical condition.
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Prior Authorization Group Description	**Acute Migraine Treatments**
Drugs	**Preferred:** Nurtec ODT (rimegepant) – If the request is for migraine prevention please refer to the Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide (CGRP) Antagonists for Headache Prevention criteria **Non-preferred:** Reyvow (lasmiditan) Ubrelvy (ubrogepant) Zavzpret (zavegepant) Symbravo (rizatriptan and meloxicam) any newly marketed treatment for acute migraine
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Member is 18 years of age or older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 3 months. For continuation of therapy the request will be approved for 6 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • Diagnosis of migraine headache • Requested dose is within FDA approved dosing guidelines • Documented trial and failure of (or medical justification for not using) two triptan products • Attestation the patient was counseled regarding not driving or operating machinery until at least 8 hours after taking each dose (Reyvow only) • If the request is for a non-preferred drug, a documentation of trial and failure or medical reason for not using a preferred drug. • If the request is for a Symbravo, a documentation of trial and failure or medical reason for not using the separate ingredients meloxicam and rizatriptan concurrently • Medication will not be used in combination with another CGRP inhibitor for either acute or preventative treatment of migraine **Criteria for Re-Authorization:** • Documentation of improvement in migraine pain and symptom (s) (e.g., photophobia, nausea, phonophobia) **Nurtec ODT QL of 8 units per month.**

Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	**Reyvow QL of 8 units per month** **Ubrelvy QL of 16 units per month** **Zavzpret QL of 8 units per month** **Symbravo QL of 9 units per month** **<u>Criteria for exceeding the quantity limit</u> (note all of the above criteria must also be met)** • Documented trial and failure (or a medical justification for not using e.g. hypersensitivity, baseline bradycardia or hypotension, adverse events experienced from previous trial, etc.) with at least one drug from two categories below for at least 4 weeks EACH, at minimum effective doses: o Beta-adrenergic blockers o Topiramate or divalproex ER or DR o Amitriptyline or venlafaxine o Frovatriptan, zolmitriptan or naratriptan (for menstrual migraine prophylaxis) **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Corticotropin**
Drugs	**Preferred:** Cortrophin (corticotropin) **Non-Preferred:** Acthar (corticotropin)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	See "other criteria"
Prescriber Restrictions	See "other criteria"
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for up to a 1 month duration.
Other Criteria	**Infantile Spasms (West Syndrome):** • Patient is < 2 years of age • The medication is being prescribed by a neurologist. • Documentation of the patient's current weight (in kg) and height/length (in cm) or body surface area (BSA) **Multiple Sclerosis:** • Documentation was submitted that patient is having an acute attack, with neurologic symptoms and increased disability or impairments in vision, strength or cerebellar function, and has failed therapy with intravenous (IV) methylprednisolone, or a medical reason has been submitted why patient is unable to use IV methylprednisolone. • The medication is being prescribed by a neurologist • If the request is for a non-preferred product, trial and failure of, contraindication to, or medical reason for not using the preferred product **All Other FDA Approved Conditions and Indications:** • Documented trial and failure of an IV corticosteroid AND an oral corticosteroid, or documented medical reason for why the patient cannot use these therapies for treatment • Documentation was provided that ALL other standard therapies have been used to treat the member's condition as described in the medical compendium (Micromedex, AHFS, Drug Points, and package insert) as defined in the Social Security Act and/or per recognized standard of care guidelines OR there is a

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Prior Authorization Group Description	**Adakveo (crizanlizumab-tmca)**
Drugs	Adakveo (crizanlizumab-tmca)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	Member must be 16 years of age or older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a hematologist or sickle cell specialist
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, requests may be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 7/2024	**Initial Authorization:** • Member has a confirmed diagnosis of sickle cell disease • Documentation was provided that the member has had 2 or more pain crises in the last 12 months • Documentation was provided that the member has been taking hydroxyurea at the maximum tolerated dose and has been compliant within the last 6 months (or a medical reason was provided why the patient is unable to use hydroxyurea) • Documentation of the member's current weight • Request is for an FDA-approved dose **Reauthorization:** • Documentation has been submitted that the member has demonstrated or maintained ONE of the following changes from baseline: o Reduction in pain crises o Increased time between crises o Decrease in days hospitalized • Documentation of the member's current weight • Request is for an FDA-approved dose **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Adenosine Triphosphate-Citrate Lyase (ACL) inhibitors**
Drugs	Nexletol (bempedoic acid) Nexlizet (bempedoic acid and ezetimibe)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert (PPI).
Exclusion Criteria	None
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	18 years or older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a cardiologist or specialist in the treatment of lipid disorders
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the initial request will be approved with a 3-month duration and all reauthorization requests will be approved with a 12-month duration.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** **All Requests** • Member must have documentation of baseline low density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) • Member has tried and failed a high-intensity statin (i.e. atorvastatin 40-80 mg, rosuvastatin 20-40 mg) at maximum tolerated dose for 3 months via claim history or chart notes OR documentation has been provided that the member is not able to tolerate a statin. • Documentation was provided indicating provider has counseled member on smoking cessation and following a "heart healthy diet". **For Hyperlipidemia** • One of the following: o Member has a diagnosis of heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (FH) o Member has a diagnosis of primary hyperlipidemia • Member has tried and failed ezetimibe at a maximum tolerated dose or documentation has been provided that the patient is not able to tolerate ezetimibe.

Revision/Review Date 7/2024	**For Cardiovascular Risk Reduction** • Member has established cardiovascular disease (documented history of coronary artery disease, symptomatic peripheral arterial disease, and or cerebrovascular atherosclerotic disease) • Member does not have established cardiovascular disease but is considered high risk (one of the following): o Diabetes mellitus (type 1 or type 2) in females over 65 years of age or males over 60 years of age o A Reynolds Risk score > 30% or a SCORE Risk score > 7.5% over 10 years o A coronary artery calcium score >400 Agatston units at any time in the past. • Member has a fasting LDL-C ≥ 70 mg/dL **<u>Reauthorization:</u>** • Documentation provided that the member has obtained clinical benefit from medication (e.g. LDL-C lowering from baseline) **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Adrenal Enzyme Inhibitors for Cushing's Disease**
Drugs	Isturisa (osilodrostat)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, the Drug Package Insert, and/or per the standard of care guidelines
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Member must be ≥ 18 years of age
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, an endocrinologist or other specialist in the treatment of metabolic disorders
Coverage Duration	Initial Authorization: If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for a 6-month duration. Reauthorization: If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for a 12-month duration.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • Member has confirmed diagnosis of Cushing's Disease • Pituitary surgery is not an option or has not been curative • Provider attests baseline electrocardiogram (ECG) has been obtained and hypokalemia and/or hypomagnesemia has been corrected prior to initiating therapy if present • The medication is being prescribed at a dose that is consistent with FDA-approved package labeling, nationally recognized compendia or peer-reviewed literature • Documented baseline urinary free cortisol (UFC) test ≥ 1.3upper limit of normal (ULN) o UFC Normal Range = 3.5-45 mcg/24 hrs (9.66-124.2 nmol/24 hrs) • Member has had a documented trial and failure of one of the following: o ketoconazole o Metopirone (metyrapone) o Lysodren (mitotane) o cabergoline o Signifor/Signifor LAR (pasireotide) o etomidate **OR** Member has a documented medical reason (e.g. contraindication, intolerance, hypersensitivity) as to why these medications cannot be used

Revision/Review Date: 2/2025	**<u>Reauthorization:</u>** • Member has responded to therapy as defined by a documented urinary free cortisol (UFC) test ≤ the upper limit of normal (ULN) • The medication is being prescribed at a dose that is consistent with FDA-approved package labeling, nationally recognized compendia **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Adrenal Enzyme Inhibitors for Cushing's Syndrome**
Drugs	Recorlev (levoketoconazole)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• Patients with a non-endogenous source of hypercortisolism, such as exogenous source of glucocorticoids or therapeutic use of ACTH. • Patient has a diagnosis of pituitary or adrenal carcinoma
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Per FDA approved package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be an endocrinologist or in consultation with an endocrinologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** • Patient has a diagnosis of endogenous Cushing's syndrome. • Patient is not a candidate for surgery, surgery is not an option, or prior surgery has not been curative. • Documented baseline urinary free cortisol (UFC) test ≥ 1.5 times ULN (within the past 30 days). • Patient has tried and failed, or has a medical reason for not using, ketoconazole. • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose. **<u>Re-Authorization:</u>** • Documented or provider attestation of positive clinical response (i.e. decrease in urinary free cortisol from baseline.) • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Adzynma**
Drugs	Adzynma (ADAMTS13, recombinant-krhn)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a hematologist, oncologist, intensive care specialist, or specialist in the treatment of rare genetic hematologic diseases
Coverage Duration	On-demand therapy: If all criteria are met, the request will be approved for 1 month. Prophylactic therapy: If all criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. Reauthorization requests will be approved for 12 months.

Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization**
	• Diagnosis of congenital thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (cTTP) as confirmed by BOTH of the following:
	  o Molecular genetic testing
	  o ADAMTS13 activity <10%
	• Prescriber attestation that member has not been diagnosed with any other TTP-like disorder (i.e., microangiopathic hemolytic anemia, immune-mediated thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura [iTTP])
	• If request is for prophylactic therapy, member must also have a history of at least one documented TTP event
	• Member's weight
	• Request is for an FDA-approved dose
	
	Reauthorization
	• Documentation of positive clinical response to therapy (i.e., improvement in acute and subacute TTP events, platelet counts, microangiopathic hemolytic anemia episodes, or clinical symptoms)
	• Member's weight
	• Request is for an FDA-approved dose

Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	**Medical Director/clinical reviewer may override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Amtagvi (lifileucel)**
Drugs	Amtagvi (lifileucel)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• Uncontrolled brain metastases • Melanoma of uveal or ocular origin • Systemic steroid therapy for any reason
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be an oncologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for a one-time treatment.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** • Diagnosis of unresectable or metastatic melanoma (Stage IIIc or Stage IV) • Member must have progressed through at least one prior systemic therapy including a PD-1/PD-L1 blocking antibody and, if BRAF V600 mutation–positive, a BRAF inhibitor or BRAF inhibitor in combination with a MEK inhibitor • Member must have at least one rejectable lesion (or aggregate of lesions resected) of a minimum 1.5 cm in diameter post-resection • Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) score of 0 or 1 • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **The safety and effectiveness of repeat administration of Amtagvi has not been evaluated and will not be approved.** **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Agents for Atopic Dermatitis**
Drugs	****Medications will be limited to 400 grams per year, Eucrisa is limited to 300 grams per year.** **Preferred** pimecrolimus cream tacrolimus ointment Dupixent (dupilumab**)** Adbry (tralokinumab) Eucrisa (crisaborole) **Non-Preferred** Elidel (pimecrolimus) Opzelura (ruxolitinib) Rinvoq (upadacitinib) Cibinqo (abrocitinib) Ebglyss (lebrikizumab-lbkz) Zoryve (roflumilast) cream Vtama (tapinarof) Nemluvio (nemolizumab-ilto) *Note: Adbry, Eucrisa, and Dupixent will pay at point of sale for members who filled a topical corticosteroid and a topical calcineurin inhibitor in the past 180 days*
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Tacrolimus ointment, pimecrolimus cream (Elidel), and Opzelura (ruxolitinib): Immunocompromised members
Required Medical Information	See “other criteria”
Age Restrictions	Per package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a dermatologist, pediatrician, immunologist, or allergist or in consultation with a dermatologist, pediatrician, immunologist, or allergist
Coverage Duration	For Opzelura, Zoryve, and Vtama: If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for up to 8 weeks and reauthorization requests will be approved for up to 6 months. For all others: If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 12 months with a maximum quantity limit of 400 grams per year.

Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization**
	• For non-preferred medications, a trial and failure of 2 preferred agents is required in addition to the criteria below
	
	For pimecrolimus cream (Elidel):
	• Diagnosis of mild to moderate atopic dermatitis in patients who have failed to respond adequately or are intolerant to a formulary topical medium to high potency corticosteroid
	• If the request is for Elidel, member has a documented treatment failure with pimecrolimus OR has a documented medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc.) why pimecrolimus cannot be used
	
	For tacrolimus ointment:
	• Diagnosis of moderate to severe atopic dermatitis in patients who have failed to respond adequately or are intolerant to a formulary topical medium to high potency corticosteroid
	
	For Eucrisa:
	• Diagnosis of mild to moderate atopic dermatitis
	• Trial and failure of a formulary medium to high potency topical corticosteroid or topical immunosuppressant
	
	For Opzelura, Vtama, or Zoryve:
	• Diagnosis of mild to moderate AD
	• Trial and failure of one formulary medium to high potency topical corticosteroid
	• Trial and failure of topical tacrolimus or pimecrolimus (for members less than 2 years of age requesting Eucrisa, trial of topical tacrolimus of pimecrolimus is not required)
	
	****A MAXIMUM of ONE 60 g TUBE of OPZELURA MAY BE APPROVED PER WEEK****
	
	For Adbry or Dupixent:
	• Trial and failure, or contraindication/intolerance to ALL of the following:
	  o One formulary medium to high potency topical corticosteroid
	  o Topical tacrolimus or pimecrolimus
	• For members less than 2 years of age requesting Dupixent, trial of topical tacrolimus or pimecrolimus is not required.
	
	For Nemluvio:
	• Diagnosis of moderate to severe AD
	• Trial and failure of, or contraindication to, ONE of the following:
	  o Eucrisa
	  o Opzelura
	  o Vtama
	  o Zoryve

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	For Ebglyss:
	• Diagnosis of moderate to severe AD
	• Trial and failure of, or contraindication to, ONE of the following:
	  o Adbry
	  o Dupixent
	  o Nemluvio
	
	For Rinvoq or Cibinqo:
	• Diagnosis of refractory, moderate to severe, AD
	• Trial and failure of, intolerance to, or contraindication to another systemic drug product for AD
	
	<u>Reauthorization:</u>
	• Prescriber attests that the member has experienced improvement in symptoms (e.g. significant clearing of the skin, reduction in itching)
	
	Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Sublingual Allergenic Extracts**
Drugs	**Grastek** (timothy grass pollen allergen extract) **Odactra** (house dust mite allergen extract) **Oralair** (sweet vernal/orchard/rye/timothy/Kentucky blue grass mixed pollen allergenic extract) **Ragwitek** (Short ragweed pollen allergenic extract)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to Package Insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber is an allergist or immunologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for a 12 month duration.
Other Criteria	**Initial authorization**: For all requests: • Requested allergenic extract is being used to treat allergic rhinitis with or without conjunctivitis • Member has had a document trial and failure of, or intolerance to, an intranasal corticosteroid (e.g. fluticasone) used in combination with at least one of the following: o Oral antihistamine (e.g. cetirizine) o Intranasal antihistamine (e.g. azelastine) o Oral leukotriene receptor antagonist (montelukast) • Patient has been prescribed (as demonstrated by pharmacy claims or documentation) injectable epinephrine Grastek: • Diagnosis has been confirmed by positive skin or in vitro testing to Timothy Grass, or cross reactive, pollen Odactra: • Diagnosis has been confirmed by either positive skin test to house dust mite allergen extract **OR** positive in vitro testing for IgE antibodies to *Dermatophagoides farinae* or *Dermatophagoides pteronyssiunus*

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Agents for Graft versus Host Disease**
Drugs	Rezurock (belumosudil), Imbruvica (ibrutinib), Jakafi (ruxolitinib phosphate), Orencia (abatacept), Ryoncil (remestemcel-L-rknd) Niktimvo (axatilimab-csfr)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, the Drug Package Insert, and/or per the standard of care guidelines
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a hematologist, oncologist, or other specialist in the treatment of hematopoietic cell transplants
Coverage Duration	Jakafi, Niktimvo, Rezurock, and Imbruvica: If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for up to a 3 month duration for initial requests and up to a 6 month duration for renewal requests. Orencia: If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for 1 month duration (4 total infusions) Ryoncil: If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for a 2 month duration (12 infusions total). If all of the criteria are met, the reauthorization request will be approved for a 1 month duration (8 total infusions).
Other Criteria	****For oncological indications, please refer to the "Oncology Agents" policy**** **Initial Authorization:** • Imbruvica o Member has a diagnosis of chronic graft versus host disease o Member has tried and failed or cannot use a systemic corticosteroid or documentation is provided as to why a systemic corticosteroid cannot be used o The drug is prescribed at an FDA-approved dose • Jakafi o Member has a diagnosis of acute graft versus host disease or a diagnosis of chronic graft versus host disease o Member has tried and failed or cannot use a systemic corticosteroid or documentation is provided as to why a systemic corticosteroid cannot be used o The drug is prescribed at an FDA-approved dose • Rezurock or Niktimvo o Member has a diagnosis of chronic graft versus-host disease

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Alpha-1 Proteinase Inhibitors (Human)**
Drugs	**Preferred:** Prolastin-C **Non-Preferred:** Aralast NP Glassia Zemaira Or any other newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	None
Required Medical Information	None
Age Restrictions	18 years of age or older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a pulmonologist or specialist in the treatment of AAT
Coverage Duration	The request will be approved for up to a 12 month duration.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • Documented diagnosis of a congenital deficiency of alpha-1 antitrypsin (AAT) (serum AAT level < 11 micromol/L [approximately 57 mg/dL using nephelometry or 80mg/dl by radial immunodiffusion]). • Documentation was submitted indicating the member has undergone genetic testing for AAT deficiency and is classified as phenotype PiZZ, PiSZ, PiZ(null) or Pi(null)(null) [NOTE: phenotypes PiMZ or PiMS are not candidates for treatment with Alpha1-Proteinase Inhibitors] • Documentation was submitted (member's pulmonary function test results) indicating airflow obstruction by spirometry (forced expiratory volume in 1 second [FEV_1] ≤ 65% of predicted), or provider has documented additional medical information demonstrating medical necessity • Documentation was submitted indicating member is a non-smoker or an ex-smoker (eg. smoking cessation treatment) • Documentation of the member's current weight • The Alpha-1 Proteinase Inhibitor (human) is being prescribed at an FDA approved dosage • If the medication request is for an Alpha1-Proteinase Inhibitor (human) product other than Prolastin-C, the patient has a

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Amifampridine**
Drugs	**Firdapse** (amifampridine)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Patients must be 6 years age or older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist or a neuromuscular specialist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy the request will be approved for 6 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date 2/2025	**Initial Authorization:** • Diagnosis of Lambert-Eaton myasthenic syndrome (LEMS) based on at least one electrodiagnostic study (i.e., repetitive nerve stimulation, nerve conduction studies, electromyography) OR anti-P/Q-type voltage-gated calcium channel antibody testing • Member has been screened for small cell lung cancer (SCLC) and/or other malignancies • Member does not have a history of seizures • Medication is being prescribed at an FDA approved dose or is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines **Re-authorization:** • Medication is prescribed at an FDA-approved dose or is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines • Documentation provided that prescriber has evaluated the member and recommends continuation of therapy **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group	**Androgenic Agents**
Drug(s)	*****If the request is for gender dysphoria, please use the Medications without Drug or Class Specific criteria***** Preferred products: • testosterone 1.62% pump (generic Androgel) • testosterone cypionate intramuscular oil • Depo-Testosterone intramuscular oil (testosterone cypionate) • testosterone enanthate 200 mg/ml intramuscular oil Non-preferred products: • testosterone (Androgel) 1% packet • testosterone (Vogelxo) 50 mg/5 g packet • testosterone (Androgel) 1.62% packet • testosterone 1% pump (generic Androgel, Vogelxo) • testosterone 10 mg gel pump (generic Fortesta) • testosterone 30 mg/1.5 ml pump testosterone (Testim) 1% gel • Androderm patch • Natesto nasal • methyltestosterone (Methitest) 10 mg capsule • Aveed 750 mg/3 ml (250 mg/ml) intramuscular solution • Testopel 75 mg implant pellet • Jatenzo capsule • Xyosted subcutaneous solution • Tlando • Any newly marketed testosterone product
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI) and the Drug Package Insert).
Exclusion Criteria	Men with carcinoma of the breast or known or suspected prostate cancer. Pregnant or breastfeeding women.
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	None
Prescriber Restrictions	None
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the initial request will be approved for 3 months; renewal requests will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 1/2025	Criteria for Initial Authorization: 1. Diagnosis of primary hypogonadism (congenital or acquired) or hypogonadotropic hypogonadism (congenital or acquired) 2. Documented low testosterone level (s) below 300ng/dl (copy of laboratory result required) 3. Documented adequate trial and failure or intolerance with a preferred agent. Criteria for Re-Authorization: 1. Diagnosis of primary hypogonadism (congenital or acquired) or hypogonadotropic hypogonadism (congenital or acquired). 2. Documentation that the member is benefiting from use of the

	medication. **Medical Director/Clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Injectable Anticoagulants**
Drugs	**Preferred** • enoxaparin (Lovenox) **Non-preferred** • fondaparinux (Arixtra) • Fragmin (dalteparin) • Any newly marketed injectable anticoagulant
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	Member's current weight
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If the conditions are met, the request will be approved for an appropriate duration according to the following: • For the use in venous thromboembolism (VTE): up to a 30-day duration (unless greater duration of therapy is requested and medically necessary then will be approved for up to a 6 month duration) • For use in pregnant members: up to 6 weeks past the expected due date • For use in members with cancer: 6 months
Other Criteria	**Criteria for approval for use in VTE:** • The medication is being prescribed for the prevention and/or treatment of VTE • The medication is being prescribed at a dose that is within FDA-approved guidelines and/or is supported by the medical compendia • The prescriber must provide a medical reason why the member cannot be treated with a formulary oral anticoagulant • If the request is for a non-preferred agent, documentation was provided as to why the member is not able to use the preferred agent. **Criteria for approval for use in a pregnant member:** • The medication is being prescribed for the prevention or treatment of VTE during pregnancy. • Documentation of the expected due date. • The medication is being prescribed by an obstetrician or a hematologist • The medication is being prescribed at a dose that is within FDA-approved guidelines and/or is supported by the medical compendia • If the request is for a non-preferred agent, documentation was provided as to why the member is not able to use the preferred agent. **Criteria for approval for use in member with cancer:**

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Anti-CD19 CAR-T Immunotherapies**
Drugs	Kymriah (tisagenlecleucel), Yescarta (axicabtagene ciloleucel), Tecartus (brexucabtagene autoleucel), Breyanzi (lisocabtagene maraleucel), Aucatzyl (obecabtagene autoleucel)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Patients with primary central nervous system lymphoma
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	See "Other Criteria"
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be an oncologist, hematologist or other appropriate specialist .
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for a single treatment regimen per lifetime. • Kymriah, Yescarta, Tecartus, Breyanzi :a one-time infusion • Aucatzyl: a split-dose infusion administered on day 1 and day 10 (± 2 days)
Other Criteria	**Initial authorization:** • Patient must not have received prior anti-CD19 CAR-T therapy. • Patient will be screened for HBV, HCV, and HIV in accordance with clinical guidelines. • Patient does not have an active infection or inflammatory disorder. • Patient will not receive live virus vaccines for at least 6 weeks prior to the start of lymphodepleting chemotherapy and until immune recovery following treatment. • Use is supported by a labeled indication or NCCN guidelines **Leukemia** **B-cell precursor Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL):** • If the request is for Kymriah o Patient is 25 years of age or younger o ALL that is refractory or in second or later relapse • If the request is for Tecartus or Aucatzyl o Patient is 18 years of age or older o ALL that is relapsed or refractory

	Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL):
	
	• If the request is for Breyanzi
	  o Patient is 18 years of age or older
	  o Patient has relapsed/refractory disease defined as failure of two or more lines of therapy, including a Bruton tyrosine kinase (BTK) inhibitor AND a B-cell lymphoma 2 (BCL-2) inhibitor
	
	<u>Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (NHL)</u>
	
	Follicular Lymphoma (FL):
	
	• If the request is for Breyanzi, Kymriah, or Yescarta:
	  o Patient is 18 years of age or older
	  o Patient has relapsed/refractory disease defined as failure of two or more lines of systemic therapy
	
	Large B-cell Lymphoma (LBCL), Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma (DLBCL) not otherwise specified, primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma, high grade B-cell lymphoma, follicular lymphoma grade 3B, and DLBCL arising from follicular lymphoma or indolent lymphoma:
	
	• If the request is for Breyanzi, Kymriah, or Yescarta
	  o Patient is 18 years of age or older
	  o For Breyanzi ONE of the following:
	  ▪ Patient is refractory to first-line chemoimmunotherapy or relapsed within 12 months of first-line chemoimmunotherapy
	  ▪ Patient is refractory to first-line chemoimmunotherapy or relapsed after first-line chemoimmunotherapy and is not eligible for hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) due to comorbidities or age
	  ▪ Patient has relapsed or refractory disease after two or more lines of systemic therapy
	  o For Kymriah: Patient has relapsed/refractory disease defined as failure of two or more lines of systemic therapy
	  o For Yescarta ONE of the following:
	  ▪ Patient is refractory to first-line chemoimmunotherapy or relapses within 12 months of first-line chemoimmunotherapy or
	  ▪ Patient has failed two or more lines of systemic therapy

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	• Patient is 18 years of age or older
	• If the request is for Tecartus:
	  o Patient has relapsed/refractory disease defined as failure of BOTH the following:
	  ▪ Chemoimmunotherapy such as an anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody (e.g. Rituxan) + any chemotherapeutic agent
	  ▪ Bruton Tyrosine Kinase (BTK) Inhibitor (e.g. Calquence, Imbruvica, Brukinsa)
	• If the request is for Breynazi:
	  o Patient has relapsed or refractory disease who have received at least 2 prior lines of systemic therapy, including a BTK inhibitor
	
	Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma (SLL):
	
	• If the request is for Breyanzi
	  o Patient is 18 years of age or older
	  o Patient has received at least 2 prior lines of therapy including, a Bruton tyrosine kinase (BTK) inhibitor and a B-cell lymphoma 2 (BCL-2) inhibitor
	
	<u>Re-authorization</u>:
	
	• Treatment exceeding 1 single treatment regimen per lifetime will not be authorized.
	  o Kymriah, Yescarta, Tecartus, Breyanzi :a one-time infusion
	  o Aucatzyl: a split-dose infusion administered on day 1 and day 10 (± 2 days)
	
	Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Anti-Depressants for the Pediatric Patient**
Drugs	bupropion (Aplenzin, Wellbutrin, Forfivo), citalopram, desvenlafaxine, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, mirtazapine, nefazodone, paroxetine, sertraline, escitalopram, venlafaxine, duloxetine, trazodone, tranylcypromine, amitriptyline, clomipramine, desipramine, doxepin, imipramine, nortriptyline, phenelzine, protriptyline, trimipramine, maprotiline, Fetzima (levomilnacipran), Marplan (isocarboxazid), Trintellix (vortioxetine), vilazodone (Viibryd), Emsam (selegiline), or any newly-approved anti-depressant
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert (PPI).
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	Delaware Medical Assistance Program requires prior authorization for members 5 years of age and younger
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a psychiatrist or a medical provider certified in pediatric mental/behavioral health
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** • Requested dose is appropriate for age and indication per compendia **<u>Re-Authorization:</u>** • Documentation that the member has experienced a benefit from the medication or discontinuation would be detrimental **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Anti-FGF23 Monoclonal Antibodies**
Drugs	Crysvita (burosumab) SQ solution, or any other newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	See Other Criteria
Required Medical Information	See Other Criteria
Age Restrictions	X-linked hypophosphatemia (XLH): 6 months of age or older Tumor-induced osteomalacia (TIO): 2 years of age and older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, an endocrinologist, nephrologist, molecular geneticist, or other specialist experienced in the treatment of metabolic bone disorders
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months and reauthorization requests will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** **For X-linked hypophosphatemia (XLH):** • Diagnosis of XLH • Dosing is appropriate as per labeling or is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines • Labs, as follows: o Serum phosphorus below normal for patient age o eGFR > 30 mL/min/1.73 m2 or CrCl ≥ 30 mL/min • Patient will not use concurrent oral phosphate and/or active vitamin D analogs (e.g. calcitriol, paricalcitol, doxercalciferol, calcifediol) • Additionally, for adults: o Clinical signs and symptoms of XLH (e.g. bone/joint pain, fractures, osteomalacia, osteoarthritis, ensethopathies, spinal stenosis impaired mobility, presence or history of lower limb deformities, etc.) o Trial and failure of, or contraindication to, combination therapy with oral phosphate and active vitamin D (calcitriol) for a minimum of 8 weeks **For tumor-induced osteomalacia (TIO):** • Diagnosis of FGF23-related hypophosphatemia in TIO • Dosing is appropriate as per labeling or is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines

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	• Labs, as follows:
	  o Serum phosphorus below normal for patient age
	  o eGFR > 30 mL/min/1.73 m2 or CrCl ≥ 30 mL/min
	• Patient will not use concurrent oral phosphate and/or active vitamin D analogs (e.g. calcitriol, paricalcitol, doxercalciferol, calcifediol)
	
	Re-authorization:
	
	For XLH or TIO:
	• Documented effectiveness as evidenced by at least one of the following:
	  o Serum phosphorus within normal limits for patient age
	  o Clinical improvement (e.g. improved rickets, improved bone histomorphometry, increased growth velocity, increased mobility, decrease in bone fractures, improved fracture healing, reduction in bone-related pain)
	• 25-hydroxyvitamin D level and, if abnormally low, documented supplementation with cholecalciferol or ergocalciferol
	• Patient is not concurrently using oral phosphate and/or active vitamin D analogs (e.g. calcitriol, paricalcitol, doxercalciferol, calcifediol)
	• Dosing continues to be appropriate as per labeling or is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines
	
	Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.

Antifibrotic Respiratory Tract Agents

Drugs:
Ofev (nintedanib esylate)
pirfenidone (Esbriet)

Covered Uses: Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.

INITIAL CRITERIA:

For all requests:

- Patient is 18 years of age or older
- Prescriber is a pulmonologist or lung transplant specialist
- Provider attests that they have reviewed the patient's other medications, and have addressed all potential drug interactions
- Documentation has been provided that the patient does not smoke

If the request is for Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF):

- Confirmed diagnosis of IPF
- Pulmonary function test indicate patient has Forced Vital Capacity (%FVC) ≥ 50% within 30 days of request

If the request is for Systemic Sclerosis-Associated Interstitial Lung Disease (SSc-ILD) *(Ofev only)*:

- Confirmed diagnosis of SSc-ILD
- FVC ≥ 40% within 30 days of request
- Trial and failure of mycophenolate mofetil (MMF), cyclophosphamide or azathioprine.

If the request is for Chronic Fibrosing Intersitial Lung Diseases (ILDs) with a progressive phenotype *(Ofev only)*:

- Diagnosis of chronic fibrosing ILD (such as connective tissue disease [CTD]-associated ILD, chronic fibrosing hypersensitivity pneumonitis [HP], idiopathic non-specific interstitial pneumonia [iNSIP], unclassifiable idiopathic interstitial pneumonia [IIP]) of a progressive phenotype
- Recent (12 month) history of treatment with at least one medication to treat ILD (e.g., corticosteroid, azathioprine, MMF, n-acetylcysteine (NAC), rituximab, cyclophosphamide, cyclosporine, or tacrolimus).
- FVC ≥ 45% predicted within 30 days of request

If all of the above conditions are met, the request will be approved for a 6 month duration; if all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical/clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.

REAUTHORIZATION CRITERIA:

- Prescriber is a pulmonologist or lung transplant specialist

- Documentation submitted indicates that the member has obtained clinical benefit from the medication
- Documentation has been provided that the patient does not smoke

If all of the above conditions are met, the request will be approved for a 6 month duration; if all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.

NOTE: Medical Director/Clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.

Revision/Review Date: 7/2024

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Antipsychotics for Members Under 18 Years of Age**
Drugs	All antipsychotics when prescribed for a member under 18 years of age
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Use of more than one antipsychotic at a time is prohibited, unless cross titration is needed for up to 60 days
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a psychiatrist, pediatric neuropsychologist, developmental-behavioral pediatrician, or other specialist in the field of the member's diagnosed condition
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, requests may be approved as follows: • Members who started the antipsychotic during a recent hospitalization will receive a 6-month approval as continuity of care • Members who are new to the plan and are stable on the antipsychotic will receive a 6-month approval as continuity of care • All other requests meeting the criteria below may be approved for 12 months

Other Criteria	**Criteria for Initial Approval:** • Members who started the antipsychotic during a recent hospitalization or who are new to the plan and are stable on the antipsychotic may receive approval as continuity of care without meeting the criteria below • Antipsychotic is prescribed within FDA approved indications and dosing, recognized treatment guidelines, or recognized compendia • Provider has indicated that baseline monitoring of weight, body mass index (BMI) or waist circumference, blood pressure, fasting glucose or HbA1c, fasting lipid panel, and tardive dyskinesia using the Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale (AIMS) or Dyskinesia Identification System Condensed User Scale (DISCUS) has been completed • Additional criteria for requests for major depressive disorder or obsessive compulsive disorder: o Member continues to have residual symptoms despite use of evidence-based non-pharmacologic therapies such as behavioral, cognitive, and family based therapies (for new antipsychotic starts only) o Member had an inadequate response, intolerable side effects or contraindication to at least TWO different antidepressant regimens at an adequate dose and duration (at least 4 weeks); o If the request is for augmentation, the member is also receiving an SSRI or SNRI • Additional criteria for requests for aggression associated with autism spectrum disorders, tic disorders, disruptive behavior disorders, conduct disorders, or intellectual disabilities: o Chart notes documenting evidence of a comprehensive clinical evaluation of conditions have been submitted including: ▪ Treatment plan that comprehensively addresses all behaviors and conditions ▪ Provider has indicated that the member's comorbid conditions are being treated. ▪ Documentation that aggressive behaviors continue and are not responding to non-pharmacologic therapies (e.g. behavioral, cognitive, and family based therapies) • If the request is for a non-formulary agent the above criteria must be met AND at least one preferred formulary antipsychotic for the indication has previously failed or all preferred formulary antipsychotics are contraindicated • If the request is for Opipza, a trial and failure of TWO preferred products, one of which must be aripiprazole solution, or a medical reason for not using the TWO preferred products • **Criteria for Reauthorization:** • Prescriber indicates that there has been improvement in target symptoms as a result of antipsychotic therapy • Documentation of a treatment plan that contains either plan for discontinuation or rationale for continued use • Prescriber indicates that all appropriate continued monitoring is being conducted (e.g. monitoring for tardive dyskinesia using AIMS or DISCUS, weight/BMI/waist circumference, blood pressure, fasting glucose or A1c, fasting lipids) **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**
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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Antisense Oligonucleotides for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy**
Drugs	Exondys 51 (eteplirsen), Vyondys 53 (golodirsen), Viltepso (viltolarsen), Amondys 45 (casimersen)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Concomitant use with another antisense oligonucleotide
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Age ≤ 20 years
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by neurologist or provider who specializes in the treatment of DMD
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months and reauthorization requests will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • Member has a diagnosis of Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) and lab test was submitted confirming the mutation of dystrophin gene amenable to ONE of the following: o Exon 51 skipping for Exondys 51 o Exon 53 skipping for Vyondys 53 or Viltepso o Exon 45 skipping for Amondys 45 • Member is ambulatory • Baseline dystrophin levels AND results of motor function tests are provided [e.g. 6-Minute Walk Test (6MWT), Time to Stand Test (TTSTAND), Time to Run/Walk Test (TTRW), North Star Ambulatory Assessment (NSAA), Time to Climb 4 Steps Test (TTCLIMB)] • Member has stable pulmonary and cardiac function • ONE of the following applies: o Member has been on a stable dose of corticosteroids for at least 3 months for Viltepso o Member has been on a stable dose of corticosteroids for at least 6 months for Vyondys 53, Exondys 51, or Amondys 45 • Attestation of renal function monitoring is provided with request • The request is for an FDA approved dose **Reauthorization**

Revision/Review Date 4/2025	• Documentation is provided that the member had an increase in dystrophin levels from baseline • Documentation is provided that the member had the expected clinical response (e.g. provider statement that the therapy has reduced the rate of further decline in function as demonstrated by 6MWT, TTSTAND, TTRW, NSAA, or TTCLIMB) • Member is ambulatory • Attestation of renal function monitoring is provided with request • The request is for an FDA approved dose **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Medications for Use in ADHD Treatment for Members 21 and Older**
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Preferred drugs will pay for members 20 and younger; PA required for members 21 and older
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	**Criteria for Authorization:** • Prescriber attests that the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders V (DSM-5) criteria for diagnosis of ADHD in adults has been met • Appropriate dose of medication based on age and indication. • Behavioral modification techniques have been tried prior to medication being prescribed. • The patient is not concurrently taking a benzodiazepine with the exception of medication required for a seizure diagnosis. If a benzodiazepine is required, appropriate documentation has been provided by the prescriber indicating justification. • The patient is not on a long-acting and a short-acting version of the same chemical agent simultaneously. If both a long-acting and a short-acting version of the same chemical agent are required simultaneously, appropriate documentation has been provided by the prescriber indicating justification. • If the request is for a non-preferred medication, documented trial and failure or intolerance with two preferred medications used to treat the documented diagnosis. • For medications where there is only one preferred agent, one of the following is true: o Only that agent must have been ineffective or not tolerated o No other preferred medication has a medically accepted use for the patient's specific diagnosis as referenced in the medical compendia o All other preferred medications are contraindicated based on the patient's diagnosis, other medical conditions, or other medication therapy **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Atovaquone Suspension**
Drugs	Atovaquone (Mepron) suspension
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for up to a 6 month duration.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	Treatment/Prevention of *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia • Diagnosis of mild to moderate *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia (PCP) or diagnosis with the need to prevent PCP infection. • Documented trial and failure with therapeutic doses or intolerance to trimethoprim- sulfamethoxazole (TMP-SMX) • Documented trial and failure with therapeutic doses or intolerance to dapsone. Treatment/Prevention of *Toxoplasma gondii* encephalitis in patients with HIV: • Diagnosis of *Toxoplasma gondii* encephalitis or documentation of supporting diagnosis for prophylaxis • Documented trial and failure with therapeutic doses or intolerance to trimethoprim- sulfamethoxazole (TMP-SMX). **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**B-Cell Maturation Antigen (BCMA) Directed Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-Cell Therapy**
Drugs	Abecma (idecabtagene vicleucel), Carvykti (ciltacabtagene autoleucel)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert (PPI).
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Member must be 18 years or older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a hematologist, an oncologist, or other appropriate specialist
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for a one – time infusion per lifetime.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization** • Member has a diagnosis of relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma (RRMM) • For Abecma, member must have also received at least 2 prior lines of therapy including: o An immunomodulatory agent (e.g. lenalidomide, pomalidomide, thalidomide) o A proteasome inhibitor (e.g. bortezomib, carfilzomib, ixazomib) o An anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody (e.g. daratumumab, isatuximab) • For Carvykti, member must also be refractory to lenalidomide AND have received at least 1 prior line of therapy including: o An immunomodulatory agent (e.g. lenalidomide, pomalidomide, thalidomide) o A proteasome inhibitor (e.g. bortezomib, carfilzomib, ixazomib) • Member does not have an active infection or inflammatory disorder • Member will be screened for cytomegalovirus (CMV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in accordance with clinical guidelines • Member will not receive live virus vaccines for at least 6 weeks prior to the start of lymphodepleting chemotherapy and until immune recovery following treatment • Member has not previously received a BCMA CAR-T therapy **Re-authorization:**

Revision/Review Date: 7/2024	• Treatment exceeding 1 dose per lifetime will not be authorized. **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Benlysta (belimumab)**
Drugs	Benlysta (belimumab)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, the Drug Package Insert, and/or per the standard of care guidelines
Exclusion Criteria	Severe active central nervous system lupus
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	Must be at least 5 years of age
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist or nephrologist
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met initial authorization requests may be approved for up to 6 months. Reauthorization requests may be approved for up to 12 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization**: • Active systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) o Provider attestation that the patient is positive for autoantibodies (or antinuclear antibodies or anti–double-stranded DNA [anti-dsDNA] antibodies) o The member has tried and failed both of the following (or contraindication/inability to use these medications): ▪ Hydroxychloroquine ▪ One other immunosuppressant [e.g., methotrexate, azathioprine, calcineurin inhibitors or mycophenolate] • Active lupus nephritis o Provider attestation of diagnosis confirmed by kidney biopsy o The member has tried and failed, or has a medical reason for not using, both of the following ▪ Cyclophosphamide or tacrolimus ▪ Mycophenolate • Provider states the member will not be receiving concomitant therapy with the following: o B-cell targeted therapy including (but not limited to) rituximab o Interferon receptor antagonist, type 1 including (but not limited to) Saphnelo (anifrolumab) • Dosing is appropriate per labeling **Criteria for Reauthorization**: • Documentation or provider attestation of positive clinical response as indicated by one of the following: o Fewer flares that required steroid treatment

Revision/Review Date: 2/2025	○ Lower average daily oral prednisone dose ○ Improved daily function either as measured through a validated functional scale or through improved daily performance documented at clinic visits ○ Sustained improvement in laboratory measures of lupus activity • Dosing is appropriate per labeling **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Benzodiazepines**
Drugs	<u>Preferred:</u> chlordiazepoxide clobazam clorazepate clonazepam tablet diazepam rectal, tablet, oral solution lorazepam tablet temazepam 15 mg, 30 mg Nayzilam (midazolam) nasal spray Valtoco (diazepam) nasal spray <u>Non-preferred (PA required):</u> alprazolam clonazepam ODT diazepam intensol estazolam flurazepam lorazepam intensol midazolam oxazepam quazepam temazepam 7.5 mg, 22.5 mg triazolam Sympazan (clobazam) oral film Loreev XR Benzodiazepines are limited to an initial 14-day supply for benzodiazepine-naïve members (defined as members without a claim for a benzodiazepine within the last 90 days). *Preferred benzodiazepines indicated only for seizure disorder are not limited to an initial supply of 14 days*
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See “other criteria”
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A

Coverage Duration	**Initial authorization**: - Exempt conditions (palliative, hospice, other end-of-life care, seizure disorder): 12 months - Preferred drugs requested above 14 day initial fill limits: 12 months, 30 day supply per fill - Non-preferred drugs requested for up to 14 days of therapy: 1 time approval for up to 14 day supply - Non-preferred drugs requested above 14 days of therapy: 12 months, 30 day supply per fill **Re-authorization**: 12 months, 30 day supply per fill
Other Criteria	**<u>Initial Authorization</u>** If the member is using benzodiazepines for the treatment of hospice, palliative, or end of life care (e.g. anxiety related to dyspnea) the following criteria apply: • The requested dose is within compendia guidelines If the member is using benzodiazepines for the treatment of seizure disorder, the following criteria apply: • The requested dose is within compendia guidelines • Prescriber must attest to review of the State Prescription Monitoring Program prior to prescribing • Documentation of trial and failure or inability to use TWO preferred benzodiazepines If the request is for Loreev XR, the member is established on stable, evenly divided, three times daily dosing with lorazepam tablets If the request is for a NON-PREFERRED product for a treatment-experienced member AND/OR for 14 days or less: • The requested dose is within compendia guidelines • Prescriber must attest to review of the State Prescription Monitoring Program prior to prescribing • Documentation of trial and failure or inability to use TWO preferred benzodiazepines Criteria for requests over the 14-day initial fill limit for benzodiazepine-naïve members, the following criteria apply: • The requested dose is within compendia guidelines • If the request is for a non-preferred product, documentation of trial and failure or inability to use at least TWO preferred benzodiazepines is required • The member is NOT currently taking an opioid. If the member will be taking an opioid, the provider has counseled the member on the risks of concurrent benzodiazepine/opioid use.

	• If the member will be concurrently taking another benzodiazepine, muscle relaxant, or sedative hypnotic drug (e.g. zolpidem, zaleplon), the prescriber attests to counseling the patient on risks of concurrent use • Prescriber must attest to review of the State Prescription Monitoring Program prior to prescribing • **For Insomnia:** the member must have a documented intolerance or poor response to ALL of the following: o A non-benzodiazepine drug therapy for insomnia for at least 4 weeks (e.g. zolpidem, zaleplon), sedating antidepressant (e.g. trazodone, mirtazapine, amitriptyline, doxepin), sedating antipsychotic (e.g. quetiapine, olanzapine), or sedating anticonvulsant (e.g. gabapentin, tiagabine). OTC sleep aids or supplements will not be considered as pre-requisite therapy. o Non-pharmacologic therapy (e.g. stimulus control, relaxation training, cognitive behavioral therapy) o Sleep hygiene measures • **For Anxiety or Panic Disorder:** the member must have a documented intolerance or poor response to at least TWO of the following: o Psychotherapy (e.g. cognitive behavioral therapy, applied relaxation) o Antidepressant medications (e.g. SSRIs, SNRIs, tricyclic antidepressants) o Other serotonergic agents (buspirone, trazodone) o Other alternative agents: hydroxyzine, bupropion, olanzapine, risperidone, quetiapine, or pregabalin (Lyrica) • **For Restless Legs Syndrome:** ALL of the following apply: o Prescriber attests that iron deficiency has been ruled out or if member is iron deficient, they have been adherent to iron + vitamin C regimen for at least 3 months o Member has implemented good sleep hygiene practices o Member has tried TWO of the following pharmacologic treatments: pramipexole , ropinirole, gabapentin, Horizant (gabapentin enacarbil), Neupro (rotigotine), cabergoline, or pregabalin (Lyrica) • **For Chronic Muscle Spasms/Spasticity:** If the request is for a duration of > 14 days for the diagnosis of chronic muscle spasms or spasticity, the member must have a documented intolerance or poor response to at least TWO of the following: tizanidine, baclofen, riluzole, dantrolene, cyclobenzaprine, carisoprodol, methocarbamol, orphenadrine, or chlorzoxazone.

Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	**Criteria for Reauthorization:** • The requested dose is within compendia guidelines • The member is NOT currently taking an opioid. If the member will be taking an opioid, the provider has counseled the member on the risks of concurrent benzodiazepine/opioid use. • If the member will be concurrently taking another benzodiazepine, muscle relaxant, or sedative hypnotic drug (e.g. zolpidem, zaleplon), the prescriber attests to counseling the patient on risks of concurrent use • Prescriber must attest to review of the State Prescription Monitoring Program prior to prescribing • Documentation of one of the following: o A benzodiazepine tapering/ discontinuation plan is in place o A benzodiazepine is the only adequate treatment for the member's disease state **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Blincyto**
Drugs	Blincyto (blinatumomab)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restriction	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist/hematologist
Coverage Duration	The request will be approved for up to a 12 month duration.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • Patient has a diagnosis of one of the following forms of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL): a) Relapsed CD19-positive B-cell precursor ALL b) Refractory CD19-positive B-cell precursor ALL c) CD19-positive B-cell precursor ALL in first or second complete remission with minimal residual disease (MRD) greater than or equal to 0.1% d) CD19-positive Philadelphia chromosome-negative B-cell precursor ALL in the consolidation phase of multiphase chemotherapy • Provider attests to monitor patient for Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS) and neurological toxicities **Reauthorization:** • Provider attests to treatment response or stabilization of disease • Prescriber attests to monitor patient for Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS) and neurological toxicities
Revision/Review Date 4/2025	**Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Botulinum Toxins A&B**
Drugs	**Preferred Agents for FDA approved indications:** IncobotulinumtoxinA (Xeomin) AbobotulinumtoxinA (Dysport) **Non-preferred Agents:** OnabotulinumtoxinA (Botox) RimabotulinumtoxinB (Myobloc) DaxibotulinumtoxinA (Daxxify) Or any newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	N/A
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	None
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for 12 month duration.
Other Criteria	****The use of these medications for cosmetic purposes is NOT a covered benefit under the Medical Assistance program**** **For Initial Approval:** • The drug is being used for a medically accepted indication and dose as outlined in Covered Uses • The member has tried and failed standard first line therapy for their disease state and/or has a documented medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc.) for not using first line therapy • If the diagnosis is **Chronic Migraines** (≥15 days per month with headache lasting 4 hours a day or longer), the member has tried and failed, or has a medical reason for not using one drug from two of the following categories for at least 4 weeks each at a minimum effective dose: o Beta blockers (e.g. propranolol, timolol, etc.) o Amitriptyline or venlafaxine o Topiramate, divalproex ER or DR, or valproic acid

Revision/Review Date 11/2024	• If the diagnosis is **Overactive Bladder**, the member has tried and failed 2 formulary drugs (e.g. oxybutynin)
	• If the diagnosis is **Hyperhidrosis,** the member has tried and failed a prescription strength antiperspirant (e.g. 20% aluminum chloride hexahydrate)
	• If the diagnosis is **Chronic Sialorrhea,**
	  o Documentation is provided that the member has had sialorrhea lasting at least 3 months
	  o The member has tried and failed, or has a medical reason for not using, an anticholinergic medication (e.g. glycopyrrolate, hyoscyamine, benztropine)
	• If the request is for a non-preferred agent, the member tried and failed a preferred agent if appropriate for the requested indication
	
	For Reauthorization:
	• Documentation of provider attestation that demonstrates a clinical benefit
	• The requested drug is for a medically accepted dose as outlined in Covered Uses
	
	Physician/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Brineura (cerliponase alfa)**
Drugs	Brineura (cerliponase alfa)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert, and/or per the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	Member must be 3 years of age or older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a neurologist
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • Documentation of confirmed diagnosis of late infantile neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis type 2 (CLN2) with one of the following: o Lab results demonstrating deficient TPP1 enzyme activity o Identification of causative mutations in the TPP1/CLN2 gene • Documentation of baseline CLN2 Clinical Rating Scale motor +language score. Baseline CLN2 score must be > 0. • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **Re-authorization:** • Documentation of CLN2 Clinical Rating Scale motor +language score has remained > 0 • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose
Revision/Review Date: 7/2024	**Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Budesonide (Pulmicort Respules)**
Drugs	**Preferred:** budesonide inhalation suspension 0.25 mg/2 ml, 0.5 mg/2 ml **Non-Preferred:** budesonide inhalation suspension 1 mg/2 ml
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See “other criteria”
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If the conditions are met, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 7/2024	• Claims for patients of ages 0 to 6 years will process at the point of sale without prior authorization required if dosed within appropriate dosing guidelines as follows: o 0.25mg/2mL once or twice daily o 0.5mg/2mL once daily or twice daily • For a diagnosis of asthma in patients 7 years of age or older, the provider must submit documentation as to why the member cannot use an inhaled corticosteroid via inhaler. **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Camzyos**
Drugs	Camzyos (mavacamten)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	≥ 18 years
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a cardiologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • Diagnosis of symptomatic New York Heart Association (NYHA) class II or III obstructive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (oHCM) • Patient has a left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) ≥55% • Patient has a peak left ventricular outflow tract (LVOT) gradient ≥ 50 mmHg at rest or with provocation • Trial and failure or contraindication to ALL of the following: o Beta blockers (i.e. metoprolol, propranolol, atenolol) o Non-dihydropyridine calcium channel blockers (i.e. verapamil, diltiazem) • Prescriber attests that patient is not diagnosed with a disorder that causes cardiac hypertrophy that mimics oHCM (i.e., Fabry disease, amyloidosis, or Noonan syndrome with LV hypertrophy) • Prescriber attests that patient is not using moderate to strong CYP2C19 or CYP3A4 inhibitors or inducers • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **Re-Authorization:** • Documentation of clinical benefit as evidenced by an improvement in oHCM symptoms (i.e., improvement in shortness of breath, LVOT, peak oxygen consumption, etc.) from baseline OR improvement or no worsening of NYHA functional class from baseline • Patient has a left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) ≥50% • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose
Revision/Review Date: 7/2024	**If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Carisoprodol**
Drugs	carisoprodol (Soma)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Member 16 years of age or older
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for a single fill for a maximum of 84 tablets for a 90 day supply.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 2/2025	**Initial Authorization:** • Member has had a trial and failure, or intolerance to, cyclobenzaprine, tizanidine, baclofen or a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) in the last 90 days; **AND** • If the member has previously received a carisoprodol containing drug within the past 90 days, then the provider attests the member has been screened for, and demonstrates no signs of, carisoprodol abuse **Re-Authorization:** • Documentation has been provided that states the member has been screened for, and demonstrates no signs of, carisoprodol abuse **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide (CGRP) Antagonists for Headache Prevention**
Drugs	**Preferred**: Aimovig (erenumab) Ajovy (fremanezumab) Emgality (galcanezumab) 120 mg/mL pen/syringe **Non-Preferred:** Vyepti (eptinezumab) Nurtec ODT (rimegepant) – if the request is for acute treatment of migraine, please refer to the Acute Migraine Treatments criteria Qulipta (atogepant) Emgality (galcanezumab) 100mg syringe any newly marketed drug in the class
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Request for indication of **chronic** cluster headaches
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 6 months. If the provider states that the requested medication is for a chronic or long-term condition for which the medication may be necessary for the life of the patient, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**Criteria for Initial Authorization:** **Cluster Headache:** • Request for Emgality (galcanezumab) for diagnosis of **episodic** cluster headache • If the request is for any other CGRP, do not approve; not indicated • Requested dose is within FDA approved dosing guidelines **AND** • Documented trial and failure (or a medical justification for not using) with verapamil for at least 4 weeks, at minimum effective doses • If the request is for Emgality 100mg syringe, a trial and failure of, contraindication to, or medical reason for not using Emgality 120mg/mL pen or syringe **Migraine Headache Prophylaxis:**

Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	• Diagnosis of episodic migraine as evidenced by number of headache days per month (4 to 14 migraine days per month) or chronic migraine (≥ 15 headache days per month with ≥ 8 migraine days per month) despite use of abortive therapy (e.g. triptan or NSAIDs) • Requested dose is within FDA approved dosing guidelines • Documentation of the number of headache days per month • Documentation of members Migraine Disability Assessment (MIDAS), Migraine Physical Function Impact diary (MFPDI), or Headache Impact Test (HIT-6) score • Physician attests to trial and failure (or a medical justification for not using e.g. hypersensitivity, baseline bradycardia or hypotension, adverse events experienced from previous trial, etc.) with at least one drug from TWO categories below for at least 4 weeks EACH, at minimum effective doses: 1. Beta-adrenergic blockers 2. Topiramate or divalproex ER or DR 3. Amitriptyline or venlafaxine 4. Frovatriptan, zolmitriptan or naratriptan (for menstrual migraine prophylaxis) • Medication will not be used in combination with another CGRP inhibitor for either acute or preventative treatment of migraine • If the request is for a non-preferred CGRP antagonist, the patient has a documented medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, treatment failure etc) for not using a preferred CGRP antagonist for migraine prophylaxis. • If the request is for Emgality 100mg syringe, a trial and failure of, contraindication to, or medical reason for not using Emgality 120mg/mL pen or syringe **<u>Criteria for Re-Authorization:</u>** **Episodic Cluster Headache:** • Reduction in the frequency of headaches (clinical benefit) **Migraine:** • For migraine: documented clinical benefit as evidenced by one of the following: o Reduction of ≥50% in the number of headache days per month relative to pre-treatment baseline (clinical benefit) o Improvement in member's Migraine Disability Assessment (MIDAS), Migraine Physical Function Impact diary (MFPDI), or Headache Impact Test (HIT-6) score • Provider should note on the prior authorization request the number of headache days per month

	• Medication will not be used in combination with another CGRP inhibitor for either acute or preventative treatment of migraine **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Chelating Agents**
Drugs	**Preferred:** deferasirox (Jadenu) tablet Chemet (succimer) capsule **Non-Preferred/Non-Formulary:** deferasirox (Exjade) tablet for oral suspension deferasirox (Jadenu) granule pack Chemet (succimer) capsule deferiprone (Ferriprox) solution deferoxamine mesylate (Desferal) vial penicillamine (Cuprimine, Depen, D-penamine) capsule, tablet Radiogardase (Prussian blue) capsule trientine (Spyrine) capsule Galzin (Zinc acetate) capsule Bal in Oil (Dimercaprol) ampule pentetate calcium trisodium ampule pentetate zinc trisdoium ampule Calcium Disodium Versenate (edetate calcium disodium) ampule
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If the above conditions are met, the request will be for 6 months.
Other Criteria	**<u>Requests for deferasirox (Exjade, Jadenu) only:</u>** **Criteria for Approval for Chronic iron overload due to blood transfusions** *For Pediatric Population:* • Patient must be <u>≥</u> 2 years old and < 21 years old • Diagnosis of chronic iron overload due to blood transfusions • Patient receiving blood transfusions on a regular basis/participating in blood transfusion program • Serum ferritin concentration is consistently > 1000 mcg/L. If the serum ferritin levels fall consistently below 500 mcg/L, deferasirox must be discontinued • If the request is for any product other than deferasirox tablets the member has had a documented trial and failure of deferasirox tablets or medical reason why deferasirox tablets cannot be used • If the request is for deferasirox oral granules in packet member has had a documented trial and failure of deferasirox dispersible tablets or medical reason why deferasirox dispersible tablets cannot be used • The medication requested is being prescribed at an FDA-approved dose

	For Adult Population: • Patient must be ≥ 21 years old • Diagnosis of chronic iron overload due to blood transfusions • Patient receiving blood transfusions on a regular basis/participating in blood transfusion program • Serum ferritin concentration is consistently > 1000 mcg/L. If the serum ferritin levels fall consistently below 500 mcg/L, deferasirox must be discontinued • Documentation that patient is unable to use deferoxamine (Desferal) parenterally • If the request is for any product other than deferasirox tablets the member has had a documented trial and failure of deferasirox tablets or medical reason why deferasirox tablets cannot be used • If the request is for deferasirox oral granules in packet member has had a documented trial and failure of deferasirox dispersible tablets or medical reason why deferasirox dispersible tablets cannot be used • The medication requested is being prescribed at an FDA-approved dose **Chronic iron overload in non-transfusion dependent thalassemia syndromes:** • Patient must be ≥ 10 years old • Diagnosis of thalassemia syndrome • Liver iron content (LIC) by liver biopsy of ≥ 5 mg Fe/g dry weight • If the request is for any product other than deferasirox tablets the member has had a documented trial and failure of deferasirox tablets or medical reason why deferasirox tablets cannot be used • If the request is for deferasirox oral granules in packet member has had a documented trial and failure of deferasirox dispersible tablets or medical reason why deferasirox dispersible tablets cannot be used • The medication requested is being prescribed at an FDA-approved dose **<u>Requests for Ferriprox (deferiprone) only:</u>** **Transfusion iron overload due to thalassemia syndrome, sickle cell disease, or other anemias** • Patient must be ≥ 3 years old for oral solution OR ≥ 8 years old for tablets • Diagnosis of thalassemia syndrome, sickle cell disease, or other anemia • Patient receiving blood transfusions on a regular basis/participating in blood transfusion program • Serum ferritin concentration is consistently > 1000 mcg/L. If the serum ferritin levels fall consistently below 500 mcg/L, Ferriprox must be discontinued • Documented trial and failure of deferasirox tablets or medical reason why deferasirox tablets cannot be used • Documented patient is unable to use deferoxamine (Desferal) parenterally • The medication requested is being prescribed at an FDA approved dose **Requests for Wilson's Disease:**

	Cuvrior (trientene tetrahydrochloride) only: • Laboratory confirmed diagnosis of Wilson's disease supported by appropriate diagnostic testing (e.g., slit lamp examination, 24-urinary copper excretion, serum ceruloplasmin, serum copper concentration, liver biopsy, genetic testing, brain imaging, etc.) • Patient is de-coppered • Patient is tolerant to penicillamine and will discontinue penicillamine before starting therapy with Cuvrior • The medication requested is being prescribed at an FDA approved dose Trientene (Syprine) only: • Laboratory confirmed diagnosis of Wilson's disease supported by appropriate diagnostic testing (e.g., slit lamp examination, 24-urinary copper excretion, serum ceruloplasmin, serum copper concentration, liver biopsy, genetic testing, brain imaging, etc.) • Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to penicillamine • The medication requested is being prescribed at an FDA approved dose
Revision/Review Date: 7/2024	**<u>Requests for all other drugs and indications:</u>** • The drug is requested for an appropriate use (per the references outlined in "Covered Uses") AND • The dose requested is appropriate for the requested use (per the references outlined in "Covered Uses") **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Cholbam**
Drugs	**Cholbam (cholic acid)**
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	MD is a gastroenterologist OR hepatologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for a 3 month duration for the first year of therapy, and then for a 6 month duration after one year of treatment.
Other Criteria	<u>Initial authorization:</u> • Patient has a confirmed diagnosis of: ➢ Bile acid synthesis disorder due to single enzyme defect (SEDs) OR ➢ Peroxisomal disorders (PDs) including Zellweger spectrum disorders in patients that exhibit manifestations of liver disease, steatorrhea or complications from decreased fat soluble vitamin absorption • Current labs (within 30 days of request) have been submitted for the following: ➢ ALT/AST ➢ GGT (serum gamma glutamyltransferase) ➢ ALP (Alkaline phosphatase) ➢ Bilirubin ➢ INR <u>Re-authorization:</u> • Documentation has been submitted indicating clinical benefit/ liver function has improved since beginning treatment • For reauthorization after the first 3 months of treatment, lab results must show an improvement in liver function and there must be no evidence of biliary obstruction or cholestasis • Current labs (within 30 days of request) have been submitted for the following: ➢ ALT/AST

Revision/Review Date 11/2024	➢ GGT (serum gamma glutamyltransferase) ➢ ALP (Alkaline phosphatase) ➢ Bilirubin ➢ INR **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) Agents**
Drugs	Vyvgart Hytrulo (efgartigimod alfa and hyaluronidase)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Per FDA-approved labeling
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist or neuromuscular specialist.
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 3 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Date: 11/2024	**Initial Authorization:** • Diagnosis of CIDP confirmed by electrodiagnostic test results (e.g. electromyography or nerve conduction studies) • Patient has progressive or relapsing/remitting disease course for ≥2 months • Patient has an inadequate response, significant intolerance, or contraindication to intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) or subcutaneous immunoglobulin (SCIG) • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **Re-Authorization:** • Documentation or provider attestation of significant clinical improvement in neurologic symptoms or stabilization of disease • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Complement Inhibitors**
Drugs	Empaveli (pegcetacoplan), Fabhalta (iptacopan), Izervay (avacincaptad pegol injection), Soliris (eculizumab), Syfovre (pegcetacoplan injection), Ultomiris (ravulizumab), Voydeya (danicopan), PiaSky (crovalimab-akkz), BKEMV (eculizumab-aeeb), Epysqli (eculizumab-aagh)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, the Drug Package Insert, and/or per the standard of care guidelines
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a hematologist, nephrologist, neurologist, oncologist, ophthalmologist, or other appropriate specialist.
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the criteria will be approved as follows: Initial Requests • 3 months: eculizumab (Soliris, BKEMV, Epysqli), Ultomiris (ravulizumab), Empaveli (pegcetacoplan), Voydeya (danicopan) • 6 months: Fabhalta (iptacopan). PiaSky (crovalimab-akkz) • 12 months: Syfovre (pegcetacoplan), Izervay (avacincaptad pegol) Reauthorization • 6 months: eculizumab (Soliris, BKEMV, Epysqli), Ultomiris (ravulizumab), Empaveli (pegcetacoplan), Voydeya (danicopan) • 12 months: Syfovre (pegcetacoplan), Fabhalta (iptacopan), PiaSky (crovalimab-akkz) No Reauthorization Izervay (avacincaptad pegol)
Other Criteria	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** • The request is for a dose that is FDA approved or in nationally recognized compendia in accordance with the patient's diagnosis, age, body weight, and concomitant medical conditions; **AND** • For Fabhalta (iptacopan), eculizumab (Soliris, BKEMV, Epysqli), Ultomiris (ravulizumab), Empaveli (pegcetacoplan), PiaSky (crovalimab-akkz), and Voydeya (danicopan) o Documentation patient complies with the most current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for vaccinations against encapsulated bacteria.

	• For Soliris or BKEMV, patient must have a documented trial and failure or intolerance to Epysqli or a medical reason why Epysqli cannot be used. **Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria (PNH):** • Documentation of diagnosis by high sensitivity flow cytometry • Hemoglobin (Hgb) < 10.5 g/dL for Empaveli (pegcetacoplan), or Hgb < 10 g/dL for Fabhalta (iptacopan) • For Voydeya (danicopan): o Member has been receiving eculizumab (Soliris, BKEMV, Epysqli) or Ultomiris (ravulizumab) therapy for at least 6 months o Member has clinically evident extravascular hemolysis [defined as anemia (Hgb ≤9.5 gram/deciliter) with absolute reticulocyte count ≥120 x 10^9/liter] despite treatment with eculizumab (Soliris, BKEMV, Epysqli) or Ultomiris (ravulizumab) o Voydeya (danicopan) will be used as add-on therapy to eculizumab (Soliris, BKEMV, Epysqli) or Ultomiris (ravulizumab) **Generalized Myasthenia Gravis (gMG):** • Refer to the "Myasthenia Gravis Agents" policy **Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder (NMOSD)** • Refer to the "Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder (NMOSD) Agents" policy **Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (aHUS)/Complement-Mediated HUS)** • Documentation of confirmed diagnosis as evidenced by complement genotyping and complement antibodies; **OR** • Provider attestation treatment is being used empirically and delay in therapy will lead to unacceptable risk to the patient **Geographic Atrophy (GA):** • If the request is for Syfovre (pegcetacoplan injection), member must be ≥ 60 years of age • If the request is for Izervay (avacincaptad pegol injection), member must be ≥ 50 years of age • Diagnosis of GA secondary to age-related macular degeneration (AMD) • Absence of choroidal neovascularization (CNV) in treated eye • Best-corrected visual acuity (BCVA) of 24 letters (approximately 20/320) or better using Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study (ETDRS)

Revision/Review Date 4/2025	• GA lesion size ≥ 2.5 and ≤ 17.5 mm^2 with at least 1 lesion ≥ 1.25 mm^2 **<u>Re-Authorization:</u>** • Re-authorization may be considered for all agents included in these criteria with the exception of Izervay (avacincaptad pegol injection), which is only indicated for a 12 month duration • Provider has submitted documentation of clinical response to therapy (e.g., reduction in disease severity, improvement in quality of life scores, increase in Hgb, reduced need for blood transfusions, slowing of growth rate of GA lesions, etc.); **AND** • The request is for a dose that is FDA approved or in nationally recognized compendia in accordance with the patient's diagnosis, age, body weight, and concomitant medical condition; **AND** • If the request is for aHUS/Complement Mediated HUS o Documentation of confirmed diagnosis as evidenced by complement genotyping and complement antibodies **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	Cobenfy
Drugs	Cobenfy (xanomeline and trospium chloride)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	18 years of age and older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a psychiatrist or in consultation with a psychiatrist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Date: 2/2/2025	**Initial Authorization:** • Diagnosis of schizophrenia, consistent with the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5) criteria. • Documented trial and failure with **three** alternative preferred antipsychotic agents, one of which must be Vraylar, or a medical reason is provided for not using any typical or atypical antipsychotic agents. • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose. • Provider attestation is provided patient does not have any of the following: o Moderate (Child-Pugh Class B) or severe (Child-Pugh Class C) hepatic impairment o Untreated Narrow-Angle Glaucoma o Urinary Retention o Gastric Retention **Re-Authorization:** • Documentation or provider attestation of positive clinical response (i.e. improvement in positive and/or negative symptoms of schizophrenia) • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Corlanor**
Drugs	Corlanor (ivabradine)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Pregnancy
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	See "Other Criteria"
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a cardiologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for 12 month duration.
Other Criteria	**Heart Failure in Adult Patients:** 1. Member is aged 18 years or older 2. Member has a diagnosis of stable symptomatic chronic heart failure (NYHA functional class II-IV) with a left ventricular ejection fraction ≤ 35% 3. Member is in sinus rhythm with a resting heart rate ≥ 70 beats per minute (bpm) 4. Member is currently being prescribed, or documentation has been provided that the member is not able to tolerate, an evidence based beta-blocker (i.e., bisoprolol, carvedilol, metoprolol succinate) at maximally tolerated dose **Heart Failure in Pediatric Patients:** 1. Member is aged 6 months to less than 18 years of age 2. Member has stable heart failure (NYHA/Ross functional class II-IV) due to dilated cardiomyopathy and a left ventricular ejection fraction ≤ 45% 3. Member is in sinus rhythm with an elevated resting heart rate
Revision/Review Date 2/2025	**Medical Director/Clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Corticosteroids for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD)**
Drugs	**Agamree (vamorolone)** **Deflazacort (Emflaza)**
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Patient must be 2 years of age or older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by a neurologist, provider who specializes in the treatment of DMD, or in consultation with a neurologist of provider who specialized in the treatment of DMD
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the initial request will be approved for a 6 month duration. For reauthorization, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 2/2025	**Initial Authorization:** • Confirmed diagnosis of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (such as documented mutation of dystrophin gene, genetic sequencing indicating mutations attributed to Duchene Muscular Dystrophy, muscle biopsy indicating absence of dystrophin protein, etc.), and copies of testing were submitted with request • Trial and failure with prednisone for at least 12 months, and documented medical reason why prednisone cannot be continued • The request is for an FDA approved dose • If the request is for deflazacort, the member has a trial and failure of or documented medical reason why Emflaza cannot be used **Reauthorization:** • Documentation or attestation of clinical benefit (such as improved muscle strength, muscle function, or overall symptom improvement) • The request is for an FDA approved dose **Physician/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	Crenessity
Drugs	Crenessity (crinecerfont)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• Patients with non-classic congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH) • Patients with adrenal insufficiency due to causes other than 21-hydroxylase deficiency
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, an endocrinologist or other specialist experienced in managing congenital adrenal hyperplasia
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • Medically confirmed diagnosis of classic 21-hydroxylase deficiency congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH) • Patient is currently on stable regimen of glucocorticoid therapy at a supraphysiological dose (i.e. >13 mg/m2/day in hydrocortisone dose equivalents for adults and >12 mg/m2/day in hydrocortisone dose equivalents for pediatric patients 4-17 years old) • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose according to package insert (patient's current weight must be provided) • For all adults and pediatric patients weighing ≥55 kg or patients weighing ≥20 kg if CYP3A4 dose adjustment is required: capsule formulation is requested, or documentation is provided that patient is unable to swallow capsule whole • Dosing requests for capsule formulations will employ strategies to minimize the total number of capsules used daily (i.e. "doubling up" on lower strength capsules to achieve a higher dose when the requested dose strength exists will not be authorized). **Re-Authorization:** • Documentation is provided that patient has successfully achieved a reduction in glucocorticoid dosage from baseline.

Date: 4/2025	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose according to package insert (patient's current weight must be provided) • For all adults and pediatric patients weighing ≥55 kg or patients weighing ≥20 kg if CYP3A4 dose adjustment is required: capsule formulation is requested, or documentation is provided that patient is unable to swallow capsule whole • Dosing requests for capsule formulations will employ strategies to minimize the total number of capsules used daily (i.e. "doubling up" on lower strength capsules to achieve a higher dose when the requested dose strength exists will not be authorized). **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review**.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Crinone**
Drugs	**Crinone (micronized progesterone)**
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Diagnosis or treatment of infertility
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 30 single use applicators per 30 days until the end of pregnancy if the diagnosis is the prevention of spontaneous preterm delivery (singleton pregnancy and prior preterm birth or short cervix), or for up to 6 single use applicators if the diagnosis is secondary amenorrhea.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date 7/2024	<u>Prevention of spontaneous preterm delivery:</u> • Patient has singleton pregnancy and prior preterm birth or short cervix <u>Secondary Amenorrhea:</u> • Patient has a diagnosis of secondary amenorrhea • Patient has tried and failed, or has contraindication or intolerance to, oral progestin therapy (e.g. medroxyprogesterone acetate, norethindrone acetate tablets, micronized progesterone) • If the request is for Crinone 8% gel the patient has tried and failed, or has a contraindication or intolerance to, Crinone 4% gel **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Inhaled Antibiotics and Cystic Fibrosis Agents**
Drug(s)	Preferred products: tobramycin 300 mg/5 mL (generic Tobi podhaler) Non-preferred/Unlisted products: tobramycin 300 mg/4 mL, Bronchitol (mannitol), Cayston (aztreonam lysine), Arikayce (amikacin), Kitabis Pak (tobramycin), TOBI Podhaler (tobramycin), Pulmozyme (dornase alfa), Bethkis (tobramycin) or any newly marketed inhalation for treatment of cystic fibrosis
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), and/or per standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	See "Other Criteria"
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber is a pulmonologist or infectious disease specialist
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Review/Revision Date: 4/2025	**For all Requests:** • Request is for an FDA approved indication and within dosing guidelines • The request is appropriate for member (e.g. age/weight) **For Arikayce Requests:** member has refractory Mycobacterium avium complex (MAC) lung disease AND there is a documented medical reason (e.g. contraindication, intolerance, hypersensitivity, etc.) why parenteral amikacin cannot be used **For Bronchitol (mannitol) requests:** member has documented trial and failure or medical reason for not using generic hypertonic saline nebulization solution (sodium chloride 3% or 7%) **Requests for Non-Preferred Agents**: Member has a documented treatment failure with a preferred agent OR has a documented medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc.) why they are not able to use a preferred agent **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Cystic Fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) Modulators**
Drug(s)	Kalydeco, Kalydeco Granules (ivacaftor), Orkambi, Orkambi Granules (lumacaftor/ivacaftor), Symdeko (tezacaftor/ivacaftor), Trikafta (elexacaftor/tezacaftor/ivacaftor), Alyftrek (vanzacaftor/ tezacaftor/ deutivacaftor) or any newly marketed CFTR modulator to treat cystic fibrosis
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), and/or per standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	See "Other Criteria"
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	See "Other Criteria"
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber is pulmonologist or specializes in the treatment of cystic fibrosis
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met the initial request will be 6 months. Reauthorization requests will be 12 months.
Other Criteria Review/Revision Date 4/2025	<u>Initial criteria:</u> • Documentation provided includes a copy of the FDA-cleared cystic fibrosis (CF) mutation test OR documentation from the National Cystic Fibrosis Registry (e.g. screen shot) with member's genetic mutations • The request is for an FDA approved indication for the member's genotype and within dosing guidelines • The request is appropriate for member (e.g. age/weight) based on FDA-approved package labeling, peer reviewed medical literature and nationally-recognized compendia. <u>Reauthorization:</u> • Based on prescriber's assessment, patient continues to benefit from therapy • The request is within FDA dosing guidelines **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Dalfampridine**
Drugs	dalfampridine (Ampyra) tablets
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• History of seizures Moderate or severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance ≤ 50mL/minute)
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	Patient must be 18 years of age or older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a neurologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 month duration. Requests for reauthorization will be approve for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • Baseline creatinine clearance (within 60 days of request) • Patient has diagnosis of multiple sclerosis (MS) • Patient is ambulatory AND has a walking impairment • Baseline 25 foot walk was submitted with request • Documentation was submitted (consistent with pharmacy claims data, OR for new members to the health plan, consistent with chart notes) that patient is currently being treated with a disease modifying therapy (DMT) for MS (e.g. immunomodulator, interferon, immunosuppressive), or documentation of a medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity) as to why patient is unable to use one of these agents to treat their medical condition • Drug is being requested at an FDA approved dose **Re-authorization:** • Prescriber attests patient's walking has improved with dalfampridine therapy • Documentation was submitted patient is on a DMT for MS (e.g. immunomodulator, interferon, immunosuppressive), or documentation of a medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity) as to why patient is unable to use one of these agents to treat their medical condition • Drug is being requested at an FDA approved dose

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Prior Authorization Group Description	**Danazol**
Drugs	danazol capsules
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Pregnancy
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	See "other criteria"
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 6 months. If the provider states that the requested medication is for a chronic or long-term condition for which the medication may be necessary for the life of the patient, the request will be approved for 12 months.

Other Criteria
 	
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	ENDOMETRIOSIS
	• Diagnosis of endometriosis
	• One of the following:
	  o Documented trial and failure or medical reason for not using an analgesic pain reliever (e.g., NSAIDs, COX-2 inhibitors) taken in combination with a hormonal contraceptive (e.g. estrogen/progestin, progestin only)
	  o Documented trial and failure of a gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) agonist or a GNRH antagonist
	• Prescriber is a gynecologist
	
	HEREDITARY ANGIOEDEMA:
	• Confirmed diagnosis of hereditary angioedema (HAE)
	• Prescriber is an immunologist, allergist, rheumatologist, or hematologist
	
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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Daraprim**
Drugs	**pyrimethamine (Daraprim)**
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Patients with documented megaloblastic anemia due to folate deficiency.
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be an appropriate specialist or documentation has been provided that prescriber has consulted with an appropriate specialist (i.e. infectious disease, OB/GYN).
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, congenital toxoplasmosis requests will be approved for 12 months, and all other requests will be approved for 3 months-at a time.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date 11/2024	**Congenital Toxoplasmosis** • Diagnosis of congenital toxoplasmosis **Acquired Toxoplasmosis** • Diagnosis of acquired toxoplasmosis • Prescribed in combination with leucovorin and either a sulfonamide or clindamycin **Patients with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)** • Diagnosis of Toxoplasmosis OR • Both of the following: o Medication is being prescribed for one of the following: ▪ Toxoplasmosis prophylaxis ▪ Cystoisosporiasis ▪ Pneumocystis jiroveci pneumonia prophylaxis/treatment o Documented medical reason why (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim cannot be used **Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation Recipients** • Medication prescribed for Toxoplasmosis prophylaxis • Documentation of medical reason why sulfamethoxazole/trimethorprim cannot be used **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Daybue (trofinetide)**
Drugs	Daybue (trofinetide)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 3 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 6 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date 7/2024	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose • Diagnosis of classic or typical Rett Syndrome (RTT) • Documentation or attestation of mutation of the MECP2 gene • Documentation of patient weight • Documentation or provider attestation of all the following: o RTT Clinical Severity Scale rating of 10–36 o Clinical Global Impression–Severity (CGI-S) score of ≥4 o Baseline Rett Syndrome Behavior Questionnaire (RSBQ) score **<u>Re-Authorization:</u>** • Documentation or provider attestation of positive clinical response (i.e., decrease from baseline in RSBQ score, decrease in Clinical Global Impression–Improvement (CGI-I, etc.) • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Dendritic Cell Tumor Peptide Immunotherapy**
Drugs	Provenge (sipuleucel-T)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Small cell/neuroendocrine prostate cancer
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	See "Other Criteria"
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be an oncologist or urologist
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 3 doses per lifetime

Other Criteria
 	
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	<u>Initial Authorization:</u>
	• Metastatic castrate resistant (hormone-refractory) prostate cancer (mCRPC) (consistent with medical chart history)
	  o Evidenced by soft tissue and/or bony metastases
	  o Patient does NOT have
	  ▪ M0CRPC (defined as CRPC whose only evidence of disseminated disease is an elevated serum PSA) is not authorized
	  ▪ Visceral metastases (e.g. liver, lung, adrenal, peritoneal, brain)
	• Patient is not currently being treated with systemic immunosuppressants (e.g. chemotherapy, corticosteroids) or, if the patient is being treated with immunosuppressants, the prescriber has provided a valid medical reason for combination therapy
	• Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) score 0-1
	• Serum testosterone <50 ng/dL (e.g. castration levels of testosterone)
	• Predicted survival of at least six months
	<u>Reauthorization:</u>
	• Treatment exceeding 3 doses per lifetime will not be authorized
	
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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Dificid (fidaxomicin)**
Drugs	Dificid (fidaxomicin)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, an infectious disease specialist or gastroenterologist
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for up to a 10-day duration.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 7/2024	**<u>Authorization for initial Clostridium difficile infection:</u>** 1. Documentation provided for intolerance or medical reason why patient is unable to use oral vancomycin 2. Dose requested follows FDA labeling **<u>Authorization for recurrent Clostridium difficile infection:</u>** 1. Documentation provided that patient has tried oral vancomycin for management of Clostridium difficile infection 2. Dose requested follows FDA labeling **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Dojolvi**
Drugs	Dojolvi (triheptanoin)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber is a specialist in the treatment of the indicated condition
Coverage Duration	Initial: 6 months Renewal: 12 months

Other Criteria	**<u>Initial Authorization</u>:**
	• Member has a molecularly confirmed diagnosis of a long-chain fatty acid oxidation disorder (LC-FAOD)
	• Documentation of at least two of the following:
	  o Disease specific elevation of acylcarnitines on a newborn blood spot or in plasma
	  o Low enzyme activity in cultured fibroblasts
	  o One or more known pathogenic mutations in either the *CPT2, ACADVL, HADHA, or HADHB* gene
	• Attestation or documentation member will not be receiving any other medium-chain triglyceride products while taking Dojolvi
	• Documentation of member's daily caloric intake (DCI)
	• Dose is within FDA-indicated limits and does not exceed 35% of DCI
	
	<u>Re-Authorization:</u>
	• Documentation submitted indicating the member has experienced a clinical benefit (e.g. increased left ventricular ejection fraction, reduced left ventricular wall mass, reduced maximum heart rate, decreased incidence of rhabdomyolysis)
	• Documentation of member's DCI
	• Dose is within FDA-indicated limits and does not exceed 35% of DCI

Revision/Review Date: 2/2025	Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.

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<tr><td>Opipza Film</td><td>Two preferred products, one of which must be aripiprazole solution</td></tr>
<tr><td>Metronidazole 125mg tablet</td><td>One-half of a metronidazole 250mg tablet</td></tr>
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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Dose Rounding Limit Exception Criteria**
Drugs	**Bevacizumab products (Avastin, Mvasi, Zirabev, Vegzelma, Alymsys)** ***for oncologic indications***
Covered Uses	All medically accepted indications. Medically accepted indications are defined using the following compendia resources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved indication(s) (Drug Package Insert), American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information (AHFS-DI), and DRUGDEX Information System. The reviewer may also reference disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Scope	Requests for drugs exceeding the health plan's dose rounding limits. For members 18 years of age and older, the dose will be rounded down to the nearest whole vial size if the rounded dose falls within 10% of the requested dose.
Criteria	• If the drug is subject to other criteria, the member must meet criteria for approval. • The provider has submitted justification why the dose-rounding will be inadequate based on the member's condition and treatment history. Exceptions may include but are not limited to: o Member previously demonstrated a suboptimal or partial response to therapy at a rounded dose o Rounded dose is unavailable due to manufacturer supply/shortage issues o Provider has a documented medical reason why dose rounding is inappropriate for the member **Medical Director/clinical reviewer may override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**
Coverage Duration	6 months
Revision/Review Date	2/2025

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Duvyzat**
Drugs	Duvyzat (givinostat)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist or provider who specializes in the treatment of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD)
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 12 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Review/Revision Date: 7/2024	**Initial Authorization:** • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose according to body weight • Genetically confirmed diagnosis of DMD and copies of testing were submitted with request • Patient has been stable on baseline corticosteroids for at least 6 months • Patient is ambulatory • Patient's platelet count is $\geq 150 \times 10^9$/L **Re-Authorization:** • Documentation or provider attestation of positive clinical response (such as improved muscle function, muscle strength, or disease stabilization) • Patient is on concurrent corticosteroid treatment • Patient is ambulatory • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose according to body weight **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**DPP-4 Inhibitors Step Therapy**
Drugs	Preferred DPP-4 Inhibitors: Januvia (sitagliptin) tablet Janumet, Janumet XR (sitagliptin/metformin) tablet Tradjenta (linagliptin) tablet Jentadueto (linagliptin/metformin) tablet And any other newly-marketed DPP-4 inhibitor that is preferred on the PDL
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), or the Drug Package Insert (PPI).
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	N/A
Age Restrictions	Age appropriate per labeling
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Step Therapy Criteria Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	• Documentation of a trial and failure or intolerance to metformin or a metformin combination product in the last 90 days • New members to the plan who are stable on a DPP-4 inhibitor do not require a trial of metformin **If all of the criteria are not met, the request will be referred to a Medical Director or clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Elevidys**
Drugs	Elevidys (delandistrogene moxeparvovec-rokl)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• Any deletion in exon 8 and/or exon 9 in the Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) gene • Concurrent use with an exon skipping drugs (such as Exondys 51, Amondys 45, Vyondys 53, Viltepso)
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist or provider who specializes in the treatment of DMD
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for a **one-time treatment.**
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 7/2024	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose • Documentation of weight • • Genetically confirmed diagnosis of DMD and copies of testing were submitted with request • Patient has been on a stable dose of corticosteroids for at least 3 months • Attestation patient has anti-recombinant adeno-associated virus serotype rh74 (anti-AAVrh74) total binding antibody titers of less than 1:400 • Attestation prescriber has assessed the patient's liver function, platelet counts, and troponin-I before treatment **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Drugs/Products for COVID-19**
Drugs	Any drug/product approved by EUA for COVID-19
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Emergency Use Authorization for the drug/product in question, and the Drug Package Insert (PPI).
Exclusion Criteria	See "Other Criteria"
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	As outlined within current FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) guidelines
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	As outlined within current FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) guidelines
Other Criteria	Emergency Use Authorization for COVID-19 related drugs/products (all must apply): • The requested drug/product has a currently active Emergency Use Authorization as issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. • Use of the requested drug/product is consistent with the current terms and conditions of the emergency use authorization (such as appropriate age/weight, formulation, disease severity, concurrent use with other medications or medical interventions, etc.). • Attestation that the provider is not requesting reimbursement for ingredient cost of drug when drug is provided by U.S. government at no charge
Revision/Review Date 2/2025	**Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Endari**
Drugs	Endari (L-Glutamine)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a hematologist or sickle cell specialist
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, requests will be approved for a 12 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date 11/2024	Initial: • Member has diagnosis of sickle cell disease • Documentation was provided that the patient had 2 or more crises in the last 12 months • Documentation was provided the member has been on hydroxyurea at the maximum tolerated dose and was compliant within the last 6 months (or a medical reason was provided why patient is unable to use hydroxyurea) • Request is for an FDA approved dose Reauthorization: • Prescriber attests member had reduction in number of sickle cell crises • Request is for an FDA approved dose **Physician/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Enzyme Replacement Therapy for Acid Sphingomyelinase Deficiency (ASMD)**
Drugs	Xenpozyme (olipudase alfa-rpcp)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a specialist experienced in the treatment of ASMD
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.

Other Criteria
 	
Date: 2/2025
	Initial Authorization:
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose
	• Member has a diagnosis of ASMD confirmed by one of the following:
	  o Deficiency in acid sphingomyelinase (ASM) enzyme activity (as measured by peripheral blood leukocytes, cultured skin fibroblasts, or dried blood spots)
	  o Sphingomyelin phosphodiesterase-1 (SMPD1) gene mutation
	• Member has a clinical presentation consistent with ASMD type B or type A/B
	• Documentation of members height and weight
	• Documentation of baseline ALT and AST within 1 month prior to initiation of treatment
	
	Re-Authorization:
	• Documentation or provider attestation of positive clinical response (i.e. improvement in splenomegaly, hepatomegaly, pulmonary function, etc.)
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose
	
	If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Enzyme Replacement Therapies for Fabry Disease**
Drugs	Fabrazyme (agalsidase beta) Elfabrio (peguniigalsidase alfa)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert (PPI).
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to the FDA approved prescribing information
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a geneticist, cardiologist, nephrologist or specialist experienced in the treatment of Fabry disease
Coverage Duration	Initial Authorization: If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for a 6-month duration. Reauthorization: If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for a 12-month duration.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • Male members must have a documented diagnosis of Fabry disease confirmed by one of the following: 1. An undetectable (<1%) alpha galactosidase A (alpha-Gal-A) activity level OR 2. A deficient alpha-Gal- activity level AND a documented detection of pathogenic mutations in the galactosidase alpha (*GLA*) gene by molecular genetic testing • Female members must have a documented diagnosis of Fabry disease confirmed by detection of pathogenic mutations in the *GLA* gene by molecular genetic testing AND evidence of clinical manifestation of the disease (e.g. kidney, neurologic, cardiovascular, gastrointestinal) • Member must not be using concurrently with Galafold (migalastat) • Documentation of the member's current weight • Request is for an FDA-approved dose **Re-Authorization:**

Revision/Review Date: 7/2024	• Documentation that member has experienced an improvement in symptoms from baseline including but not limited to: decreased pain, decreased gastrointestinal manifestations, decrease in proteinuria, stabilization of increase in eGFR, reduction of left ventricular hypertrophy (LVH) on echocardiogram, or improved myocardial function, or has remained asymptomatic • Member must not be using concurrently with Galafold (migalastat) • Documentation of the member's current weight • Request is for an FDA-approved dose **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Eohilia**
Drugs	Eohilia (budesonide)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist, allergist, immunologist, or other provider who specializes in the treatment of eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE)
Coverage Duration	If all criteria are met, the request will be approved for 3 months ***Reauthorization requests for maintenance therapy will not be approved as Eohilia has not been shown to be safe and effective for the treatment of EoE for longer than 12 weeks. Requests for subsequent courses for induction therapy will be handled on a case-by-case basis***
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	• Diagnosis of EoE as confirmed by esophageal biopsy indicating ≥15 eosinophils per high-power field (eos/hpf) • Member must have experienced dysphagia for at least 4 days over a 2-week period • Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to one proton pump inhibitor (PPI) at a maximally tolerated dose for a minimum of 8 weeks • Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to an inhaled corticosteroid that can be swallowed (i.e., fluticasone, etc.) • Request is for an FDA-approved dose **Medical Director/clinical reviewer may override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Epidiolex (cannabidiol)**
Drugs	**Epidiolex (cannabidiol)**
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, the Drug Package Insert, and/or per the standard of care guidelines
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	Member must be ≥ 1 year old
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be neurologist or specialist in treatment of seizure disorder.
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for a 6 month duration.
Other Criteria	<u>Initial:</u> • Clinical diagnosis of Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, Dravet syndrome or Tuberous Sclerosis complex • Member has a trial and failure of two antiepileptic drugs • Member is currently taking a stable dose of at least one other antiepileptic medication • Member's Weight • Dose is within FDA approved limits <u>Reauthorization:</u> • Documentation has been provided that demonstrates reduction or stabilization of seizure frequency • Dose is within FDA approved limits • Member's weight
Revision/Review Date: 11/2024	Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Erythropoiesis-Stimulating Agents (ESAs)**
Drugs	**Preferred:** Retacrit (epoetin alfa-epbx) (Pfizer labeler) Mircera (methoxy peg-epoetin beta) **Non-Preferred:** Aranesp (darbepoetin alfa-polysorbate 80) Epogen (epoetin alfa) Retacrit (epoetin alfa-epbx) (Vifor labeler) Procrit (epoetin alfa)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If criteria are met, the request will be approved as follows: • 1 month if the member is deficient in iron, vitamin B12, or folate; and in the perisurgical setting • 3 months for all other requests • If the provider attests that the medication is for a chronic or long-term condition, reauthorization will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**<u>Existing ESA users who are NEW to the plan:</u>** • Documentation of current dose • Drug is being prescribed for an FDA-approved indication at an FDA-approved dose or is otherwise supported by the compendia or standard-of-care guidelines • The member's hemoglobin (Hgb) is within the following indication-specific range: ○ Anemia of CKD: <u>≤</u> 11 g/dl

	○ Anemia related to cancer: ≤ 12 g/dl ○ Zidovudine-related anemia in members with HIV: ≤ 12 g/dl ○ Ribavirin-induced anemia: ≤ 12 g/dl **Requests for Initial Therapy** • Drug is being prescribed for an FDA-approved indication at an FDA-approved dose or is otherwise supported by the compendia or standard-of-care guidelines • All lab results submitted must have been drawn within 30 days of request • The following lab values have been submitted: ○ hemoglobin (Hgb) ○ hematocrit (HCT) • The following lab results must be submitted and demonstrate normal values, otherwise, the member MUST be receiving, or is beginning, therapy to correct the deficiency: ○ serum ferritin ≥ 100 ng/mL ○ transferrin saturation (TSAT ≥ 20%) ○ vitamin B12 level > 223 pg/mL ○ folate level > 3.1 ng/mL • For requests for non-preferred ESAs, documentation must be provided as to why preferred products are not medically appropriate for the member. **Requests for anemia of CKD:** • Hgb < 10 g/dL **For anemia related to cancer:** • Receiving myelosuppressive therapy for palliative treatment for at least two months (members receiving myelosuppressive therapy with curative intent should not receive ESAs) **AND** documented symptomatic anemia with Hgb < 10 g/dL • **OR** Member has symptomatic anemia related to myelodysplastic syndrome AND documented serum erythropoietin level ≤ 500 mU/mL **For zidovudine-related anemia in members with HIV**: • The member must currently be receiving highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) • Erythropoietin level ≤ 500 mU/mL • Member is receiving a dose of zidovudine ≤ 4,200 mg/week **For ribavirin-induced anemia:** • Member is currently receiving ribavirin • Hgb < 12 g/dL

Revision/Review Date: 1/2025	**For members undergoing surgery to reduce the need for allogenic blood transfusion:**
	
	• Perioperative hemoglobin must be ≤ 13 g/dL and > 10 g/dL
	• The member is scheduled for an elective, non-cardiac, nonvascular surgery.
	
	Reauthorization:
	
	• All submitted lab results have been drawn within 30 days of the reauthorization request
	• The following lab results must be submitted and demonstrate normal values, otherwise, the member MUST be receiving, or is beginning, therapy to correct the deficiency:
	  ○ Serum ferritin level > 100 ng/mL
	  ○ Transferrin saturation (TSAT) > 20%
	  ○ vitamin B12 level > 223 pg/mL
	  ○ folate level > 3.1 ng/mL
	• The member's hemoglobin is within the following indication-specific range:
	  ○ Anemia of CKD: ≤ 11 g/dL
	  ○ Anemia related to cancer: ≤ 12 g/dL
	  ○ Zidovudine-related anemia in members with HIV: ≤ 12 g/dL
	  ○ Ribavirin-induced anemia: ≤ 12 g/dL
	• An increase in dose has not occurred more than once every 4 weeks
	
	For requests that fall outside of these parameters, or if the criteria are not met, the request will be referred to a Medical Director/clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Fecal Microbiota**
Drugs	Rebyota (fecal microbiota, live-jslm) Vowst (fecal micromiota spores, live-brpk)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Treatment of Clostridioides difficile infection (CDI)
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 1 treatment course
Other Criteria Date: 7/2024	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose • Diagnosis of at least 1 recurrent episode of CDI (≥2 total CDI episodes) • Current episode of CDI must be controlled (<3 unformed/loose stools/day for 2 consecutive days) • Positive stool test for C. difficile within 30 days before prior authorization request • Administration will occur 24–72 hours following completion of antibiotic course for CDI treatment • For Vowst only: attestation patient will bowel cleanse using magnesium citrate or polyethylene glycol electrolyte solution the day before the first dose of Vowst *Rebyota and Vowst are limited to 1 treatment course* **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Filspari (sparsentan)**
Drugs	Filspari (sparsentan)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• Pregnancy • Coadministration with renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system (RAAS) inhibitors, endothelin receptor antagonists, or aliskiren
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a nephrologist or in consultation with a nephrologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 9 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Date: 4/2025	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose • Diagnosis of primary immunoglobulin A nephropathy (IgAN) verified by biopsy • Total urine protein ≥1.0 g/day • eGFR ≥30 mL/min/1.73 m2 • Trial and failure with a maximized stable dose of ACE inhibitor or ARB **<u>Re-Authorization:</u>** • Documentation of positive clinical response as evidenced by a decrease in urine protein-to-creatinine ratio (UPCR) • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Epidermolysis Bullosa Agents**
Drugs	Vyjuvek (beremagene geperpavec-svdt), Filsuvez (birch triterpenes)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• Other forms of epidermolysis bullosa, such as epidermolysis bullosa simplex, kindler epidermolysis bullosa • Concurrent use of Vyjuvek and Filsuvez
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Per prescribing information
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a dermatologist, geneticist, or specialist experienced in the treatment of epidermolysis bullosa.
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for two (2) months. Subsequent requests will be approved for six (6) months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • Patient has a diagnosis of dystrophic or junctional epidermolysis bullosa, with genetic mutation(s) confirmed via genetic testing. • Requested product is FDA approved for the patient's epidermolysis bullosa subtype • Documentation is provided that wound(s) to be treated are clean with adequate granulation tissue, excellent vascularization, and do not appear infected • Documentation is provided that there is no evidence of, or history of squamous cell carcinoma in the wound(s) to be treated • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose, and maximum dispensable amount is not exceeded o Vyjuvek: Requests exceeding more than one vial per week will not be approved. o Filsuvez: documentation of size of treatment area(s) and frequency of dressing changes is required. One tube of Filsuvez covers up to 250 cm2 surface area per single use tube. Requests exceeding a quantity sufficient to cover the treatment area more than once daily will not be approved. Rounding to the next whole tube size necessary is allowed. **Re-Authorization:**

Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	• Documentation or provider attestation of positive clinical response (i.e. improvement in wound appearance, wound closure, healing, etc.)
	• Documentation indicating need for continued treatment is needed (either to partially healed wounds or to other wound sites)
	• Documentation is provided that wound(s) to be treated are clean with adequate granulation tissue, excellent vascularization, and do not appear infected
	• Documentation is provided that there is no evidence of, or history of squamous cell carcinoma in the wound(s) to be treated
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose, and maximum dispensable amount is not exceeded.
	  o Vyjuvek: Requests exceeding more than one vial per week will not be approved.
	  o Filsuvez: documentation of size of treatment area(s) and frequency of dressing changes is required. One tube of Filsuvez covers up to 250 cm2 surface area per single use tube. Requests exceeding a quantity sufficient to cover the treatment area more than once daily will not be approved. Rounding to the next whole tube size necessary is allowed.
	
	If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.

	• Documentation is provided that wound(s) to be treated are clean with adequate granulation tissue, excellent vascularization, and do not appear infected • Documentation is provided that there is no evidence of, or history of squamous cell carcinoma in the wound(s) to be treated • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose, and maximum dispensable amount is not exceeded. o Vyjuvek: Requests exceeding more than one vial per week will not be approved. o Filsuvez: documentation of size of treatment area(s) and frequency of dressing changes is required. One tube of Filsuvez covers up to 250 cm2 surface area. Requests exceeding a quantity sufficient to cover the treatment area more than once daily will not be approved. **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Galafold**
Drugs	Galafold (migalastat)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert (PPI).
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	Members should be greater than or equal to 18 years of age
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a geneticist, cardiologist, nephrologist or specialist experienced in the treatment of Fabry disease
Coverage Duration	Initial Authorization: If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for a 6-month duration. Reauthorization: If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for a 12-month duration.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • Member has a documented diagnosis of Fabry disease • Documentation member has an amenable galactosidase alpha (GLA) gene variant based on in vitro assay data • Member will not be using Galafold concurrently with enzyme replacement therapy (e.g., Fabrazyme) • Documented baseline eGFR ≥ 30 mL/min • Request is for an FDA-approved dose **Re-Authorization:** • Documentation that member has experienced an improvement in symptoms from baseline including but not limited to: decreased pain, decreased gastrointestinal manifestations, decrease in proteinuria, stabilization of increase in eGFR, reduction of left ventricular hypertrophy (LVH) on echocardiogram, or improved myocardial function • Member must not be using concurrently with other enzyme replacement therapy (e.g., Fabrazyme) • Documented eGFR ≥ 30 mL/min • Request is for an FDA-approved dose

Revision/Review Date: 11/2024	If the criteria are not met, the request will be referred to a clinical reviewer for medical necessity review. **Physician/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Agents to Treat Gaucher's Disease**
Drugs	Cerdelga (eliglustat), Cerezyme (imiglucerase), Vpriv (velaglucerase alfa), Elelyso (taliglucerase alfa), miglustat (Zavesca)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert (PPI).
Exclusion Criteria	None
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Per package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber is a specialist in treatment of Gaucher's Disease (e.g. endocrinologist, hematologist or geneticist), or is in consultation with a specialist
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved with 6-month duration.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** Cerezyme, Vpriv, Elelyso, or miglustat initial authorization: • Patient has a confirmed diagnosis of Gaucher's disease, type 1 (GD1) • Request is for an FDA approved dose Cerdelga initial authorization: • Patient has a confirmed diagnosis of Gaucher's disease, type 1 (GD1) and is a CYP2D6 extensive metabolizer (EM), intermediate metabolizer (IM) or poor metabolizer (PM), as detected by an FDA-approved test. • Patient is not concomitantly taking Class IA (e.g. quinidine, procainamide) or Class III antiarrhythmic (e.g. amiodarone, sotalol). • For EMs or IMs, patient is not concomitantly taking a moderate or strong CYP2D6 inhibitor (e.g. fluoxetine, bupropion) WITH a moderate or strong CYP3A inhibitor (fluconazole, ketoconazole). • For IMs and PMs, patient is not concomitantly taking a strong CYP3A inhibitor. • Patient has no pre-existing cardiac disease or long QT syndrome. • For EM's, patient does not have moderate or severe hepatic impairment • For IM's or PMs, patient does not have any degree of hepatic impairment.

Revision/Review Date 4/2025	**<u>Re-Authorization criteria for all agents:</u>** • Documentation has been provided that patient has obtained clinical benefit from medication (e.g. increased platelet count, improvement in anemia, PFT's, improvement in radiographic scans, improved quality of life) • Request is for an FDA approved dose **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Gene Therapy for Hemophilia B**
Drugs	Hemgenix (etranacogene dezaparvovec)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Patient has previously received treatment with Hemgenix or Beqvez
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Patient must be 18 years of age or older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a hematologist
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for a one-time treatment for one gene therapy agent for Hemophilia B.

Other Criteria
 	
Date: 4/2025
	Initial Authorization:
	• Diagnosis of Hemophilia B (congenital Factor IX deficiency) with ONE of the following:
	  o Currently using Factor IX prophylaxis therapy
	  o Has current or historical life-threatening hemorrhage
	  o Has repeated, serious spontaneous bleeding episodes
	• Documentation that patient has ≤2% of normal circulating Factor IX)
	• Prescriber attests they have performed liver health assessments
	• Documented Factor IX inhibitor titer test showing the patient is negative for Factor IX inhibitors
	• Patient's weight
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose
	
	The safety and effectiveness of repeat administration of Hemgenix has not been evaluated and will not be approved.
	
	Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Generalized Pustular Psoriasis (GPP) Agents**
Drugs	Spevigo (spesolimab-abzo)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Per package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist or geneticist
Coverage Duration	Acute Flares (IV vial): If all of the criteria are met, the request will be approved for up to 2 doses. Maintenance Treatment (SQ syringe): If all criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 12 months. Reauthorization requests will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**<u>Initial Authorization</u>** • Diagnosis of generalized pustular psoriasis (GPP) • If request is for an acute GPP flare (IV vial), member must be experiencing an acute flare of GPP of moderate to severe intensity as defined by having all of the following: o Generalized Pustular Psoriasis Physician Global Assessment (GPPPGA) total score of 3 or greater o Presence of fresh pustules (new appearance or worsening of pustules) o GPPPGA pustulation sub score of 2 or greater o At least 5% of body surface area covered with erythema and the presence of pustules • If request is for maintenance treatment of GPP (SQ syringe), member must have all of the following: o History of at least two GPP flares in the past year of moderate to severe intensity o GPPPGA score of 0 or 1 o Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to TWO of the following: oral retinoids, methotrexate, and cyclosporine • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose

Date: 7/2024	**<u>Reuathorization</u>** • If request is for an acute GPP flare (IV vial), member must have achieved a clinical response, defined as achieving a GPPPGA score of 0 or 1, to previous treatment but is now experiencing a new flare • If request is for maintenance treatment of GPP (SQ syringe), member must have documentation of positive clinical response to therapy (i.e. reduction in GPP flares) • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**GLP-1 Receptor Agonists for Diabetes**
Drugs	**Preferred:** Trulicity (dulaglutide) Ozempic (semaglutide) Victoza (liraglutide) **Non-preferred:** Bydureon BCise (exenatide) Byetta (exenatide) Rybelsus (semaglutide) Soliqua (insulin glargine/lixisenatide) Xultophy (insulin degludec/liraglutide)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved with up to a 12 month duration for; if the criteria are not met, the request will be referred to a clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.

Other Criteria
 	
Revision/Review Date 4/2025
	<u>Initial Authorization:</u>
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose
	• Presumed or documented diagnosis of diabetes mellitus, type II.
	• One of the following:
	  o Documented trial and failure or intolerance with metformin at the maximally tolerated dose for a minimum of 3 months.
	  o If the request is for Trulicity, Victoza or Ozempic, the member has established atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD) or is at high risk for ASCVD
	• For a non-preferred agent: Member has a documented treatment failure with TWO preferred agents OR has a documented medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc.) why they are not able to use two preferred agents
	• For Rybelsus R2 formulations (1.5mg, 4mg, or 9mg): Member has a documented treatment failure with an R1 formulation (3mg, 7mg, or 14mg) OR has a documented medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc.) why they are not able to use an R1 formulation
	
	<u>Reauthorization:</u>

	• Documentation or provider attestation of positive clinical response (i.e., improvement in hemoglobin A1C, fasting blood sugar, etc.) • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone (GNRH) Agonists**
Drug(s)	**IF DIAGNOSIS IS CANCER, USE ONCOLOGY CRITERIA** **If Diagnosis is Gender Dysphoria, use Medications without Drug or Class Specific Criteria** **Preferred:** Lupron Depot (leuprolide acetate), Lupron Depot-Ped (leuprolide acetate), leuprolide acetate 22.5mg vial, Fensolvi (leuprolide acetate), Supprelin LA (histrelin acetate), Synarel (nafarelin acetate), Trelstar (triptorelin pamoate) **Non-Preferred:** Triptodur (triptorelin pamoate), any newly marketed GnRH agonist
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), and/or per the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), or the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See “Other Criteria”
Age Restrictions	According to package insert if not detailed in “Other Criteria”
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a specialist in the appropriate field to treat the member’s condition.
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for up to 12 months if diagnosis is central precocious puberty, and up to 6 months as indicated below for other indications as recommended per FDA approved indications and/or as defined by the medical compndium or standard of care guidelines.
Other Criteria	**INITIAL AUTHORIZATION for ALL REQUESTS:** - The medication is being prescribed for an FDA approved/standard of

	care guideline indication and within FDA approved/standard of care dosing guidelines. AND the member meets the following for the respective diagnosis: Central precocious puberty (CPP) - Onset of secondary sexual characteristics occurred when member was aged less than 8 years for females or aged less than 9 years for males - Diagnosis is confirmed by a pubertal response to a GnRH stimulation test and/or measurement of gonadotropins (FSH/LH) and bone age advanced beyond chronological age. o Patients with low or intermediate basal levels of LH should have a GnRH stimulation test to clarify the diagnosis. - If basal levels of LH are markedly elevated [e.g. more than 0.3mlU/ml (where IU- International units)] in a child with precocious puberty, then a diagnosis of CPP can be made without proceeding to a GnRH stimulation test. • Brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) has been performed for all boys with CPP and for girls with onset of secondary sexual characteristics before the age of six years of age to rule out a tumor. • If the request is for a non-preferred drug, the member has had a documented trial and failure with a preferred drug, or a documented medical reason (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) was submitted why the member is not able to use a preferred drug Endometriosis • For all therapies except Lupron, Lupron Depot, or Lupron Depot-Ped, member is ≥ 18 years of age AND • Member has a confirmed diagnosis (e.g. laparoscopy, etc.) of endometriosis • Documented trial and failure or medical reason for not using an analgesic pain reliever (e.g., NSAIDs, COX-2 inhibitors) taken in combination with combined estrogen progestin oral contraceptive pills (OCPs): o If one of the following drugs has been tried previously, a trial of OCPs is not required: progestins, Orilissa (elagolix), danazol, or aromatase inhibitors (anastrazole, letrozole) • If the request is for a non-preferred drug, the member has had a documented trial and failure with a preferred drug, or a documented medical reason (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) was submitted why the member is not able to use a preferred drug • Approval is 6 months Uterine leiomyomas (Fibroids) • Member has a confirmed diagnosis (e.g. pelvic examination, etc.)

	• If the request is for a non-preferred drug, the member has had a documented trial and failure with a preferred drug, or a documented medical reason (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) was submitted why the member is not able to use a preferred drug • Approval is 3 months
Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	<u>Endometrial thinning</u> • Member has a confirmed diagnosis (e.g. pelvic examination, etc.) • Documentation indicates patient is scheduled for endometrial ablation for dysfunctional uterine bleeding. • If the request is for a non-preferred drug, the member has had a documented trial and failure with a preferred drug, or a documented medical reason (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) was submitted why the member is not able to use a preferred drug • Approval is 3 months **REAUTHORIZATION for all requests:** • The medication is being prescribed for an FDA approved indication and within FDA approved dosing guidelines. • Documentation was provided supporting continued treatment (e.g. patient still has symptoms), and medication is being continued as recommended in package insert or standard of care guidelines. AND meets the following per diagnosis: <u>Central precocious puberty (CPP)</u> • If the medication reauthorization is for central precocious puberty, the child is male and < 12 years or female and < 11 years of age OR a documented medical reason to continue treatment was provided with request, and includes current height and bone age <u>Endometriosis</u> • Prescriber has evaluated patient for osteoporosis (e.g. Dexascan), and patient is receiving "add back" hormonal therapy (norethindrone acetate 5 mg daily alone or with conjugated estrogen therapy) or an oral bisphosphonate AND calcium and vitamin D supplementation. • The patient has not received cumulative doses of the GnRH agonist greater than 12 months of therapy. <u>Fibroids</u>

	• The patient has not received cumulative doses of the GnRH agonist greater than 6 months of therapy **NOTE: Clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone Receptor Antagonists**
Drugs	Preferred: Orilissa (elagolix), Myfembree (relugolix, estradiol, and norethindrone acetate) Non-Preferred: Oriahnn (elagolix, estradiol, and norethindrone acetate)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, the Drug Package Insert, and/or per the standard of care guidelines
Exclusion Criteria	• Pregnancy • History of osteoporosis • History of hepatic impairment (Myfembree, Oriahnn), or severe hepatic impairment (Orilissa)
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Member must be ≥18 years of age
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber is a obstetrician/gynecologist
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved as outlined below: • Initial Authorization: 6 months • Reauthorization: 6 months • 6 months for patients with moderate hepatic impairment requesting 150 mg once daily dosing.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization for all requests:** • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose • If patient is of childbearing potential, prescriber attests the patient is not currently pregnant • Prescriber attests the patient does not have a history of osteoporosis • Prescriber attests they have reviewed the patient's liver function **For a diagnosis of endometriosis associated with moderate to severe pain** • Request is for Orilissa or Myfembree only • Documented trial and failure or medical reason for not using an analgesic pain reliever (e.g., NSAIDs, COX-2 inhibitors) taken in combination with combined estrogen progestin oral contraceptive pills (OCPs): o If one of the following drugs has been tried previously, a trial of OCPs is not required: progestins, gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) agonists, danazol, or aromatase inhibitors (e.g. anastrozole, letrozol) **For a diagnosis of heavy menstrual bleeding associated with uterine leiomyomas (fibroids):**

Revision/Review Date: 2/2025	• Request is for Oriahnn or Myfembree only
	• Documented trial and failure or medical reason for not using estrogen-progestin contraceptive therapy
	• If one of the following drugs has been tried previously, a trial of estrogen-progestin contraceptive therapy is not required:
	  ○ gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) agonists,
	  ○ progestin-releasing intrauterine device
	  ○ tranexamic acid
	• If the request is from Oriahnn, there is a documented trial and failure of Myfembree, or medical reason why Myfembree cannot be used
	
	<u>Reauthorization:</u>
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose
	• Maximum lifetime treatment duration based on previous dosing and/or hepatic functioning has not been exceeded
	• Documentation or provider attestation of positive clinical response (e.g., reduction in pain, reduced menstrual bleeding).
	
	Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.

Prior Authorization Group	**Growth Hormone (GH) for Growth Failure or GH Deficiency**
Drug(s)	**Preferred products:** • Norditropin FlexPro (somatropin) • Genotropin cartridge, Genotropin MiniQuick (somatropin) • Skytrofa (lonapegsomatropin-tcgd) **Non-preferred/unlisted products:** • Humatrope (somatropin) • Nutropin AQ (somatropin) • Sogroya (somapacitan-beco) • Ngenla (somatrogon) • Omnitrope (somatropin) • Zomacton (somatropin) • Any newly marketed growth hormone agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Treatment of idiopathic short stature (ISS) not a covered benefit and will not be approved
Required Medical Information	See other criteria
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist or specialist in the stated diagnosis
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the initial request will be approved for 12 months.

Other Criteria	**<u>Initial Authorization</u>**
	• If diagnosis is for growth failure associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD), documentation that:
	  o Either pretreatment height is less than -1.88 standard deviations (SD) below the mean for age or the height velocity for age is less than 3rd percentile and persists beyond 3 months
	  o AND epiphyses are open
	• If diagnosis is for growth failure associated with Prader-Willi Syndrome, Noonan Syndrome, Turner's syndrome, or short stature homeobox-containing gene (SHOX) mutation, or other underlying genetic cause, documentation of confirmatory genetic testing is provided.
	• If diagnosis is adult-onset GH deficiency (AO-GHD), documentation of one of the following:

Revision/Review Date: 2/2025	○ Insulin Growth Factor (IGF-1) deficiency (< -2 SD below reference range for age and gender*) and multiple (≥3) pituitary hormone deficiencies (MPHD) ○ Evidence of genetic defects affecting the hypothalamic pituitary axis (HPA) ○ Evidence of hypothalamic pituitary structural brain defects ○ Positive results of GH stimulatory test (e.g. insulin tolerance test [ITT], glucagon, arginine, clonidine, or macimorelin). • If diagnosis childhood-onset GH deficiency (CO-GHD), ○ And patient is currently pediatric, documentation of all of the following is required: ▪ IGF-1 and insulin-like growth factor binding protein-3 (IGFBP-3) deficiency (less than 0 SD below reference range for age and gender)* with prescriber attestation of growth failure AND ▪ Provider attests that MRI or CT has been completed to exclude possibility of a pituitary tumor AND ▪ Provider attests that member's epiphyses are open ○ And patient is currently adult, documentation of one of the following: ▪ If diagnosis is idiopathic isolated GHD, documentation was provided that indicates GH therapy is still medically necessary (IGF-1 retesting during the transition period after a minimum 1 month of therapy discontinuation reveals continued GH deficiency) ▪ Diagnosis is GHD associated with MPHD, genetic defect affecting the HPA axes, or patient with hypothalamic pituitary structural brain defect • Requests for Skytrofa: Member has a documented treatment failure with at least ONE of the preferred agents OR has a documented medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc.) why they are not able to use any of the preferred agents. • Requests for Non-Preferred Agents: Member has a documented treatment failure with at least TWO of the preferred agents OR has a documented medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc.) why they are not able to use any of the preferred agents. **<u>Reauthorization</u>** • Documentation of diagnosis (Note: ISS is not a covered benefit) • Documented IGF-1 levels do not exceed upper limit of normal (ULN) (> 2 SD above reference range for age and gender)*, or if the IGF-1 levels exceed ULN, the dose has been reduced • In CO-GHD, growth response (as demonstrated by length/height and calculated height velocity within previous 6 months). *IGF-1 levels are highly age and gender specific. In the event the form provides a value and not the corresponding reference range, refer to published reference ranges for interpretation. **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Hemangeol (propranolol)**
Drugs	Hemangeol (propranolol HCl) oral solution, 4.28 mg/mL
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	See "Other Criteria"
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, initial requests will be approved for up to 12 months. Subsequent authorizations will be approved for up to 6 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date 11/2024	**Initial Authorization (all must apply):** • Member has a diagnosis of proliferating infantile hemangioma which requires systemic therapy • Member is at least 5 weeks corrected gestational age • Member's weight is at least 2 kg • Request is for FDA approved dose (member's weight must be provided with the request) **Renewal Authorization (all must apply):** • Request is for FDA approved dose (member's weight must be provided with the request) • Documentation is provided to support continued use of Hemangeol solution beyond the initial 12 month authorization period (ex. rebound growth or recurrence of infantile hemangioma, medical justification of extended length of therapy due to patient's condition, etc.) **Physician/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Primary Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH) Agents**
Drugs	Gamifant (emapalumab-lzsg)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Members who have undergone hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT)
Required Medical Information	"See Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	Hematologist, Oncologist, Immunologist, Transplant Specialist, or other specialist experienced in the treatment of immunologic disorders
Coverage Duration	Initial Authorization: 1 month Reauthorization: 3 months
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date 4/2025	***Gamifant will only be approved for members who have not yet received HSCT and will be discontinued at the initiation of HSCT*** **Initial Authorization** • Member has a diagnosis of Primary HLH • Prescriber attests that member has not achieved a satisfactory response to or is intolerant to conventional HLH therapy (e.g. etoposide, dexamethasone) or has recurrent disease • Prescriber attests that the member is a candidate for hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) • Member has been screened for latent tuberculosis infection • Member has or will receive prophylactic pre-medications (e.g. antivirals, antibiotics, antifungals) for Herpes Zoster, *Pneumocystis jirovecii*, and other fungal infections • Dosing is consistent with FDA approved labeling **Reauthorization** • Member continues to meet initial authorization criteria • Member is receiving prophylactic pre-medications (e.g. antivirals, antibiotics, antifungals) for Herpes Zoster, *Pneumocystis jirovecii*, and other fungal infections **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Subcutaneous Treatments for Hemophilia**
Drugs	Hemlibra (emicizumab-kxwh), Hympavzi (marstacimab-hncq), Alhemo (concizumab-mtci), Qfitlia (fitusiran)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a hematologist
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, requests will be approved for 6 months. If the provider states that the requested medication is for a chronic or long-term condition for which the medication may be necessary for the life of the patient, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** Documentation submitted indicates the following: • The member's weight • The drug is being requested for an FDA-approved indication and the dose is within FDA-indicated limits • Diagnosis of hemophilia A or hemophilia B AND one of the following o Member has tried Factor VIII or Factor IX products and is not well-managed due to limited venous access or treatment failure (attestation must be submitted from prescriber) o Request is for routine prophylaxis in patients with a diagnosis of hemophilia A or hemophilia B **WITH** inhibitors and history of spontaneous or traumatic bleeding episode o Request is for routine prophylaxis in patients with a diagnosis of hemophilia A or hemophila B ***WITHOUT*** inhibitors and patient requires management with Factor VIII or Factor IX products at a total weekly dose of >100 U/kg (attestation must be submitted by prescriber) • If the request is for Hympavzi, Qfitlia, or Alhemo for hemophila A, the member must also have a trial and failure or intolerance to Hemlibra **Re-Authorization:**

Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	• Documentation submitted indicating the member has experienced a clinical benefit from the medication (e.g. reduction in bleeding episodes, improved quality of life) • The member's weight • Dose is within FDA-indicated limits **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Bleeding Disorder Blood Products**
Drugs	**Preferred:** Afstyla, Alphanate, Alphanine SD, Alprolix, Benefix, Hemofil M, Humate-P, Ixinity, Jivi, Koate, Kovaltry, Mononine, Novoeight, Nuwiq, Profilnine, Rixubis, Wilate, Xyntha, Xyntha Solofuse, Obizur, Feiba, NovoSeven, Rebinyn **Non-Formulary/Non-preferred:** Advate, Adynovate, Altuviiio, Eloctate, Esperoct, Kogenate FS, Recombinate, Vonvendi, Idelvion,, Vonvendi, Coagadex, Corifact RT, Tretten, Sevenfact Hympavzi, and any newly marketed blood product indicated for a bleeding disorder
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Patient must be age appropriate per package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a hematologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 1 month. If the provider states that the requested medication is for a chronic or long-term condition for which the medication may be necessary for the life of the patient, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 2/2025	• Patient has a diagnosis of a bleeding disorder, and the type of deficiency has been provided • The drug is being used for an FDA-approved indication at an FDA approved dose or the indication/dose are otherwise supported by treatment guidelines. • Requests for Non-Preferred Agents: Member has a documented treatment failure with at least two of the preferred agents OR has a documented medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc.) why they are not able to use preferred agents. **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Hepatitis C Antiviral Agents**
Drugs	**Preferred products:** • Mavyret (glecaprevir/pibrentasvir) • ribavirin • sofosbuvir/velpatasvir (Epclusa) 400-100 mg tablets **Preferred sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, and ribavirin products do not require prior authorization for up to 12 weeks of therapy per year. Mavyret does not require prior authorization for up to 16 weeks of therapy per year** **Non-preferred/unlisted products:** • Epclusa (sofosbuvir/velpatasvir) 200-50 mg tablets • Epclusa (sofosbuvir/velpatasvir) pellet packets • Epclusa (brand) 400-100 mg tablets • Harvoni tablets, pellet packets • ledipasvir/sofosbuvir (Harvoni) tablets • Peg-Intron (peginterferon alfa-2b) • Pegasys (peginterferon alfa-2a) • Sovaldi (sofosbuvir) tablets, pellet packets • Vosevi (sofosbuvir/ velpatasvir/voxilaprevir) • Zepatier (elbasvir/grazoprevir) • Any other newly marketed antiviral agent for the treatment of Hepatitis C
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See “other criteria”
Age Restrictions	Per drug package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	See “Other Criteria”: For treatment-experienced members, prescriber must be a specialist in hepatology, gastroenterology, infectious disease, HIV, or liver
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, requests will be approved for a 28 day supply for a duration of 6 months.

Other Criteria	<u>Initial requests must meet ALL of the following requirements:</u>
	
	• Request must be for a FDA-approved/AASLD guideline recommended indication, at an approved dose and duration, appropriate for the member (e.g. age/weight).
	• Provider attests that they have documentation of a complete Hepatitis B screening (sAg and cAb)
	  o If positive quantitative HBV DNA results and if there is detectable HBV DNA, a treatment plan for Hepatitis B consistent with AASLD recommendations
	  o If negative, documentation of a hepatitis B immunization plan or counseling to receive the hepatitis B immunization series
	• Provider attests that they have documented HIV screening and if the member has confirmed HIV, documentation was provided they are being treated with antiretroviral therapy, or a reason is provided with rationale for not treating HIV
	• Provider attests that all potential drug interactions with concomitant medications have been addressed (including discontinuation of the interacting drug, dose reduction, or counseling of the member of the risks associated with the use of both medications).
	• Provider attests if member is actively abusing alcohol or IV drugs, or has a history of abuse that they have counseled member regarding the risks of alcohol or IV drug abuse, and an offer of referral for substance abuse disorder treatment has been made.
	• Provider attests that member is committed to treatment plan, including lab monitoring and SVR12 lab testing will be completed and submitted to health plan.
	• The following are required before treatment (copies of labs required):
	  o Detectable HCV RNA viral load
	  o Fibrosis level
	  o Treatment history
	  o CBC (only if regimen contains ribavirin and hemoglobin must be be at least 10g/dL)
	  o TSH (only if regimen contains interferon)
	  o Pregnancy test (as applicable)
	  o If member is cirrhotic, documentation of Child Turcotte Pugh Class (Class A, Class B, Class C).
	• If treatment naïve and request is for Zepatier, documentation of RASs (resistance-associated substitutions, previously called RAVs) must be provided

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	  ○ Prescriber must be a specialist in hepatology, gastroenterology, infectious disease, HIV, or liver transplant
	  ○ Documentation of genotype (and subtype if provided)
	  ○ Documentation of RASs testing for:
	  ▪ Zepatier or Harvoni genotype1a requests
	• If request is for a non-preferred agent, documentation of medical necessity was provided including a medical reason why member is not able to use a preferred agent.
	• If request is for sofosbuvir/velpatasvir, or a ribavirin product for a duration greater than 12 weeks of therapy per year, or for Mavyret for a duration greater than 16 weeks of therapy per year, documentation of medical necessity was provided including a medical reason why treatment beyond that duration is required.
	
	Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Hereditary Angioedema Treatment**
Drugs	**Preferred**: Berinert (C1 Esterase Inhibitor), danazol (Danocrine), icatibant (Firazyr), Haegarda (C1 Esterase Inhibitor), Cinryze (C1 Esterase Inhibitor), Ruconest (C1 Esterase Inhibitor), Takhzyro (lanadelumab-flyo), Kalbitor (ecallantide), Orladeyo (berotralstat), Sajazir (icatibant) **Non-Preferred**: Firazyr (icatibant), Any newly marketed agent for hereditary angioedema For danazol requests, refer to the "Danazol" policy
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber is an immunologist, allergist, rheumatologist, or hematologist
Coverage Duration	If criteria are met, the request will be approved as follows: • Acute treatment: 1 + 5 refills • Pre procedural prophylaxis: 1 treatment • Long-term prophylaxis: o Initial:6 months, o Reauthorization: 12 months
Other Criteria	**All requests MUST meet the following requirements:** • Drug is being requested at an FDA approved dose • The patient is not taking ACE inhibitors or estrogen replacement containing oral contraceptives/hormone replacement therapy • Diagnosis of one of the following: o HAE with deficient or dysfunctional C1INH (e.g. type I, type II, or acquired C1NH deficiency) o HAE with normal C1INH: ▪ If known origin, documentation of results of confirmatory genetic test (e.g. mutations in gene for factor XII, angiopoietin-1, plasminogen, kininogen-1, myoferlin, heparan sulfate-glucosamine 3-O-sulfotransferase 6) ▪ If unknown origin (U-HAE), documentation of a prolonged trial of high-dose non-sedating antihistamines **For acute treatment (Ruconest, Berinert, Kalbitor, icatibant):** • The patient is receiving only one agent for the treatment of acute attacks • If the request is for a non-preferred agent, the member has documented trial and failure of, or a documented medical reason why the member cannot use, a preferred agent **For prophylaxis (Haegarda, Takhzyro, Cinryze, Orladeyo):**

Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	• Pre-procedural: Documentation that patient will be undergoing a medical, surgical, or dental procedure associated with mechanical impact to the upper aerodigestive tract
	• Long-Term: The patient has a history of at least two severe attacks per month (e.g. with swelling of the face, throat, or GI tract) or at least one laryngeal attack and chart notes have been submitted indicating the date and severity of attack. The patient is only receiving one medication for long-term prophylaxis
	• If the request is for a non-preferred agent
	  o And the patient has a C1INH deficiency or dysfunction, documented trial and failure of or medical reason why patient cannot use a preferred agent
	  o And the patient has HAE with normal C1INH, documented trial and failure of, or documented medical reason why patient cannot use danazol (note: danazol may require prior authorization)
	
	<u>Re-authorization Criteria:</u>
	
	For acute treatment (Ruconest, Berinert, Kalbitor, icatibant):
	• Documentation was submitted that the patient has experienced a clinical benefit from HAE medication
	• The patient is receiving no other medications for acute treatment
	• The medication is being prescribed at an FDA-approved dose
	
	For prophylaxis (Haegarda, Takhzyro, Cinryze, Orladeyo):
	• Documentation was submitted that the patient has experienced a clinical benefit from prophylactic therapy as demonstrated by a reduced number of attacks
	• The medication is being prescribed at an FDA approved dose
	• The patient is receiving no other medications for prophylaxis
	
	Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Hormone Replacement Therapy** (estrogen-only oral and vaginal products)
Drugs	**FORMULARY STATUS** Preferred, Pays at Point-of-Sale **Estradiol** (Estrace) oral tablet **Estradiol** (Estrace) vaginal cream **Estradiol** (Vagifem, Yuvafem) vaginal tablet **FORMULARY STATUS** Preferred, Requires Step Therapy **Premarin** (estrogens, conjugated) oral tablet **Premarin** (estrogens, conjugated) vaginal cream **Menest** (estrogens, esterified) oral tablet
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved with up to a 12 month duration.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date 11/2024	**For all requests:** • The request is for an FDA approved indication. **Initial authorization for Premarin and Menest oral tablet** • Documented trial and failure or intolerance with estradiol oral tablet • If the request is for the treatment of moderate to severe symptoms of vulvar and vaginal atrophy or atrophic vaginitis due to menopause, must also have documented trial and failure or intolerance with estradiol vaginal cream OR estradiol vaginal tablet **Initial authorization for Premarin vaginal cream** • Documented trial and failure or intolerance with estradiol vaginal cream OR estradiol vaginal tablet **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Hydroxyprogesterone caproate (generic Delalutin)**
Drugs	Hydroxyprogesterone caproate (generic Delalutin)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Pregnancy
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a gynecologist or in consultation with a gynecologist
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for up to 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for up to 6 months.
Other Criteria Date: 4/2025	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose • If request is for preterm birth, do not approve • Request is for one of the following indications: o Amenorrhea or abnormal uterine bleeding due to hormonal imbalance o Production of secretory endometrium and desquamation o Test for endogenous estrogen production o Advanced uterine adenocarcinoma **<u>Re-Authorization:</u>** • Documentation or provider attestation of clinical benefit • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **If all the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives**
Drug(s)	Euflexxa, Gel-One, Gelsyn-3, GenVisc 850, Hyalgan, Supartz FX, TriVisc, Visco-3, Durolane, Hymovis, Monovisc, Orthovisc, Synvisc, Synvisc-One, Triluron, sodium hyaluronate 1% syringe, or any newly marketed agent ****For Medical Reviews Only****
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), or the Drug Package Insert (PPI).
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See other criteria
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber is a rheumatologist, orthopedist, sports medicine specialist, or physiatrist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the request will be approved for one complete course of treatment (based on the FDA labeled dose of the drug requested).
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 2/2025	**Initial Authorization:** • A diagnosis of Osteoarthritis (OA)/Degenerative joint disease (DJD) of the knee. • Documentation (in claim history or provider statement) that the member has had trials of at least 2 alternatives (e.g. acetaminophen-containing products, topical NSAIDs, oral NSAIDs, other oral analgesics, etc.) without improvement in pain/function or has a medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc.) for not being able to utilize these therapies. • Documentation has been provided that the member has tried and failed two intra-articular steroid injections, per affected knee, or the member has a medical reason for not being able to utilize steroid injections. **Reauthorization:** • Documentation was submitted that the patient had a response to the treated knee(s) that lasted at least 6 months (e.g. decreased joint pain or stiffness, improved range of motion, etc.) • Documentation was submitted that the patient has a return of symptoms of osteoarthritis that has not responded to acetaminophen-containing products, oral or topical NSAIDs, or other oral analgesics; or has a medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc.) for not being able to utilize these therapies. **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Ileal bile acid transporter inhibitor (IBAT)**
Drugs	Bylvay (odevixibat), Livmarli (maralixibat)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	Per prescribing information
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a gastroenterologist or hepatologist
Coverage Duration	If the conditions are met, the request will be approved for a 6 month duration for initial requests and a 12 month duration for renewal requests.

Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:**
	
	Progressive Familial Intrahepatic Cholestasis
	• Diagnosis of progressive familial intrahepatic cholestasis (PFIC)
	  o For Bylvay: PFIC type 1 or 2 with confirmed biallelic mutations via genetic testing
	  o For Livmarli: PFIC type 1, 2, 3, 4, or 6, with confirmed biallelic mutations via genetic testing
	• Documentation that patient does not have an *ABCB11* variant that results in non-functional or complete absence of bile salt export pump protein
	• Documented history of moderate to very severe pruritus
	• Documentation of patient's weight
	• Prescriber attests to monitor liver function tests and fat soluble vitamin (FSV) levels during treatment
	• Baseline serum bile acid level is provided
	• Documentation of trial and failure OR contraindication to at least ONE of the following:
	  o Ursodiol
	  o Cholestyramine or colesevelam
	• The prescribed dose is within FDA approved dosing guidelines
	
	Alagille Syndrome
	• Diagnosis of Alagille syndrome (ALGS)

Revision/Review Date: 7/2024	• Documented history of moderate to very severe pruritus
	• Documentation of trial and failure OR medical reason why the member is unable to use all of the following:
	  o Ursodiol
	  o Cholestyramine or colesevelam
	  o Rifampin
	• Prescriber attests that the member has cholestasis
	• Baseline serum bile acid level is provided
	• Documentation of patient's weight
	• Prescriber attests to monitor liver function tests and fat soluble vitamin (FSV) levels during treatment
	• The prescribed dose is within FDA approved dosing guidelines
	
	<u>Reauthorization:</u>
	• Documentation of clinical benefit indicating each of the following:
	  o An improvement in pruritus (e.g. improved observed scratching, decreased sleep disturbances/nighttime awakenings due to scratching, etc.)
	  o Reduction in serum bile acid level from baseline
	• Documentation of patient's weight
	• Prescriber attests to monitor liver function tests and FSV levels during treatment
	• Prescriber attests that patient has had no evidence of hepatic decompensation (e.g. variceal hemorrhage, ascites, hepatic encephalopathy, portal hypertension, etc.)
	• The prescribed dose is within FDA approved dosing guidelines
	
	Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Increlex**
Drugs	Increlex (mecasermin [recombinant human insulin-like growth factor-1])
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert (PPI).
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	≥ 2 years to < 18 years
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with an Endocrinologist or specialist in the treatment of pediatric growth disorders
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for 12 months.

Other Criteria
 	
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	<u>Initial Authorization</u>
	• Member has a diagnosis of one of the following
	  o Growth hormone (GH) gene deletion with the development of neutralizing antibodies to GH
	  o Severe primary insulin-like growth factor-1 (IGF-1) deficiency as defined as:
	  ▪ Height and basal IGF-1 standard deviation scores ≤ -3.0
	  ▪ Normal or elevated GH levels
	• Member does not have a closed epiphyses
	• Member does not have known or suspected malignancies
	• Request is for an FDA-approved dose
	
	<u>Reauthorization</u>
	• Growth velocity must be ≥ 2 cm in the past year
	• Member does not have a closed epiphyses
	• Member does not have known or suspected malignancies
	• Request is for an FDA-approved dose
	
	Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	Immune Globulins
Drugs	**Preferred** Octagam (IV) (Immune Globulin) Privigen (IV) (Immune Globulin) Bivigam (IV) (Immune Globulin) Gammagard liquid (IV or SQ) (Immune Globulin) Gammagard SD (IV) (Immune Globulin) Gamunex-C (IV or SQ) (Immune Globulin) Xembify (SQ) (Immune Globulin-klhw) **Non-Preferred/Non-Formulary** Cuvitru (SQ) (Immune Globulin) Hizentra (SQ) (Immune Globulin) Alyglo (IV) (Immune Globulin) Asceniv (IV) Immune Globulin) Flebogamma (IV) (Immune Globulin) Gamastan (IM) (Immune Globulin) Gamastan SD (IM) (Immune Globulin) Gammaked (IV or SQ) (Immune Globulin) Gammaplex (IV) (Immune Globulin) Asceniv (IV) (Immune Globulin-slra) Cutaquig (SQ) (Immune Globulin-hipp) Panzyga (IV) (Immune Globulin-ifas) Hyqvia (SQ) (Immune Globulin Human/Recombinant Human Hyaluronidase) Or any newly marketed immune globulin
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See “other criteria”
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	See “other criteria”
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met the request will be approved for a 3 month duration unless otherwise specified in the diagnosis specific “Other Criteria” section below.
Other Criteria	**All Requests:**

	• Documentation of diagnosis confirmed by a specialist • Member has tried and failed, or has a documented medical reason for not using, all other standard of care therapies as defined per recognized guidelines • Member's height and weight are provided • Dosing will be calculated using ideal body weight (IBW), unless ONE of the following: o If the member's actual weight is less than their IBW, then dosing will be calculated using their actual weight o If the member's body mass index (BMI) is ≥30 kg/m^2 OR if their actual weight is greater than 20% of their IBW, then dosing will be calculated using adjusted body weight (adjBW) • Requests for Non-Preferred Agents: Member has a documented treatment failure with at least one of the preferred agents OR has a documented medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc.) why they are not able to use any of the preferred agents. **Primary Immunodeficiency***: • Patient's IgG level is provided and below normal for requested indication • Clinically significant deficiency of humoral immunity as evidenced by ONE of the following: o Inability to produce an adequate immunologic response to specific antigens. o History of recurrent infections despite prophylactic antibiotics • Dose is consistent with FDA approved package labeling, nationally recognized compendia, or peer-reviewed literature • If criteria is met, approve for 6 months. *Primary Immunodeficiency includes, but is not limited to, the following: Congenital agammaglobulinemia, hypogammaglobulinemia (Common Variable Immunodeficiency, CVID), severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID), Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, X-linked agammaglobulinemia or Bruton's agammaglobulinemia, hypergammaglobulinemia, X-linked hyper IgM syndrome **Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura, acute and chronic**: • Acute: o Patient has active bleeding, requires an urgent invasive procedure, is deferring splenectomy, has platelet counts < 20,000/ul and is at risk for intra-cerebral hemorrhage or has life threatening bleeding, or has an inadequate increase in platelets from corticosteroids or is unable to

	tolerate corticosteroids o Dose does not exceed 1g/kg daily for up to 2 days, or 400mg/kg daily for 5 days • Chronic: o Duration of illness is greater than 12 months o Member has documented trial and failure of corticosteroids and splenectomy, or has a documented medical reason why they are not able to use corticosteroids or member is at high risk for post-splenectomy sepsis. o Dose does not exceed 1g/kg daily for up to 2 days, or 400mg/kg daily for 5 days • If criteria is met, approve for up to 5 days. **Kawasaki disease:** • Immunoglobulin is being given with high dose aspirin unless contraindicated • Requested dose does not exceed a single 2g/kg dose • If criteria is met, approve for 1 dose **Chronic B-cell lymphocytic leukemia:** • The patient has had recurrent infections requiring IV antibiotics or hospitalization and has a serum IgG of <500 mg/dL • Dose does not exceed 500mg/kg every 3-4 weeks • If criteria is met, approve for 3 months. **Bone marrow transplantation:** • The patient has bacteremia or recurrent sinopulmonary infections and their IgG level is < 400mg/dL • Dose does not exceed 500mg/kg/wk for the first 100 days post-transplant • Dose does not exceed 500 mg//kg every 3-4 weeks 100 days after transplant • If criteria is met, approve for 3 months. **Pediatric HIV**: • Patient is < 13 years of age • Either patient's IgG level is < 400mg/dL or • If patient's IgG level is ≥ 400 mg/dL than significant deficiency of humoral immunity as evidenced by ONE of the following: o Inability to produce an adequate immunologic response to specific antigens. o History of recurrent bacterial infections despite prophylactic antibiotics • Dose does not exceed 400mg/kg/dose every 2-4 weeks

	• If criteria is met, approve for 3 months. **<u>Multifocal motor neuropathy (MMN)</u>**: • Duration of symptoms has been at least 1 month with disability. • Nerve conduction studies were completed to rule out other possible conditions, and confirms the diagnosis of MMN. • Dose does not exceed 2g/kg/month administered over 2 to 5 days. • If criteria is met, approve for up to 5 days for 3 months. **<u>Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP)</u>:** • Duration of symptoms has been at least 2 months with disability. • Nerve conduction studies or a nerve biopsy were completed in order to rule out other possible conditions, and confirms the diagnosis of CIDP. • Patient has tried and failed, or has a documented medical reason for not using, corticosteroids. o If the patient has severe and fulminant or pure motor CIDP a trial of corticosteroids is not required • Dose is consistent with FDA approved package labeling, nationally recognized compendia, or peer-reviewed literature • If criteria is met, approve for up to 5 days for 3 months **<u>Guillain-Barre syndrome</u>:** • Patient has severe disease with the inability to walk without aid • Onset of symptoms within the last 4 weeks • Dose does not exceed 2g/kg administered over 2-5 days • If criteria is met, approve for up to 5 days. **<u>Myasthenia Gravis:</u>** • <u>Acute:</u> o Patient has an acute myasthenic exacerbation (i.e. acute episode of respiratory muscle weakness, difficulty swallowing, etc.) or is in preparation for thymoma surgery to prevent myasthenic exacerbation o Dose does not exceed 2 g/kg administered over 2-5 days o If criteria is met, approve for up to 5 days • <u>Chronic:</u> o Diagnosis of refractory generalized myasthenia gravis o Patient has tried and failed, or has a documented medical reason for not using 2 or more immunosuppressive therapies (i.e. corticosteroids, azathioprine, cyclosporine,

	mycophenolate mofetil) o Dose does not exceed 2 g/kg/month administered over 2-5 days o If criteria is met, approve for 3 months **Dermatomyositis (DM):** • One of the following: o Bohan and Peter score of 3 (i.e. definite DM) o Bohan and Peter score of 2 (i.e. probable DM) AND concurring diagnostic evaluation by ≥ 1 specialist (e.g. neurologist, rheumatologist, dermatologist) • Patient does NOT have any of the following: o Cancer (CA) associated myositis defined as myositis within 2 years of CA diagnosis (except basal or squamous cell skin cancer or carcinoma in situ of the cervix that has been excised and cure) o Active malignancy o Malignancy diagnosed within the previous 5 years o Breast CA within the previous 10 years • For a diagnosis of DM, one of the following: o Member has tried and failed, or has a documented medical reason for not using both of the following: ▪ methotrexate (MTX) OR azathioprine ▪ rituximab. o Member has severe, life-threatening weakness or dysphagia • For a diagnosis of cutaneous DM (i.e. amyopathic DM, hypomyopathic DM): o Member has tried and failed, or has a documented medical reason for not using all of the following: MTX and mycophenolate mofetil. • Dose does not exceed 2 g/kg administered over 2-5 days every 4 weeks. • If criteria is met, approve for up to 3 months. If criteria is met, the request will be approved for the duration listed above. If the criteria is not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical reviewer for medical necessity review. **Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary**
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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Immunosuppressants for Lupus Nephritis**
Drugs	Lupkynis (voclosporin)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert (PPI).
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Member must be 18 years of age or older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be rheumatologist, nephrologist or other specialist in the treatment of autoimmune disorders
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date 4/2025	**<u>Initial Authorization</u>** • Member must have a diagnosis of systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) with a kidney biopsy indicating a histologic diagnosis of lupus nephritis (LN) Class III, IV, or V • Documentation that the member has a baseline eGFR > 45 mL/min/1.73m^2 • Documentation of the member's urine protein/creatinine ratio (UPCR) is provided • Member is concurrently being treated with background immunosuppressive therapy, or has a medical reason for not using background immunosuppressive therapy • Member is NOT concurrently being treated with cyclophosphamide • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **<u>Reauthorization</u>** • Documentation of improvement in renal function (i.e. reduction in UPCR or no confirmed decrease from baseline eGFR ≥ 20%) • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Infliximab Products**
Drugs	**PREFERRED:** infliximab (unbranded) Avsola (infliximab-axxq) **NON-PREFERRED :** Remicade (infliximab) Inflectra (infliximab-dyyb) Renflexis (infliximab-abda) Zymfentra (infliximab-dyyb) Or any newly-marketed infliximab biosimilar/follow-on biologic
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	N/A
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a specialist in the treatment of the applicable disease
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization for All Indications:** • The request is for an approved indication • The medication is being prescribed at an appropriate FDA-approved dose (for age and weight) • If the request is for a non-preferred product, documented (consistent with pharmacy claims/medical record data/chart notes, physician attestation) adequate trial of a preferred infliximab product. **Requests for Crohn's Disease**: • If the member has a diagnosis of severe-fulminant, moderate-severe, or perianal/fistulizing Crohn's disease – approve • If the member has a diagnosis of mild-to-moderate/low-risk Crohn's disease, the following is required: an adequate trial or a documented medical reason for not using conventional therapy to manage the condition (e.g. sulfasalazine, budesonide ER (Uceris), azathioprine, 6-mercaptopurine, or methotrexate) **Requests for Ulcerative Colitis**: • If the member has a diagnosis of moderate-severe ulcerative colitis – approve. • If the member has a diagnosis of mild-moderate ulcerative colitis, the following is required: an adequate trial of, or medical reason for not using, conventional therapy to manage the condition (e.g. oral aminosalicylates,

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	Medical Director/Clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Injectable/Infusible Bone-Modifying Agents for Oncology Indications**
Drugs	**Preferred Bone-Modifying Agent(s):** pamidronate disodium, zoledronic Acid, Prolia (denosumab), Xgeva (denosumab) **Non-preferred Bone-Modifying Agent(s):** any newly marketed drug in the class
Covered Uses	The request is for an FDA approved indication or for a medically accepted indications as defined or as supported by the medical compendia (Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI) , Drug Package Insert) as defined in the Social Security Act 1927, or per the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), or the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Consensus Panel standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber is an oncologist
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request may be approved for 6 months. If the provider states that the requested medication is for a chronic or long-term condition for which the medication may be necessary for the life of the patient, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 2/2025	• The request is for an approved/accepted indication at an approved dose • If the request is for Xgeva (denosumab) for treating giant cell tumor of bone, documentation has been submitted that the tumor is unresectable or that surgical resection is likely to result in morbidity (e.g. denosumab therapy is being used to aid in the possibility of resection with tumor shrinkage), or that disease has recurred. • If the request is for Prolia (denosumab) for prostate cancer, approve. **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Injectable/Infusible Bone-Modifying Agents for Osteoporosis and Paget's Disease**
Drugs	**Preferred products:** Prolia (denosumab), Forteo (teriparatide) **Non-preferred/non-formulary products:** pamidronate, teriparatide (Forteo), teriparatide (biosimilar), zoledronic acid (Reclast), Tymlos (abaloparatide), Evenity (romosozumab-aqqg), ibandronate (Boniva) IV or any other newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	"See other criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be an endocrinologist, rheumatologist, orthopedist, or obstetrician/gynecologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, requests will be approved for 1 year. *** TERIPARATIDE/FORTEO/TYMLOS REQUESTS WILL ONLY BE APPROVED FOR A TOTAL DURATION OF 24 MONTHS*** ***EVENITY WILL ONLY BE APPROVED FOR A TOTAL DURATION OF 12 MONTHS***
Other Criteria	**<u>For all requests:</u>** • The medication is FDA-approved for indication and is being requested at an FDA approved dose

	<u>If the diagnosis is postmenopausal or male osteoporosis:</u> • If the request is for male osteoporosis or high risk postmenopausal osteoporosis with no prior fractures, the member must have a documented (consistent with pharmacy claims) adequate trial of an oral bisphosphonate or has a medical reason (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc.) for not using an oral bisphosphonate • If the request is for very high risk postmenopausal osteoporosis or postmenopausal osteoporosis with prior fractures, a documented trial and failure of an oral bisphosphonate will not be required. Very high risk is defined as having one or more of the following: o History of fracture in the past 12 months o Multiple fractures o Fractures while on drugs causing skeletal harm (e.g. long-term glucocorticoids) o Very low T scores (< -3.0) o High risk for falls o History of injurious falls o Very high fracture probability as determined by fracture risk assessment tool (FRAX) (e.g. major osteoporosis fracture >30%, hip fracture > 4.5%) • Documentation was submitted indicating the member is postmenopausal woman or a male member over 50 years of age and one of the following applies: o A bone mineral density (BMD) value consistent with osteoporosis (T-scores equal to or less than –2.5) o Has had an osteoporotic fracture o A T-score between -1 and -2.5 at the femoral neck or spine and a 10 year hip fracture probability >3% or a 10 year major osteoporosis-related fracture probability >20% (based on the US-adapted WHO absolute fracture risk model) • If request is for teriparatide, a trial and failure of, contraindication to, or medical reason for not using the brand Forteo • If the request is for a non-preferred product, a trial and failure of, contraindication to, or medical reason for not using a preferred product is required • If the request is for Evenity (romosozumab), the member does not have history of heart attack or stroke within the preceding year
	<u>If the diagnosis is Paget's disease:</u> • The member has a documented (consistent with pharmacy claims) adequate trial of an oral bisphosphonate or has a medical reason (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc.) for not using an oral bisphosphonate • Documentation (within 60 days of request) was submitted including member's serum alkaline phosphatase level of ≥ two times the upper limit

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	<u>If the diagnosis is glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis:</u>
	
	• The member has a documented (consistent with pharmacy claims) adequate trial of an oral bisphosphonate or has a medical reason (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc.) for not using an oral bisphosphonate
	• For members ≥ 40 years of age on long-term glucocorticoid therapy:
	  ○ Dosage of the oral glucocorticoid therapy is equivalent to a dose greater than 2.5 mg of prednisone daily
	  ○ Member has a moderate to very high risk of fracture based on ONE of the following:
	  ▪ History of osteoporotic fracture
	  ▪ BMD less than or equal to -1 at the hip or spine
	  ▪ FRAX 10-year risk for major osteoporotic fracture greater than or equal to 10% (with glucocorticoid adjustment)
	  ▪ FRAX 10-year risk for hip fracture greater than 1% (with glucocorticoid adjustment)
	• For adult members (all ages) receiving HIGH dose glucocorticoid therapy:
	  ○ Member has a moderate to very high risk of fracture based on ONE of the following:
	  ▪ History of prior fracture(s)
	  ▪ Glucocorticoid dose ≥ 30mg/day or cumulative ≥ 5 grams/year
	  ▪ Continuing glucocorticoid treatment ≥ 7.5mg/day for ≥ 6 months AND BMD Z score < -3 OR significant BMD loss (> least significant change of DXA)
	• If the request is for a non-preferred product, a trial and failure of, contraindication to, or medical reason for not using a preferred product is required
	
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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Insulin-Like Growth Factor-1 Receptor (Igf-1r) Antagonists For Thyroid Eye Disease**
Drugs	Tepezza (teprotumumab-trbw)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Member must be 18 years age or older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be an ophthalmologist, endocrinologist, or specialist with expertise in the treatment of Grave's disease with thyroid eye disease.
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the request will be approved for up to 24 weeks of treatment (8 total infusions). Retreatment requests will not be allowed beyond the 8 dose limit.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** Tepezza is approved when all of the following are met: • Dosing does not exceed dosing guidelines as outlined in the package insert • Patient has a confirmed diagnosis of Graves' disease • Documentation of moderate-severe thyroid eye disease as evidenced by one or more of the following: o Lid retraction of >2mm o Moderate or severe soft-tissue involvement o Proptosis ≥3mm above normal values for race and sex o Periodic or constant diplopia • Patient must be euthyroid or thyroxine and free triiodothyronine levels are less than 50% above or below normal limits (submit laboratory results with request) • Patients of reproductive potential: attestation the patient is not pregnant, and appropriate contraception methods will be used before, during, and 6 months after the last infusion • Patient has had a trial and therapy failure of, or contraindication to: o For active disease: oral or IV glucocorticoids o For chronic/inactive disease: rehabilitative surgery

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Insulin Pumps**
Drugs	Omnipod Dash Intro Kit, Omnipod Dash Pods, Omnipod 5 G6 Intro Kit, Omnipod 5 G6 Pods, OmniPod GO **This policy does not apply to pumps reviewed and/or covered by the Medical Benefit including, but not limited to V-Go 24-hour disposable system and t:slim X2, and continuous glucose monitor/insulin pumps such as MiniMed. Requests for these products are referred to the plan's Utilization Management team for review.**
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	None
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	None
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist, a certified diabetes care and education specialist (CDCES), or an obstetrician/gynecologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization** • Diagnosis – diabetes • One of the following o Type 1 diabetes or other insulin-deficient forms of diabetes (e.g. cystic-fibrosis related diabetes) o Treatment with multiple daily doses (≥ 3) of insulin o Pregnancy o Continuation of therapy for patient new to plan o For OmniPod GO: trial and failure of a long-acting insulin or a medical reason why long-acting insulin cannot be used (adherence, etc.) **Reauthorization** • One of the following: o Type 1 diabetes or other insulin-deficient form of diabetes o Prescriber attests member has benefited from, and has continued need for, therapy with an insulin pump o Initial approval was based on continuation of therapy for patient new to plan. o For OmniPod GO: continuous use of approved insulin compatible with

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Prior Authorization Group Description	**InPen**
Drugs	InPen
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	None
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Age 7 years and older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the request will be approved 1 system per year
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 2/2025	**<u>Initial Authorization</u>** • Patient has a diagnosis of diabetes and requires use of insulin • Treatment with multiple daily doses (≥ 3) of insulin • Medical justification supports necessity of the digital component (i.e., rationale why insulin dose/usage cannot be calculated/tracked manually such as member has an intellectual disability, or no caregivers are available to assist with insulin dose calculation) **<u>Reauthorization</u>** • Patient has a diagnoses of diabetes and requires use of insulin • Continued use of multiple daily doses (≥ 3) of insulin • Medical justification supports continued necessity of the digital component **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Janus Kinase Inhibitors for Nonsegmental Vitiligo**
Drugs	Opzelura (ruxolitinib)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert (PPI)
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	≥ 12 years of age
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist, immunologist, or specialist experienced in treatment of vitiligo
Coverage Duration	If criteria are met, the request will be approved with up to a 6 month duration. All reauthorization requests will be approved up to 12 months in duration.

Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization**
	o Diagnosis of nonsegmental vitiligo
	o Documentation of depigmented lesions including measurements and locations is provided
	o Prescriber attests that the total body vitiligo area (facial and nonfacial) being treated does not exceed 10% BSA
	o Trial and failure of, or intolerance to, ALL of the following:
	  o Topical corticosteroids
	  o Topical calcineurin inhibitors
	  o Targeted phototherapy
	o Prescriber attests that the member will not concomitantly use therapeutic biologics, other Janus kinase inhibitors, potent immunosuppressants, or phototherapy for repigmentation purposes
	o Request is for an FDA-approved dose
	
	****A MAXIMUM OF ONE 60 GRAM TUBE OF OPZELURA PER WEEK OR ONE 100 GRAM TUBE EVERY TWO WEEKS MAY BE APPROVED****
	
	Reauthorization
	o Prescriber attests that the member has experienced a clinical benefit (e.g. reduction in size or quantity of or stabilization of existing depigmented lesions; absence of new depigmented lesions)

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**HIF-PH Inhibitors for CKD Anemia**
Drugs	Vafseo (vadadustat)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Diagnosis of uncontrolled hypertension
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Member must be at least 18 years of age
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a hematologist or nephrologist
Coverage Duration	If all conditions are met, the request will be approved with a 6-month duration.

Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:**
	• Member has a diagnosis of chronic kidney disease (CKD) and has been undergoing dialysis for minimum time required by FDA-approved labeling
	• Member has a documented hemoglobin between 8.0 and 11.0 g/dL
	• Member has documentation of trial and failure, intolerance, contraindication, or inability to use erythropoietin stimulating agents (ESA)
	• The following lab results must be submitted and demonstrate normal values, otherwise, the member MUST be receiving, or is beginning therapy, to correct the deficiency:
	  o Serum ferritin level (> 100ng/mL)
	  o Transferrin saturation (TSAT) (> 20%)
	• Provider attests that member has no history of myocardial infarction, cerebrovascular event, or acute coronary syndrome in the past 3 months
	• Member will not be receiving concurrent treatment with an ESA
	• Request is for an FDA-approved dose
	• All submitted lab results have been drawn within 30 days of the request
	
	Reauthorization:
	• All submitted lab results have been drawn within 30 days of the reauthorization request.
	• Member has a documented increase in hemoglobin from baseline

Revision/ Review Date: 2/2025	• The following lab results must be submitted and demonstrate normal values, otherwise, the member MUST be receiving, or is beginning therapy, to correct the deficiency:
	  ○ Serum ferritin level (> 100ng/mL)
	  ○ Transferrin saturation (TSAT) (> 20%)
	• Member will not be receiving concurrent treatment with an ESA
	• Request is for an FDA-approved dose
	
	Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Joenja**
Drugs	Joenja (leniolisib)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert (PPI).
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Per prescribing information.
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be an immunologist, hematologist, medical geneticist, or other prescriber who specializes in the treatment of genetic or immunologic disorders.
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, requests will be approved with up to a 6-month duration. Thereafter, reauthorization requests will be approved with up to a 12-month duration.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date 7/2024	**Initial Authorization:** • Documentation of APDS/PASLI-associated PIK3CD/PIK3R1 mutation, confirmed by genetic testing. • Documentation of nodal and/or extranodal lymphoproliferation, history of repeated oto-sino-pulmonary infections and/or organ dysfunction (e.g., lung, liver) • Prescriber attests that the member is not currently taking immunosuppressive medication • Prescriber attests that female patients have been advised of the potential risk to a fetus, will use effective contraception and have had a negative pregnancy test prior to initiation of treatment • Medication is being prescribed at an FDA approved dose **Reauthorization:** • Documentation has been submitted indicating member has experienced a clinical benefit from treatment (e.g., decreased lymph node size, increase in percentage of naïve B cells) • Prescriber attests that female patients will use effective contraception and have had a negative pregnancy test • Medication is being prescribed at an FDA approved dose **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Agents for Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia (HoFH)**
Drugs	**Evkeeza (evinacumab-dgnb)** **Juxtapid (lomitapide)** ****Please refer to the "Proprotein Convertase Subtilisin/kexin 9 (PCSK9) Inhibitors" policy for requests for medications in that class****
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	N/A
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by cardiologist or specialist in treatment of lipid disorders.
Coverage Duration	If all of the above conditions are met, the initial request will be approved for up to a 6 month duration, and the reauthorization request will be approved for a 12 month duration.

Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:**
	• Documentation of a diagnosis of homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH) via either:
	  ○ Genetic confirmation of two mutant alleles at the LDL receptor, ApoB, PCSK9 or ARH adaptor protein gene locus; OR
	  ○ A clinical diagnosis of HoFH which includes: untreated LDL-C >500 mg/dL (>13 mmol/L) or treated LDL-C ≥300 mg/dL (>8 mmol/L), AND
	  ▪ Cutaneous or tendon xanthoma before age 10 years, OR
	  ▪ Elevated LDL-C levels consistent with heterozygous FH in both parents.
	• Patient has tried and failed atorvastatin 40mg-80mg or rosuvastatin 20-40mg (consistently for 3 months via claim history or chart notes). If patient is not able to tolerate atorvastatin or rosuvastatin, documentation was provided that patient is taking another statin at the highest tolerated dose, or a medical reason was provided why the member is not able to use these therapies.
	• If prescriber indicates member is "statin intolerant", documentation was provided including description of the side effects, duration of therapy, "wash out", re-trial, and then change of agents.
	• Patient has tried and failed ezetimibe at a maximal tolerated dose or a medical reason was provided why the member is not able to use ezetimibe
	• Member has documented trial and failure with PCSK9 inhibitor for at least 3 months, or a medical reason has been provided, why member is unable to use a PCSK9 inhibitor indicated for HoFH to manage their condition.

Revision/Review Date 2/2025	• Documentation was provided indicating provider has counseled member on smoking cessation and following a “heart healthy diet”. • Documentation was provided of current LDL level **Reauthorization:** • Documentation submitted indicates that the member has obtained clinical benefit from the medication including repeat fasting lipid panel lab report, and the member has achieved or maintained a LDL reduction from the levels immediately prior to initiation of treatment with Juxtapid or Evkeeza. • The patient’s claim history shows consistent therapy (monthly fills). **Medical Director/Clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Ketamine**
Drugs	Ketamine (Ketalar)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	Depression: N/A Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS): pain management specialist
Coverage Duration	Initial: 4 weeks Continuation of therapy: 6 months
Other Criteria	**<u>Depression</u>** **Initial Authorization:** • Diagnosis of major depressive disorder (MDD) or treatment-resistant depression (TRD) • Documented trial and failure of two preferred oral antidepressants (e.g. SSRIs, SNRIs, TCAs) of at least a minimum effective dose for four (4) weeks or longer OR a medical justification as to why the patient cannot use preferred alternative(s). **Re-authorization:** • Documentation was submitted indicating the member has clinically benefited from therapy. **<u>CRPS</u>** **Initial Authorization:** • Diagnosis of CRPS (may also be termed reflex sympathetic dystrophy, algodystrophy, causalgia, Sudeck atrophy, transient osteoporosis, and acute atrophy of bone) • Patient has tried and failed at least 8 weeks treatment with or continues to receive physical therapy (PT) and/or occupational therapy (OT). • Patient has tried and failed at least two of the following: o NSAIDs o Anticonvulsants (e.g. gabapentin, pregabalin) o Antidepressants (e.g. SNRIs, TCAs)

Revision/Review Date 4/2025	○ Bisphosphonate (in the setting of abnormal uptake on bone scan) **Re-authorization:** • Patient has demonstrated clinical benefit. **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	Kebilidi (eladocagene exuparvovec-tneq)
Drugs	Kebilidi (eladocagene exuparvovec-tneq)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Previous treatment with gene therapy
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a geneticist or neurologist.
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the request will be approved for one treatment per lifetime (4 infusions).
Other Criteria Review/Revision Date: 4/2025	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose • Documentation of genetically confirmed diagnosis of aromatic L-amino acid decarboxylase (AADC) deficiency evidenced by biallelic mutations in the *DDC* gene (copy of genetic test submitted with request) • Documentation of skull maturity confirmed by neuroimaging • Patient has classic clinical characteristics (e.g. oculogyric crises, hypotonia, developmental delay) of AADC deficiency that are not well-managed by symptomatic control drugs (i.e. dopamine agonists, monoamine oxidase inhibitor, pyridoxine, etc.) **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Kisunla**
Drugs	Kisunla (donanemab-azbt)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Patients with moderate to severe Alzheimer's Disease (AD) Patients with neurodegenerative disease caused by a condition other than AD
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Age 60-85 years
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a neurologist
Coverage Duration	For initial authorization: the request will be approved in accordance with the FDA-indicated titration schedule for up to 6 months For reauthorization: if all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for 6 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization** • Diagnosis of mild cognitive impairment (MCI) caused by AD or mild AD dementia consistent with Stage 3 or Stage 4 Alzheimer's disease as evidenced by at least one of the following: o Clinical Dementia Rating Global (CDR-G) score of 0.5-1.0 o Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE) score ≥ 20 and ≤ 28 o Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) score of ≥16 • The request is for an FDA approved dose • Documentation of BOTH of the following: o Recent, within past year, positive results for the presence of beta-amyloid plaques on a positron emission tomography (PET) scan or cerebrospinal fluid testing o Recent, within past year, baseline Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scan • Physician has assessed baseline disease severity utilizing an objective measure/tool (i.e., integrated Alzheimer's Disease Rating Scale [iADRS], Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale-Cognitive Subscale [ADAS-Cog], Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study-instrumental Activities of Daily Living [ADCS-iADL], Clinical Dementia Rating-Sum of Boxes [CDR-SB], etc.) • No recent (past 1 year) history of stroke, seizures or transient ischemic attack (TIA), or findings on neuroimaging that indicate an increased risk for intracerebral hemorrhage **Reauthorization** • The request is for an FDA approved dose • Patient continues to have a diagnosis of MCI caused by AD or mild AD dementia consistent with Stage 3 or Stage 4 Alzheimer's disease as evidenced by at least one of the following: o CDR-G score of 0.5-1.0 o MMSE score of 20-28

Revision/ Review Date: 4/2025	○ MoCA score of ≥16 • Provider attestation of safety monitoring and management of amyloid related imaging abnormalities (ARIA) and intracerebral hemorrhage, as recommended per the manufacturer's prescribing information • Documentation that member has experienced clinical benefit from the medication (i.e., stabilization or decreased rate of decline in symptoms from baseline on CDR-SB, iADRS, ADAS-Cog, or ADCS-iADL scales) • No recent (past 1 year) history of stroke, seizures or TIA **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Kuvan**
Drugs	sapropterin (Kuvan)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert).
Exclusion Criteria	None
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	None
Prescriber Restrictions	Specialist experienced in treating Phenylketonuria (PKU)
Coverage Duration	Initial: If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for one month Reauthorization: If the criteria are met, the request will be approved 1 month for patients who require a dose increase to 20 mg/kg/day due to non-responsiveness and for all other patients the request will be approved for a duration of 6 months. If the provider states that the requested medication is for a chronic or long-term condition for which the medication may be necessary for the life of the patient, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	**INITIAL AUTHORIZATION:** • Documentation of a confirmed diagnosis of phenylketonuria (PKU) • Documentation of the patient's baseline blood Phe level (within 30 days of the request) • Documentation or prescriber attestation that the patient is currently utilizing a Phe restricted diet • Documentation of the patient's current weight • The medication is being prescribed at an FDA-approved dose **PA CRITERIA FOR REAUTHORIZATION:** *Patients dosed at 20mg/kg/day (from initial auth) and did not have a decrease in Phe level of at least 30% from baseline, are considered NON RESPONDERS and NO ADDITIONAL TREATMENT will be authorized.* • Documentation of the patient's current weight • Documentation of updated blood Phe level results showing reduction in Phe level from baseline • The medication is being prescribed at an FDA approved dosage. **Clinical reviewer/Medical Director must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Lamzede**
Drugs	Lamzede (velmanase alfa-tycv)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	"See Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a specialist in the treatment of alpha-mannosidosis or other lysosomal storage disorders
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 12 months

Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization**
	• Diagnosis of alpha-mannosidosis as confirmed by one of the following:
	  o Deficiency in alpha-mannosidase enzyme levels or activity in blood leukocytes
	  o DNA testing
	• Prescriber attests that medication will only be used to treat non-central nervous system manifestations of alpha-mannosidosis
	• Patient's weight
	• Dosing is consistent with FDA-approved labeling or is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines
	
	Reauthorization
	• Patient has demonstrated a clinical response (i.e., reduction in serum oligosaccaride concentrations, stabilization or improvement in 3-minute stair climbing test [3MSCT], 6-minute walking test [6-MWT], forced vital capacity [FVC], etc.)
	• Prescriber attests that medication will only be used to treat non-central nervous system manifestations of alpha-mannosidosis
	• Patient's weight
	• Dosing is consistent with FDA-approved labeling or is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines

Revision/Review Date 4/2025	**Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	Lenmeldy
Drugs	Lenmeldy (atidarsagene autotemcel)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by a neurologist or geneticist
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for a one-time treatment.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 7/2024	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** • Member has diagnosis of one of the following metachromatic leukodystrophies (MLD): o Pre-symptomatic late infantile (PSLI) MLD o Pre-symptomatic early juvenile (PSEJ) MLD o Early symptomatic early juvenile (ESEJ) MLD • Documentation patient has both of the following: o Arylsulfatase A (ARSA) activity below the normal range (normal range 31-198 nmol/mg/h) o Identification of two disease-causing ARSA alleles • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **The safety and effectiveness of repeat administration of Lenmeldy has not been evaluated and will not be approved.** **If all the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Leqembi**
Drugs	Leqembi (lecanemab-irmb)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Patients with moderate to severe Alzheimer's Disease (AD) Patients with neurodegenerative disease caused by a condition other than AD
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	age 50-90 years
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a neurologist
Coverage Duration	For initial and reauthorizations: if all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for 6 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization** • Diagnosis of mild cognitive impairment (MCI) caused by AD or mild AD consistent with Stage 3 or Stage 4 Alzheimer's disease as evidenced by at least one of the following: o Clinical Dementia Rating Global (CDR-G) score of 0.5-1.0 and a Memory Box score of 0.5 or greater o Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE) score ≥ 22 and ≤ 30 o Wechsler Memory Scale IV-Logical Memory (subscale) II (WMS-IV LMII) score at least 1 standard deviation below age-adjusted mean • The request is for an FDA approved dose • Documentation of BOTH of the following: o Recent, within past year, positive results for the presence of beta-amyloid plaques on a positron emission tomography (PET) scan or cerebrospinal fluid testing o Recent, within past year, baseline Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scan • Physician has assessed baseline disease severity utilizing an objective measure/tool (i.e., Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale-Cognitive Subscale [ADAS-Cog-14], Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study-Activities of Daily Living Inventory-Mild Cognitive Impairment version [ADCS-ADL-MCI], Clinical Dementia Rating Sum of Boxes [CDR-SB], etc.)

Revision/Review Date 4/2025	• No recent (past 1 year) history of stroke, seizures or transient ischemic attack (TIA), or findings on neuroimaging that indicate an increased risk for intracerebral hemorrhage. **<u>Reauthorization</u>** • The request is for an FDA approved dose • Patient continues to have a diagnosis of mild cognitive impairment (MCI) caused by AD or mild AD consistent with Stage 3 or Stage 4 Alzheimer's disease as evidenced by at least one of the following: o CDR-G score of 0.5-1.0 and a Memory Box score of 0.5 or greater o MMSE score of 22-30 o Wechsler Memory Scale IV-Logical Memory (subscale) II (WMS-IV LMII) score at least 1 standard deviation below age-adjusted mean • Provider attestation of safety monitoring and management of amyloid related imaging abnormalities (ARIA) and intracerebral hemorrhage, as recommended per the manufacturer's prescribing information. • Documentation that member has experienced clinical benefit from the medication (such as: stabilization or decreased rate of decline in symptoms from baseline on CDR-SB, ADAS-Cog14, or ADCS MCI-ADL scales) • No recent (past 1 year) history of stroke, seizures, or TIA **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Lodoco**
Drugs	Lodoco (colchicine) tablets
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Per FDA approved prescribing information
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be, or in consultation with a specialist in the treatment of cardiovascular disease, such as a cardiologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 12 months.

Other Criteria
 	
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	• Patient has established atherosclerotic disease or multiple risk factors for cardiovascular disease
	• Patient is currently receiving statin therapy, or documentation has been provided that the member has a medical reason statin therapy is not appropriate
	• Documentation is provided that guideline directed medical therapies targeted to patient's specific risk factors are being maximized, such as medications targeted at reduction in cholesterol, blood pressure, antiplatelet therapies, and diabetes
	• Patient does not have pre-existing blood dyscrasias (ex. leukopenia, thrombocytopenia)
	• Patient does not have renal failure (CrCl less than 15 ml/min) or severe hepatic impairment
	• Patient is not currently taking medications contraindicated for concurrent use with Lodoco
	  o Strong CYP3A4 inhibitors (ex. atazanavir, clarithromycin, darunavir/ritonavir, indinavir, itraconazole, ketoconazole, lopinavir/ritonavir, nefazodone, nelfinavir, ritonavir, saquinavir, telithromycin, tipranavir/ritonavir)
	  o P-glycoprotein inhibitors (ex. cyclosporine, ranolazine)
	
	Physician/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Topical mTOR Kinase Inhibitors**
Drugs	Hyftor (sirolimus topical gel)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert (PPI).
Exclusion Criteria	Member concomitantly taking an oral mTOR inhibitor
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Member must be 6 years or older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a dermatologist, medical geneticist, neurologist, or other prescriber who specializes in the treatment of genetic or dermatologic disorders.
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, requests will be approved with up to a 3 month duration. Thereafter, reauthorization requests will be approved with up to a 6 month duration.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date 4/2025	**Initial Authorization:** • Member has a confirmed diagnosis of tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC) • Member has at least 3 facial angiofibromas measuring 2 mm or larger in diameter • Documentation of a comprehensive dermatologic evaluation has been provided • Prescriber attests that the member is not a candidate for laser therapy or surgery • Medication is being prescribed at an FDA approved dose **Reauthorization:** • Documentation has been provided indicating that the member has experienced a clinical benefit from treatment (e.g. improvement in size and color of angiofibromas) • Documentation of a comprehensive dermatologic evaluation has been provided • Prescriber attests that the member is not a candidate for laser therapy or surgery • Medication is being prescribed at an FDA approved dose

Ucopol Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Mucopolysaccharidosis II (Hunter Syndrome) Agents**
Drugs	**Elaprase (idursulfase)**
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	"See Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Patient is ≥ 16 months of age
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a specialist in the management Mucopolysaccharidosis II (geneticist, endocrinologist, neurologist, rheumatologist, etc.)
Coverage Duration	Initial Authorization: 6 months Reauthorization: 12 months
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization** • Diagnosis of Mucopolysaccharidosis II as confirmed by one of the following: o Enzyme assay demonstrating a deficiency of iduronate 2-sulfatase activity o Genetic testing • Patient's weight • Dosing is consistent with FDA-approved labeling or is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines **Reauthorization** • Patient has demonstrated a beneficial response (i.e., stabilization or improvement in 6-minute walk test [6-MWT], forced vital capacity [FVC]), urinary glycosaminoglycan (GAG) levels, liver volume, spleen volume, etc.) • Patient's weight • Dosing is consistent with FDA-approved labeling or is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**
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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Mucopolysaccharidosis VI (Maroteaux-Lamy Syndrome) Agents**
Drugs	**Naglazyme (galsulfase)**
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	"See Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	Initial: 6 months Renewal: 12 months

Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization**
	• Diagnosis of Mucopolysaccharidosis VI as confirmed by one of the following:
	  o Enzyme assay demonstrating a deficiency in N-acetygalactosamine 4-sulfatase (arylsulfatase B) enzyme activity
	  o DNA testing
	• Patient's weight
	• Dosing is consistent with FDA-approved labeling or is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines
	
	Reauthorization
	• Patient has demonstrated a beneficial response (i.e., stabilization or improvement in 12-minute walk test [12-MWT], 3-minute stair climb test, urinary glycosaminoglycan (GAG) levels, etc.)
	• Patient's weight
	• Dosing is consistent with FDA-approved labeling or is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Multaq**
Drugs	**Multaq (dronedarone)**
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Pregnancy
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	Request must be from a cardiologist or electrophysiologist.
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved with up to a 12 month duration.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date 4/2025	• Diagnosis of paroxysmal or persistent atrial fibrillation (AF) or atrial flutter (AFL) with a recent episode. • Must not have NYHA Class IV heart failure or symptomatic heart failure with recent decompensation requiring hospitalization or referral to a specialized heart failure clinic • Must have AF that can be cardioverted into normal sinus rhythm, or is currently in sinus rhythm • Prescriber attests women of childbearing potential have been counseled regarding appropriate contraceptives **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Myasthenia Gravis Agents**
Drugs	Rystiggo (rozanolixizumab), Soliris (eculizumab), Ultomiris (ravulizumab),Vyvgart (efgartigimod), Vyvgart Hytrulo (efgartigimod alfa and hyaluronidase), Zilbrysq (zilucoplan), BVEMV (eculizumab-aeeb), Epysqli (eculizumab-aagh)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist or rheumatologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.

Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:**
	• Diagnosis of generalized myasthenia gravis (gMG)
	• Patient has a positive serological test for one of the following:
	  o Anti-AChR antibodies
	  o Anti-muscle-specific tyrosine kinase (MuSK) antibodies (Rystiggo only)
	• Patient has a Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America (MGFA) clinical classification of class II, III or IV
	• For adults: patient has tried and failed, or has contraindication, to one of the following:
	  o Two (2) or more conventional therapies (i.e. acetylcholinesterase inhibitors, corticosteroids, non-steroidal immunosuppressive therapies)
	  o Failed at least 1 conventional therapy and required chronic plasmapheresis or plasma exchange or intravenous immunoglobulin
	• For eculizumab in patients 6-17 years: one of the following:
	  o Trial and failure of at least 1 conventional therapy (i.e. acetylcholinesterase inhibitors, corticosteroids, non-steroidal immunosuppressive therapies)
	  o Patient requires maintenance plasma exchange or intravenous immunoglobulin to control symptoms
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose

Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	• Patient is not using agents covered by this policy concurrently (i.e. no concurrent use of Vyvgart, Vyvgart Hytrulo, Rystiggo, Soliris, Ultomiris, BKEMV, Epysqli or Zilbrysq) • For Vyvgart Hytrulo, patient has tried and failed, or has contraindication, to Vyvgart • Requests for Soliris (eculizumab), BKEMV (eculizimab-aeeb), Epysqli (eculizumab-aagh), Ultomiris (ravulizumab), and Zilbrysq (zilucoplan) will also require all of the following: o For adults: patient has tried and failed, or has contraindication, to Vyvgart, Vyvgart Hytrulo, or Rystiggo. ▪ Additionally, if the request is for Soliris or BKEMV, member must also have a documented trial and failure or intolerance to Epysqli or a medical reason why Epysqli cannot be used. o All ages: documentation patient complies with the most current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for vaccinations against meningococcal infections in patients receiving a complement inhibitor**.** **<u>Re-Authorization:</u>** • Provider has submitted documentation of clinical response to therapy (e.g., reduction in disease severity, improvement in quality-of-life scores, MG-ADL scores, etc). • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose. **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Self-administered Disease Modifying Therapies (DMTs) for Multiple Sclerosis (MS)**
Drugs	Preferred: dimethyl fumarate (generic), teriflunomide, glatiramer, Glatopa (glatiramer), Avonex (interferon beta-1a), Rebif (interferon beta-1a), Betaseron (interferon beta-1b), fingolimod, Kesimpta (ofatumumab) Non-preferred: Briumvi (ublituximad-xiiv), Copaxone (glatiramer acetate), Gilenya (fingolimod), Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate), Aubagio (teriflunomide), Extavia (interferon beta-1b), Plegridy (peginterferon beta-1a), Mayzent (siponimod), Mavenclad (cladribine), Vumerity (diroximel fumarate), Zeposia (ozanimod), Bafiertam (monomethyl fumarate), Ponvory (ponesimod), Tascenso ODT (fingolimod), or any other newly marketed self-administered DMT for MS indicated for the listed diagnoses
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Primary Progressive MS (PPMS) Mavenclad: Clinically Isolated Syndrome (CIS)
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Patient must be age appropriate per prescribing information (PI)
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a neurologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 12 months for all agents except Mavenclad (cladribine). If all of the criteria for Mavenclad (cladribine) are met, the request will be approved for 1 course at a time with a lifetime maximum of 2 yearly treatment courses [1 course = (1 cycle per 30 days) two times].
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization** o For all requests, the medication is being prescribed at a dose that is consistent with FDA-approved package labeling, nationally recognized compendia, or peer-reviewed literature. Clinically Isolated Syndrome (CIS) o Diagnosis of CIS o If the request is for a preferred agent, approve. ⊖ If the request is for Gilenya: Healthcare Provider (HCP)-confirmed history of chickenpox, results of varicella zoster virus (VZV) antibody testing and, if negative, documentation of VZV vaccination o If the request is for Tascenco ODT (fingolimod) 0.25mg, the member must meet both of the following criteria: o Healthcare Provider (HCP)-confirmed history of chickenpox, results of varicella zoster virus (VZV) antibody testing and, if negative, documentation of VZV vaccination o Member weighs 40 kg or less

	○ If the request is for a non-preferred agent, then the member must have a documented trial of at least TWO chemically distinct preferred agents or have a documented medical reason (e.g. contraindication, intolerance, hypersensitivity, etc.) for not utilizing these therapies AND ○ If the request is for Bafiertam (monomethyl fumarate) or Vumerity (diroximel fumarate), the patient has a trial and failure of or documented medical reason for not using dimethyl fumarate (Tecfidera). ○ If the request is for Mayzent (siponimod), Tascenso ODT (fingolimod), Ponvory (ponesimod), or Zeposia (ozanimod), documentation of the following is required: ▪ Healthcare Provider (HCP)-confirmed history of chickenpox, results of varicella zoster virus (VZV) antibody testing and, if negative, documentation of VZV vaccination ▪ Additionally, for Mayzent, the following is required: Results of CYP2C9 genotyping and • patient does not have CYP2C9 *3/*3 (**CONTRAINDICATED**) • if patient has CYP2C9 *1/*3 or *2/*3, dose does not exceed 1 mg daily ○ If the request is for Tascenso ODT (fingolimod) 0.5mg, the patient has a trial and failure of or documented medical reason for not using fingolimod (Gilenya) <u>Relapsing Remitting MS (RRMS) and Secondary Progressive MS (SPMS)</u> ○ Diagnosis of RRMS or SPMS ○ If the request is for a preferred agent, approve. ○ If the request is for Gilenya: Healthcare Provider (HCP)-confirmed history of chickenpox, results of varicella zoster virus (VZV) antibody testing and, if negative, documentation of VZV vaccination ○ If the request is for Tascenco ODT (fingolimod) 0.25mg the member must meet both of the following criteria: ○ Healthcare Provider (HCP)-confirmed history of chickenpox, results of varicella zoster virus (VZV) antibody testing and, if negative, documentation of VZV vaccination ○ Member weighs 40 kg or less ○ If the request is for a non-preferred agent, then the member must have a documented trial of at least TWO chemically distinct preferred agents or have a documented medical reason (e.g. contraindication, intolerance, hypersensitivity, etc.) for not utilizing these therapies AND ○ If the request is for Bafiertam (monomethyl fumarate) or Vumerity (diroximel fumarate), the patient has a trial and failure of or

Revision/Review Date: 2/2025	documented medical reason for not using dimethyl fumarate (Tecfidera). o If the request is for Mavenclad (cladribine), documentation of the following: ▪ Patient's current weight ▪ Results of VZV antibody testing and, if negative, documentation of VZV vaccination ▪ If the patient has not tried at least one of the preferred therapies listed above but has a documented medical reason for not utilizing these therapies, the patient has tried and failed at least one other DMT for MS o If the request is for Mayzent (siponimod), Tascenso ODT, Ponvory (ponesimod), or Zeposia (ozanimod): ▪ Healthcare Provider (HCP)-confirmed history of chickenpox, results of varicella zoster virus (VZV) antibody testing and, if negative, documentation of VZV vaccination ▪ Additionally, for Mayzent, the following is required: Results of CYP2C9 genotyping and • patient does not have CYP2C9 *3/*3 (**CONTRAINDICATED**) • if patient has CYP2C9 *1/*3 or *2/*3, dose does not exceed 1 mg daily o If the request is for Tascenso ODT (fingolimod) 0.5mg, the patient has a trial and failure of or documented medical reason for not using fingolimod (Gilenya) **Reauthorization** CIS o The medication is being prescribed at a dose that is consistent with FDA-approved package labeling, nationally recognized compendia, or peer-reviewed literature o Documentation was provided that the prescriber has reviewed the risks and benefits of continuing DMT versus stopping. RRMS and SPMS o The medication is being prescribed at a dose that is consistent with FDA-approved package labeling, nationally recognized compendia, or peer-reviewed literature o Documentation was provided that the prescriber has evaluated the member and recommends continuation of therapy (clinical benefit). o If the request is for Mavenclad (cladribine), patient's current weight is required AND ****NO MORE THAN 2 COURSES IN TOTAL WILL BE APPROVED.**** **Continuation of Therapy:** Members with history (within the past 90 days or past 12 months for Mavenclad [cladribine]) of a non-preferred product are not required to try a

	preferred agent prior to receiving the non-preferred product for continuation of therapy. **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Healthcare professional (HCP) administered Disease Modifying Therapies (DMTs) for Multiple Sclerosis (MS)**
Drugs	Preferred: Tysabri (natalizumab), Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr)), Rituxan (rituximab), Riabni (rituximab-arrx), Truxima (rituximab-abbs), Rituxan Hycela (rituximab/hyaluronidase) Non-preferred/Non-formulary: Ocrevus (ocrelizumab), Ocrevus Zunovo (ocrelizumab-hyaluronidase-ocsq), Lemtrada (alemtuzumab), Briumvi (ublituximab)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Tysabri, Briumvi: • Primary Progressive MS (PPMS) Lemtrada: • PPMS • Clinically Isolated Syndrome (CIS)
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Patients must be age appropriate per PPI, nationally recognized compendia, or peer-reviewed medical literature
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a neurologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization** Clinically Isolated Syndrome (CIS), Relapsing Remitting MS (RRMS), Secondary Progressive MS (SPMS) • Diagnosis of CIS, RRMS, or SPMS • The medication is being prescribed at a dose consistent with FDA-approved package labeling, nationally recognized compendia, or peer-reviewed medical literature • If the request is for Tysabri (natalizumab), documentation of the following o Patient does not have a history of progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML) o Documentation consistent with pharmacy claims data indicating the patient is not currently using any antineoplastic, immunosuppressant, or immunomodulating medications • If the request is for a rituximab product or a non-preferred/non-formulary drug, documented trial of at least TWO of the following is required: o teriflunamide

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	• If the request is for Tysabri (natalizumab), documentation of the following has been submitted o Patient does not have a history of PML • Documentation consistent with pharmacy claims data was submitted indicating the patient is not currently using any antineoplastic, immunosuppressant, or immunomodulating medications **<u>Continuation of Therapy:</u>** Members with history (within the past 180 days or past 12 months for Lemtrada [alemtuzumab]) of a non-preferred product are not required to try a preferred agent prior to receiving the non-preferred product for continuation of therapy. **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Biologic Agents for Nasal Polyposis**
Drugs	**Preferred Drugs:** Dupixent (dupilumab) Xolair (omalizumab) Nucala (mepolizumab) **Non-Preferred Drugs:** and any newly-approved biologic agent for nasal polyposis
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Use of Dupixent, Xolair, or Nucala concomitantly or with another pulmonary biologic (e.g. Fasenra, Cinqair)
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be an allergist or otolaryngologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy the request will be approved for 6 months.

Other Criteria	****Xolair: For asthma and urticaria, please refer to the "Xolair for Asthma, Urticaria, and IgE-Mediated Food Allergy" policy****
	
	****Dupixent: For atopic dermatitis, please refer to the "Agents for Atopic Dermatitis" policy; For asthma, please refer to the "Pulmonary Biologics for Respiratory and Eosinophilic Conditions" policy****
	
	****Nucala: For asthma or other eosinophilic conditions, please refer to the "Pulmonary Biologics for Respiratory and Eosinophilic Conditions" policy****
	
	Initial Authorization:
	• Diagnosis of chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyposis (CRSwNP)
	• Medication is being prescribed at an FDA approved dosage
	• Documentation of ONE of the following:
	  ○ Trial and failure, or medical reason for not using, all of the following therapies:
	  ▪ an intranasal corticosteroid
	  ▪ a systemic corticosteroid
	  ○ Prior surgery for nasal polyps
	• Patient is currently using an intranasal corticosteroid, will be prescribed at an intranasal corticosteroid, or has a documented medical reason for not using an intranasal corticosteroid
	• For requests for non-preferred drugs, a trial and failure of, or documented medical reason for not using, a preferred drug is required.
	
	Re-authorization:
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA-approved dosage
	• Member will continue to use an intranasal corticosteroid, or has a medical reason for

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Natriuretic Peptides for Achondroplasia**
Drugs	Voxzogo (vosoritide)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Hypochondroplasia or short stature condition other than achondroplasia
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to FDA approved prescribing information
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, an endocrinologist, medical geneticist, or other specialist for the treatment of achondroplasia
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** • Member has a diagnosis of achondroplasia as confirmed via genetic testing • Prescriber attests patient has open epiphyses • Documentation of baseline growth velocity • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **<u>Re-Authorization:</u>** • Documentation of positive clinical response to therapy (as demonstrated by improvement over baseline in annualized growth velocity) • Prescriber attests patient has open epiphyses • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder (NMOSD) Agents**
Drugs	Step 1: Rituximab (Rituxan, Truxima, Riabni, Ruxience), Step 2: Enspryng (satralizumab-mwge) Uplizna (inebilizumab-cdon) Step 3: Soliris (eculizumab) Ultomiris (ravulizumab-cwyz)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	For Enspryng, Uplizna, Soliris, Ultomiris: Anti-aquaporin-4 (AQP4) antibody **negative** neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD)
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a specialist who is experienced in the treatment of NMOSD (such as immunologist, neurologist or hematologist)
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, requests will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** For rituximab (Rituxan, Truxima, Riabni, or Ruxience): • Member has a diagnosis of NMOSD • Documentation indicating that the patient has been screened for HBV (hepatitis B virus) prior to initiation of treatment • Dosing is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines • If the request is for any medication other than Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr) or Riabni (rituximab-arrx), there is a documented trial and failure of Ruxience or Riabni, or medical reason why (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) they cannot be used For Enspryng: • Member has a diagnosis of anti-aquaporin-4 (AQP4) antibody **positive** NMOSD • Provider attests to completion of the following assessments prior to the first dose of Enspryng as outlined in the prescribing information: o Hepatitis B virus screening o Tuberculosis screening

	o Liver transaminase screening o Patient has not received live or attenuated-live virus vaccines within 4 weeks before the start of Enspryng therapy • Documented trial and failure of rituximab (Rituxan, Truxima, Riabni, or Ruxience), azathioprine, or mycophenolate mofetil, or medical reason why (e.g., intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) they cannot be used • Dosing is consistent with FDA-approved labeling or is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines Exceptions: Requests for drugs in step 2 (Enspryng, Uplizna) may be approved without a trial and failure of rituximab (Rituxan, Truxima, Riabni, Ruxience), azathioprine, or mycophenolate if the member has been using Soliris <u>For Uplizna:</u> • Member has a diagnosis of anti-aquaporin-4 (AQP4) antibody **positive** NMOSD • Provider attests to completion of appropriate assessments prior to the first dose of Uplizna as outlined in the prescribing information: o Hepatitis B virus screening o Quantitative serum immunoglobulins o Tuberculosis screening o Patient has not received live or attenuated-live virus vaccines within 4 weeks before the start of Uplizna therapy • Documented trial and failure of rituximab (Rituxan, Truxima, Riabni, or Ruxience), azathioprine, or mycophenolate mofetil or medical reason why (e.g., intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) they cannot be used • Dosing is consistent with FDA-approved labeling or is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines Exceptions: Requests for drugs in step 2 (Enspryng, Uplizna) may be approved without a trial and failure of rituximab (Rituxan, Truxima, Riabni, Ruxience), azathioprine, or mycophenolate if the member has been using Soliris <u>For Soliris/Ultomiris:</u> • Member has a diagnosis of anti-aquaporin-4 (AQP4) antibody **positive** NMOSD

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	• Documentation of vaccination against meningococcal disease or a documented medical reason why the patient cannot receive vaccination or vaccination needs to be delayed
	• Antimicrobial prophylaxis with oral antibiotics (penicillin, or macrolides if penicillin-allergic) for two weeks if the meningococcal vaccine is administered < 2 weeks before starting therapy or a documented medical reason why the patient cannot receive oral antibiotic prophylaxis.
	• Documented trial and failure of, or medical reason why (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) why the following cannot be used (one from each bullet below):
	  o Rituximab (Rituxan, Truxima, Riabni, or Ruxience), azathioprine, or mycophenolate mofetil
	  o Enspryng
	  o Uplizna
	• Dosing is consistent with FDA-approved labeling or is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines
	
	<u>Reauthorization:</u>
	• Documentation that the prescriber has evaluated the member and recommends continuation of therapy (clinical benefit)
	• Request is for an FDA approved/medically accepted dose
	
	Physician/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Medications for Management of Obesity**
Drugs	<u>Preferred</u> Wegovy Zepbound (tirzepatide) Phentermine <u>Non-Preferred</u> Adipex-P (phentermine) Xenical (orlistat) Saxenda orlistat amphetamine sulfate tab benzphetamine diethylpropion, diethylpropion ER Evekeo tab/ODT phendimetrazine, phendimetrazine ER Lomaira (phentermine) Phendimetrazine tartrate tab/ER cap Imcivree (setmelanotide) Any newly-approved medication indicated for obesity or weight management *Note: Alli is not a covered benefit* * For Wegovy requests for reducing the risk of adverse cardiovascular events (cardiovascular death, non-fatal myocardial infarction, or non-fatal stroke) in adults with established cardiovascular disease, please refer to the Wegovy in Cardiovascular Disease criteria*
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert (PPI).
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See “other criteria”
Age Restrictions	Age appropriate per labeling
Prescriber Restrictions	Imcivree: Prescribed by or in consultation with medical geneticist, endocrinologist, or specialist in metabolic disorders N/A for all other agents
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 6 months, or 12 months for Imcivree for BBS.

Other Criteria	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>**
	• Requested dose is appropriate per labeling
	• Documentation of current weight and body mass index (BMI)
	• BMI must be one of the following:
	  o BMI of 27 - 29.9 kg/m^2 with one of the following weight-related comorbidities: coronary artery disease, diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia, or obstructive sleep apnea
	  o BMI of 30 kg/m^2 or more
	  o Pediatric patients must be considered obese per package insert
	• Documentation of counseling regarding lifestyle changes and behavioral modification (e.g., healthy diet and increased physical activity)
	• For Lomaira: trial and failure or medical reason for not using generic phentermine
	• For Imcivree, the patient meets one of the following:
	  o Diagnosis of Bardet-Biedl syndrome (BBS)
	  o Obesity is related to proopiomelanocortin (POMC), proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 1 (PCSK1), or leptin receptor (LEPR) deficiency AND:
	  ▪ Deficiency is documented by an FDA-approved genetic test confirming variants in POMC, PCSK1, or LEPR genes that are interpreted as pathogenic, likely pathogenic, or of uncertain significance
	  ▪ POMC, PCSK1, or LEPR variants classified as benign or likely benign will not be approved
	• For requests for non-preferred drugs, a trial and failure of, or documented medical reason for not using, a preferred drug is required

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Medications without Drug or Class Specific Criteria**
Drugs	• Medications without drug or class specific prior authorization criteria • Brand drugs and reference biologics when a therapeutic equivalent generic drug or biosimilar/interchangeable biologic is available ***The Oncology Drugs prior authorization criteria will be applied to oncology drugs without drug or class specific criteria***
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, requests will be approved for up to 12 months (depending on the diagnosis and usual treatment duration).
Other Criteria	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** **All Requests:** • The drug is requested for an appropriate use (per the references outlined in "Covered Uses") • The dose requested is appropriate for the requested use (per the references outlined in "Covered Uses") • Patient meets one of the three following criteria: o Documented trial and failure or intolerance of two alternative formulary/preferred medications appropriate for the requested use (per the references outlined in "Covered Uses" or has a medical reason why these drug(s) cannot be used [e.g. intolerance, contraindication]). For medications where there is only one preferred agent, only that agent must have been ineffective or not tolerated. o No other preferred medication has a medically accepted use for the patient's specific diagnosis as referenced in the medical compendia. o All other preferred medications are contraindicated based on the patient's diagnosis, other medical conditions, or other medication therapy.

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Nemluvio for Prurigo Nodularis**
Drugs	Nemluvio (nemolizumab-ilto)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	18 years of age and older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be an allergist, immunologist, or a dermatologist.
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.

Other Criteria
 	
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	<u>Initial Authorization:</u>
	• Diagnosis of severe prurigo nodularis (PN) with ≥ 6 weeks of pruritus
	• Member has ≥ 20 PN lesions
	• Documentation of member weight
	• Member has a ≥ 2-week trial of one of the following:
	  o Moderate potency or higher topical corticosteroid (TCS)
	  o Topical calcineurin inhibitor (TCI)
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose
	<u>Re-Authorization:</u>
	• Documentation or provider attestation of positive clinical response (reduced nodular lesion count, decreased pruritis, etc.)
	• Documentation of member weight
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose
	
	If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Niemann-Pick Disease Type C**
Drugs	Miplyffa (arimoclomol), Aqneursa (levacetylleucine)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Concomitant use of Miplyffa and Aqneursa
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a neurologist, geneticist, or specialist in the treatment of Niemann-Pick disease type C (NPC)
Coverage Duration	If all criteria are met, the request will be approved for 12 months.

Other Criteria
 	
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	<u>Initial Authorization</u>
	• Diagnosis of NPC as confirmed by genetic testing demonstrating one of the following:
	  o Mutations in both alleles of NPC1 gene or NPC2 gene
	  o Mutation in one allele of NPC1 or NPC2 AND either a positive filipin-staining or elevated cholestane triol/oxysterols (>2x the upper limit of normal)
	• Documentation that member has at least one neurological sign of NPC (i.e., cognitive decline, vertical supranuclear gaze palsy, ataxia, seizures, etc.)
	• Documentation that member is ambulatory
	• For Miplyffa, prescriber must also attest that member will use in combination with miglustat
	• Member's weight
	• Request is for an FDA-approved dose
	
	<u>Reauthorization</u>
	• Documentation of positive clinical response to therapy (i.e., improvement or stabilization in ambulation, fine motor skills, swallowing, or speech)
	• Member's weight
	• Request is for an FDA-approved dose
	
	Medical Director/clinical reviewer may override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Agents for Primary Biliary Cholangitis**
Drugs	Ocaliva (obeticholic acid), Iqirvo (elafibranor), Livdelzi (seladelpar)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restriction	Member must be 18 years of age or older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a hepatologist or gastroenterologist
Coverage Duration	For Ocaliva: If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 5 mg once daily for a 3 month duration for initial authorization and up to 10 mg once daily for up to a 12 month duration for reauthorization. For Iqirvo and Livdelzi: If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for a 3 month duration for initial authorization and for up to a 12 month duration for reauthorization.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • Diagnosis of primary biliary cholangitis (PBC) with confirmation of diagnosis by the following tests: a) Positive antimitochondrial antibody test b) Elevated serum alkaline phosphatase (ALP) level • Drug is being requested in addition to ursodeoxycholic acid (UDCA) due to patient having an inadequate response to UDCA monotherapy for at least 1 year, OR member has a documented medical reason (e.g., contraindication, intolerance, hypersensitivity) why UDCA cannot be used and is taking the requested drug as monotherapy • Prescriber attests the patient does not have complete biliary obstruction, decompensated cirrhosis (e.g., Child-Pugh Class B or C) • For Ocaliva, prescriber must also attest the patient does not have compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh Class A) with evidence of portal hypertension • Submission of the following test results within 30 days of request: a) Serum ALP b) Total bilirubin **Reauthorization:** • Provider attests that the patient has not developed complete biliary

Revision/Review Date 11/2024	obstruction, decompensated cirrhosis (e.g., Child-Pugh Class B or C) • For Ocaliva, prescriber must also attest the patient does not have compensated cirrhosis (Child-Pugh Class A) with evidence of portal hypertension • Submission of lab tests confirming each of the following: ○ A decrease in ALP of ≥ 15% from baseline ○ ALP is less than 1.67 times the upper limit normal (ULN); defined as 118 U/L for females and 124 U/L for males ○ Total bilirubin ≤ ULN defined as 1.1 mg/dL for females and 1.5 mg/dL for males ○ First reauthorization request for Ocaliva following 3 months at the 5 mg once daily dose can be authorized for the 10 mg once daily dose for 3 months without submission of lab tests confirming clinical benefit. **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Ohtuvayre**
Drugs	Ohtuvayre (ensifentrine)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• Primary diagnosis of asthma • Concomitant use of oral PDE4 inhibitors
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for a 6 month duration and reauthorization requests will be approved for up to a 12 month duration
Other Criteria Date: 11/2024	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** • Diagnosis of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) • Documentation of a pre- and post-albuterol FEV1/FVC ratio of <0.70 • Documentation of a score of ≥ 2 on the Modified Medical Research Council (mMRC) Dyspnea Scale or a score of ≥ 10 on the COPD Assessment Test (CAT) • Documented trial and failure of maintenance triple therapy consisting of a long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA), long-acting beta2 agonist (LABA), and inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) (or a documented medical reason must be provided why the member is unable to use these therapies) • The drug is being prescribed at an FDA approved dose **<u>Re-Authorization:</u>** • The drug is being prescribed at an FDA approved dose • The member has clinically benefitted from the medication (e.g. improvement in symptoms and exacerbations, improvement in mMRC or CAT, improvement in FEV1/FVC ratio, etc.) **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Omisirge**
Drugs	**Omisirge (omidubicel-onlv)**
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Patient has previously received this medication
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with an oncologist
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for a one-time treatment.
Other Criteria Review/Revision Date: 7/2024	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** • Patient has a hematologic malignancy planned for umbilical cord blood transplantation (UCBT) following myeloablative conditioning • Prescriber attests that the patient is eligible for myeloablative allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) AND does not have a readily available matched related donor, matched unrelated donor, mismatched unrelated donor, or haploidentical donor • Patient has not received a prior allogenic HSCT • Patient does not have known allergy to dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), Dextran 40, gentamicin, human serum albumin, or bovine material **The safety and effectiveness of repeat administration of Omisirge have not been evaluated and will not be approved.** **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Opioid-Containing Products**
Drugs	1. Opioids > 50 Morphine Milligram Equivalents (MME) per day 2. All short-acting opioids greater than 7 days 3. All long-acting opioids (defined as no history of long-acting opioids in the previous 90 days)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Members taking buprenorphine-containing products for opioid dependence
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	per package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for up to 6 months. Requests for members with cancer, sickle cell disease, or hospice care may be approved for up to 12 months.
Other Criteria	If the member has cancer, sickle cell disease, or is in hospice care, only the following criteria apply: • If the request is for a non-preferred medication, the member must meet non-preferred criteria. • Prescriber attests to checking the Delaware Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) for member history • For transmucosal fentanyl products (Subsys, Actiq, Lazanda, Fentora, Abstral), all of the following apply: o The medication is being requested for breakthrough cancer pain o Documentation that the member is opioid-tolerant. (Opioid tolerance is defined as current use of one the following oral morphine 60 mg/day, transdermal fentanyl 25 mcg/hour, oral oxycodone 30 mg/day, oral hydromorphone 8 mg/day, oral oxymorphone 25 mg/day, oral hydrocodone 60 mg/day, or an equianalgesic dose of another opioid for at least one week). o If the member is being newly-initiated on transmucosal fentanyl, the lowest dose of the respective formulation is being prescribed. (Data do not support an equianalgesic dosing of transmucosal fentanyl in relation to other opioids or between different transmucosal formulations). **Initial Authorization:** • The diagnosis is pain AND • For short-acting opioids, if the request is for above the aforementioned limits, the provider must supply detailed clinical information on the condition and medical documentation that necessitates exceeding the limits. • For oxycodone 15 mg, 20 mg, and 30 mg, approve if the member has an excluded medical condition (cancer, sickle cell, or is on hospice) or the member is on a dose of a long-acting medication that requires a high breakthrough pain dosage. The dosage of breakthrough pain medication should not exceed 10% of the total daily dose of long- acting opioids. • For long-acting opioids, the diagnosis is chronic pain that requires daily, around the clock opioid medication AND the provider attests that the member is treatment experienced with a history of a short-acting opioid.

Revision/Review Date: 6/2025	• The prescriber has justified medical necessity for dosing above 50 MME per day (e.g. active tapering) or greater than a 7 day supply of short-acting opioids
	• The member has tried and failed non-pharmacologic treatment (e.g. physical therapy, behavioral therapy) AND two non-opioid containing pain medications (e.g. acetaminophen, non-steroidal anti- inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), select antidepressants, anticonvulsants).
	• The member is not taking a benzodiazepine. If member is taking a benzodiazepine, prescriber has provided documentation as to why and has discussed risks of using opioids and benzodiazepines together.
	• The member is not taking a muscle relaxant. If member is taking a muscle relaxant, prescriber has provided documentation as to why and has discussed risks of using opioids and muscle relaxants together
	• Prescriber attests urine drug screens will be completed every 6 months and if illicit drugs are found, identifying the patient as high risk, the heightened risk of overdose will be explained to the patient.
	• If member has a high-risk condition stated in the CDC guidelines (ex. sleep apnea or other causes of sleep-disordered breathing, renal or hepatic insufficiency, older adults, pregnant women, depression or other mental health conditions, alcohol or other substance use disorders) prescriber attests to discussing heightened risks of opioid use and has educated member on naloxone use and has considered prescribing naloxone.
	• Prescriber attests to discussing with the member the level of risk for opioid abuse/overdose with the dose/duration prescribed.
	• Prescriber attests to discussing history of substance abuse and the risks associated with opioid overdose/abuse.
	• Prescriber has the member's signature on file acknowledging education regarding the risks of opioid therapy.
	• Prescriber attests that the member has entered into a pain management agreement (members in a facility are exempt from this requirement).
	• Prescriber attests to checking the Delaware Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) for member history.
	• If the request is for a non-preferred opioid, member must meet above criteria and ONE of the following:
	  o Documented trial and failure or intolerance with at least two preferred opioid medications
	  o No other preferred medication has a medically accepted use for the member's specific diagnosis as referenced in the medical compendia.
	
	Reauthorization:
	• If the member's daily opioid dose exceeds 50 MME or the quantity requested exceeds the limits noted above, the dose requested has been titrated down from the previous authorization. If not, the prescriber has explained medical necessity for continued dosing above 50 MME per day and/or above the quantity limits or proposed a plan for titration going forward.
	• Member is not taking a benzodiazepine. If member is taking a benzodiazepine, prescriber has provided documentation as to why and has discussed risks of using opioids and benzodiazepines together.
	• Member is not taking a muscle relaxant. If member is taking a muscle relaxant, prescriber has provided documentation as to why and has discussed risks of using opioids and muscle relaxants together.

	• Urine drug screens have been completed every 6 months and the dates have been submitted with the request. If illicit drugs are found, prescriber attests to identifying member as high risk and explained heightened risk of overdose to member. If opioids are not found on urine drug screen, prescriber attests to why member needs to continue therapy. • If member has a high-risk condition stated in the CDC guidelines (ex. sleep apnea or other causes of sleep-disordered breathing, renal or hepatic insufficiency, older adults, pregnant women, depression or other mental health conditions, alcohol or other substance use disorders) prescriber attests to discussing heightened risks of opioid use and has educated member on naloxone use and has considered prescribing naloxone. • Prescriber attests to checking the Delaware Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) for member history **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Opioid Use Disorder Treatment**
Drugs	**Preferred products:** • Brixadi weekly (buprenorphine) • Brixadi monthly (buprenorphine) • Buprenorphine tablets • Buprenorphine/naloxone tablets • Buprenorphine/naloxone films • Naltrexone • Vivitrol • Sublocade **Doses exceeding the daily quantity limit will require prior authorization** **Non-Preferred products**: • Lucemyra • Suboxone films • Zubsolv • Any other newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See “other criteria”
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	Preferred products initial authorization for doses that exceed the daily quantity limit: up to one month Lucemyra: maximum of 16 tablets per day for no more than 14 days Other non-preferred products and pregnant members: 12 months

Other Criteria	**<u>Initial Authorization for dosing that exceeds the daily quantity limit of oral buprenorphine products:</u>**
	• Diagnosis of opioid dependence or opioid use disorder
	• May approve dosage up to 24 mg/day (Suboxone or buprenorphine) or 17.1-4.2 mg (Zubsolv) on an initial prescription if ONE of the following applies:
	  o Patient is filling an opioid use disorder agent for the first time and requires a dose that exceeds the quantity limit for the first month of induction
	  o Member is pregnant
	
	Dosing that exceeds the daily quantity limit, following the one month induction will be denied, unless member is pregnant. Members are expected to titrate down to the daily quantity limit after a one month induction process.
	<u>Authorization of Lucemyra:</u>
	• Prescriber attests to review of the Delaware Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)
	• Member is undergoing abrupt opioid discontinuation and requires agent to mitigate opioid withdrawal symptoms
	• Documentation of trial and failure of or contraindication/intolerance to clonidine tablets or clonidine patch
	• Documentation provided that the member is undergoing a comprehensive treatment program for opioid use disorder treatment (not required if the prescriber is Board Certified in Addiction Medicine)
	
	<u>Authorization of non-preferred buprenorphine products:</u>
	• Prescriber attests to review of the Delaware Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)
	• Diagnosis of opioid dependence or opioid use disorder
	• The member has a documented trial of or contraindication to at least two preferred drugs for opioid dependence
	
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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Oxervate**
Drugs	Oxervate (cenegermin-bkbj)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert (PPI).
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, an ophthalmologist or optometrist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the request will be approved for a one-time 8-week treatment course. Additional treatment beyond 8-weeks will not be authorized.
Other Criteria	• Documented diagnosis of Stage 2 or 3 neurotrophic keratitis • Documented treatment failure with at least one conventional non-surgical treatment for neurotrophic keratitis (i.e., artificial tear products, therapeutic soft contact lenses) **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**
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Field Name	**Field Description**
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Palynziq**
Drugs	Palynziq (pegvaliase-pqpz)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	None
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	None
Prescriber Restrictions	Specialist experienced in the treatment of phenylketonuria (PKU).
Coverage Duration	Initial Authorizations: 12 months Dose Increases (to 40 mg or 60 mg daily): 16 weeks Reauthorization: 12 months
Other Criteria	**INITIAL AUTHORIZATION:** • Documentation of a confirmed diagnosis of Phenylketonuria (PKU); **AND** • Documentation the member's blood phenylalanine (Phe) level is greater than 600 micromol/L(include lab results; must be within the past 90 days) • Documentation or prescriber attestation that the member has attempted control of PKU through a Phe restricted diet with Phe-free medical products/foods in conjunction with dietician or nutritionist. (Examples include Phenyl-Free [phenylalanine free diet powder], Loplex, Periflex, Phlex-10, PKU 2, PKU 3, XPhe Maxamaid, XPhe Maxamum) • Member has previously received sapropterin (Kuvan) and either had an inadequate response, was a non-responder (defined as members who were dosed at 20 mg/kg/day and did not have a decrease in blood Phe level after 1 month), or has a documented medical reason why sapropterin (Kuvan) cannot be used • The medication is being prescribed at a dose no greater than the FDA approved maximum initial dose of 20 mg SQ once daily. **DOSE INCREASES:** • Documentation of recent blood Phe level results (within the past 90 days). • Confirmation Phe control has not been achieved after adequate timeframe on the current dosing regimen:

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Peanut Allergy Immunotherapy Agents (FDA Approved)**
Drugs	Palforzia [Peanut (Arachis hypogaea) Allergen Powder-dnfp] capsule/sachet
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Use of Palforzia concomitantly with Xolair
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Initiation: Patient is age 1-17 years. Up dosing and maintenance: Patient is age ≥ 1 year
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber is a specialist in the area of allergy/immunology
Coverage Duration	6 months
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** Palforzia is approved when all of the following criteria are met: • Patient has a confirmed diagnosis of peanut allergy • For patients starting initial dose escalation (new to therapy) o Patient has not had severe or life-threatening anaphylaxis within the previous 60 days • Patient will follow a peanut-avoidant diet • Patient has been prescribed and has acquired (as demonstrated by pharmacy claims or documentation) injectable epinephrine • No history of eosinophilic esophagitis or other eosinophilic gastrointestinal disease • Patient does not have uncontrolled asthma **Criteria for Re-Authorization:** Palforzia is approved for re-authorization when all of the following criteria are met • Patient will follow a peanut-avoidant diet • Patient is able to tolerate initial dose escalation • Patient is able to comply with the daily dosing requirements • Patient does not have recurrent asthma exacerbations or persistent loss of asthma control • Patient has been prescribed and has acquired (as demonstrated by pharmacy claims or documentation) injectable epinephrine **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in**

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Anti-Parkinson's Agents for OFF Episodes**
Drugs	Nourianz (istradefylline), Inbrija (levodopa) inhalation, apomorphine (Apokyn), Xadago (safinamide), Ongentys (opicapone), or any other newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See Other Criteria
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber is a neurologist or is working in consultation with a neurologist
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the initial requests will be approved for up to a 6 month duration and reauthorization requests will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • Diagnosis of Parkinson's disease • Patient is currently taking and will continue to take carbidopa/levodopa • Attestation or documentation patient is experiencing symptom fluctuations or off episodes while taking carbidopa/levodopa where attempts have been made to adjust the carbidopa/levodopa dose and/or formulation in order to manage symptoms without success • Documented trial and failure (or contraindication) to **at least two** of the following adjunctive medication classes: o COMT-inhibitors (e.g., entacapone) o Dopamine agonists (e.g., ropinirole, pramipexole) o MAO-B inhibitors (e.g., rasagiline, selegiline) • Dosing is appropriate as per labeling or is supported by compendia or standard of care guidelines • If the request is for Inbrija, patient does not have asthma, COPD, or other chronic underlying lung disease • If the request is for Nourianz, Inbrija, Apokyn, Kynmobi, or any other newly marketed agent, patient must also have a documented trial and failure or intolerance to Ongentys and Xadago. **Re-authorization:** • Documentation of positive clinical response

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Prior Authorization Group Description	**Proprotein Convertase Subtilisin/kexin 9 (PCSK9) Monoclonal Antibodies (mAbs)**
Drugs	Preferred: Repatha (evolocumab), Praluent (alirocumab) Non-preferred: Leqvio (inclisiran), Any PCSK9 inhibitor new to market
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	See "Other Criteria"
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be cardiologist or specialist in treatment of lipid disorders
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for up to a 3 month duration, and the reauthorization request will be approved for up to a 12 month duration;
Other Criteria	**<u>Initial Authorization</u>** **For All Requests:** • Request is appropriate for member (e.g. age) as indicated in package labeling or standard of care guidelines • Patient has tried and failed atorvastatin 40mg-80mg or rosuvastatin 20-40mg (consistently for 3 months via claim history or chart notes). If patient is not able to tolerate atorvastatin or rosuvastatin, documentation was provided that patient is taking another statin at the highest tolerated dose, or a medical reason was provided why the member is not able to use these therapies. • Patient has tried and failed ezetimibe at a maximal tolerated dose or a medical reason was provided why the member is not able to use this therapy. • If prescriber indicates member is "statin intolerant", documentation was provided including description of the side effects, duration of therapy, "wash out", re-trial, and then change of agents. • Documentation was provided indicating provider has counseled member on smoking cessation and following a "heart healthy diet". • If the request is for a non-preferred agent, documentation was provided of trial and failure, or a medical reason has been provided, why member is unable to use the preferred agent to manage their condition <u>AND the member meets the following for the respective diagnosis:</u> <u>Familial Hypercholesterolemia (FH):</u> • Member has a diagnosis of familial hypercholesterolemia as evidenced by one of the following:

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Treatments for Plasminogen Deficiency Type 1 (PLD1)**
Drugs	Ryplazim (human plasma-derived plasminogen)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert (PPI).
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a hematologist, medical geneticist, or other specialist in the treatment of rare blood or genetic disorders
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 12 weeks. Reauthorization requests will be approved for 12 weeks if the member has not had a documented positive response to therapy and for 12 months if the member has had a documented positive response to therapy.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization** • Member must have a diagnosis of PLD1 (i.e. hypoplasminogenemia) • Member must have a documented history of lesions or other symptoms consistent with the diagnosis (e.g. ligneous conjunctivitis, oral, respiratory, gastrointestinal, urogenital, integumentary, or central nervous system manifestations) • Member must have baseline plasminogen activity levels ≤ 45% o If the member received plasminogen supplementation with fresh frozen plasma, prescriber attests that a 7-day washout period was performed before obtaining baseline plasminogen activity levels. • The request is for an FDA approved dose **Reauthorization** • ONE of the following is true: o Member has a documented positive response to therapy (e.g. reduction in number or size of lesions, no new or recurring lesions) o Member has not had a documented positive response to therapy and ONE of the following: ▪ If confirmed plasminogen activity levels are ≥ 10% above baseline, then appropriate dosing frequency adjustments must be made. ▪ If confirmed plasminogen activity levels are < 10% above baseline, then appropriate dosing frequency

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Rezdiffra**
Drugs	Rezdiffra (resmetirom)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• Patients with decompensated cirrhosis ○
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a hepatologist, gastroenterologist, or a specialist in the treatment of liver disease.
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial and reauthorization requests will be approved for up to a 12 month duration
Other Criteria Date: 4/2025	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** • Diagnosis of noncirrhotic nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) with moderate to advanced liver fibrosis • Documentation of stage F2 to F3 fibrosis confirmed by biopsy or a noninvasive test (NIT) • Prescriber attestation to providing lifestyle counseling on nutrition and exercise • Prescriber attestation that member avoids excess alcohol intake • The drug is being prescribed at an FDA approved dose according to the member's weight **<u>Re-Authorization:</u>** • The member has clinically benefited from the medication (e.g. the resolution of steatohepatitis and no worsening of liver fibrosis, or at least one stage improvement in liver fibrosis and no worsening of steatohepatitis) • The member continues to have a fibrosis stage of ≤ 3 • The drug is being prescribed at an FDA approved dose according to the member's weight **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Potassium-removing agents**
Drugs	**Preferred** • Lokelma (sodium zirconium cyclosilicate) **Non-preferred** • Veltassa (patiromer)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber is a cardiologist or nephrologist or is working in consultation with one of these specialists
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for up to 3 months for initial requests and up to 6 months for renewal requests.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	**<u>*Lokelma will pay at point-of-sale and is not subject to prior authorization*</u>** **<u>Initial Authorization</u>** • Diagnosis of hyperkalemia • Documentation patient has been counseled to follow a low potassium diet • Where clinically appropriate, documentation of medications known to cause hyperkalemia (e.g. angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor, angiotensin II receptor blocker, aldosterone antagonist, NSAIDs) have been discontinued or decreased to lowest effective dose **<u>Re-Authorization</u>** • Documentation that demonstrates member is receiving clinical benefit from treatment (e.g. potassium level returned to normal or significant decrease from baseline). **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs)**
Drugs	**<u>Preferred</u>** • omeprazole capsule (Rx) • pantoprazole tablet • Protonix (pantoprazole) packet for oral solution (for members age 10 and younger) **<u>Non-Preferred (Require PA)</u>** • esomeprazole • esomeprazole strontium • Protonix (pantoprazole) packet for oral solution (for members 11 and older) • Nexium (esomeprazole) packet for oral suspension • Nexium 24HR OTC • lansoprazole (all forms) • omeprazole OTC (all forms) • omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate • Konvomep (omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate) • Prilosec (omeprazole) suspension packets • rabeprazole 20mg tablets • rabeprazole 10mg sprinkle capsules • Dexilant (dexlansoprazole)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved with for up to 12 months.
Other Criteria	**<u>Initial Authorization</u>** • Presumed or documented diagnosis of peptic ulcer disease, *H. pylori* infection, gastritis, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), erosive esophagitis, Barrett's esophagus or hypersecretory disease including Zollinger-Ellison syndrome. • Non-preferred drugs require a documented trial and failure of, or medical reason for not using, two preferred drugs for a minimum of 3 weeks of therapy EACH within the last 120 days. • For requests for liquid dosage forms in members over 10 years of age, documentation as to why the member is unable to use a solid dosage form. **<u>Doses Greater Than Once Daily After Meeting Criteria For PPI:</u>**

Revision/Review Date: 11/2024	• Confirmed diagnosis of GERD, erosive esophagitis, *H. pylori* infection, peptic ulcer disease, or hypersecretory disease (e.g. Zollinger-Ellison syndrome). OR • Evaluation made by gastroenterologist and / or otolaryngologist recommending higher doses of PPI. **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Primary Hyperoxaluria Agents**
Drugs	Oxlumo (lumasiran) Rivfloza (nedosiran)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert (PPI).
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a nephrologist, urologist, hepatologist, endocrinologist or consultation with one of these specialists
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months. If the conditions are not met, the request will be sent to a Medical Director/clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.

Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization**
	• Diagnosis of primary hyperoxaluria type 1 (PH1) confirmed by one of the following:
	  o Genetic testing confirming at least one mutation at the AGXT gene
	  o Liver biopsy demonstrating absent or significantly reduced AGT activity
	• Metabolic testing demonstrating one of the following:
	  o Oxlumo or Rivfloza
	  ▪ Increased urinary oxalate excretion (≥ 0.5 mmol/1.73 m^2per day[45 mg/1.73 m^2per day])
	  ▪ Increased urinary oxalate:creatinine ratio relative to normative values for age
	  o Oxlumo only: Increased plasma oxalate level (≥ 20 µmol/L)
	• For Rivfloza: member has relatively preserved kidney function (e.g., EGFR ≥ 30 mL/min/1.73 m2)
	• Member is concurrently using pyridoxine or has tried and failed previous pyridoxine therapy for at least 3 months, or has a medical reason for not using pyridoxine
	• Member has no history of liver transplant
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose

Revision/Review Date 2/2025	• Patient is not using Oxlumo and Rivfloza concurrently **<u>Reauthorization</u>** • Members previously using pyridoxine will continue to use pyridoxine, or have a medical reason for not using pyridoxine • Documentation has been provided that demonstrates a clinical benefit (e.g. symptomatic improvement, reduction in urinary or plasma oxalate levels from baseline) • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose • Patient is not using Oxlumo and Rivfloza concurrently **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Vasodilators for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH)**
Drugs	**Preferred products:** • ambrisentan tablets • bosentan tablets • sildenafil tablets • tadalafil tablets • Ventavis (iloprost) **Non-preferred products:** • Revatio suspension *BRAND* • Adcirca (tadalafil) • Adempas (riociguat) • Opsumit (macitentan) • Orenitram ER (treprostinil diolamine) • Tracleer (bosentan) tablets, tablets for suspension • Tyvaso, Tyvaso DPI (treprostinil) • Uptravi (selexipag) • Tadliq (tadalafil) oral suspension • Liqrev (sildenafil) • sildenafil suspension • Winrevair (sotatercept-csrk) • Opsynvi (macitentan and tadalafil) • Remodulin (treprostinil sodium) • treprostinil sodium (Remodulin) • Any other newly marketed PAH treatment agent **Non-formulary products:** • epoprostenol (Flolan/Veletri) •
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See “other criteria”
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a pulmonologist or cardiologist
Coverage Duration	Orenitram, Tyvaso, Tyvaso DPI, Adempas, or Ventavis: 3 months for initial request Opsynvi: 4 months for initial request

	Uptravi: Request will be approved for the titration pack for 28 days until the highest tolerated dose (maintenance dose) is achieved. Once the member has achieved maintenance dosing, further refills can be approved for a 6 month duration. For all others: 6 months All reauthorization requests will be approved for 6 months
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 1/2025	**Initial Authorization:** • Member has a confirmed diagnosis that is indicated in the FDA approved package insert or has other medically-accepted use • For Uptravi, Orenitram, Tyvaso, Tyvaso DPI, Ventavis, Remodulin, Adempas, ONE of the following: o Documented trial and failure of one PDE-5 inhibitor (e.g. sildenafil, tadalafil) AND one Endothelin Receptor Antagonist (e.g. ambrisentan, bosentan) o Diagnosis of WHO Group 1 FC III with evidence of rapid disease progression or FC IV (Uptravi, Orenitram, Tyvaso, Tyvaso DPI, Ventavis, Remodulin ONLY) o Diagnosis of persistent/recurrent chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH) WHO Group 4 after surgical treatment, or inoperable CTEPH (Adempas ONLY) o Diagnosis of PH-ILD WHO Group 3 (Tyvaso ONLY) • If the request is for Opsumit the patient must have a documented trial and failure or intolerance to ambrisentan and bosentan, or a medical reason was provided why these therapies are not appropriate for the patient. • If the request is for a non-preferred drug, member has a documented treatment failure with at least two of the preferred drugs OR has a documented medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication, etc.) why they are not able to use preferred drugs. • If the request is for Opsynvi, BOTH of the following: o Patient has been stable for at least 6 months on combination therapy consisting of a PDE-5 inhibitor AND an ERA o Documentation is provided as to why patient is unable to take individual pills for combination therapy (e.g. adherence due to pill burden) • If the request is for Winrevair, ALL of the following: o Documented trial and failure of, or contraindication tocombination therapy including one PDE-5 inhibitor AND one ERA OR Opsynvi o Documentation of platelet count of $\geq$ 50,000/mm^3 • Documentation of the patient's current weight, dosing, and titration schedule is provided (as applicable) • The medication is prescribed at a dose that is within FDA-approved guidelines. **Re-authorization:** • Documentation has been submitted indicating the clinical benefit of therapy (e.g. improvement in functional class, improvement in 6-minute

	walk test, exercise capacity, or hemodynamics). • Documentation of the patient's current weight, dosing, and titration schedule is provided (as applicable). The medication is being prescribed at a dose that is within FDA approved guidelines. Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Pyruvate Kinase Activators**
Drugs	Pyrukynd (mitapivat)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Age ≥18 years
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a hematologist
Coverage Duration	If the conditions are met, the request will be approved for a 6-month duration for initial requests and a 6-month duration for renewal requests. **If the conditions are not met: may approve up to 14 days of a Pyrukynd Taper Pack to allow for discontinuation tapering
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • The prescribed dose is within FDA approved dosing guidelines • Diagnosis of hemolytic anemia with pyruvate kinase deficiency (PKD) • Documentation of at least two variant alleles in the pyruvate kinase liver and red blood cell (PKLR) gene, of which at least one is a missense variant • Documentation that the member is **not** homozygous for the R479H variant • Documentation that the member **does not have** two non-missense variants of the PKLR gene, without the presence of another missense variant in the PKLR gene • Documentation of ONE of the following: o The member does not regularly require blood transfusions (defined as requiring less than or equal to 3 red blood cell (RBC) transfusions in the past 52 weeks **and** no transfusions in the past 3 months) AND hemoglobin (Hb) level ≤ 10 g/dL o The member has required more than or equal to 6 RBC transfusions in the past 12 months ▪ Documentation of the number of transfusions and the number of red blood cell (RBC) units transfused

Revision/Review Date: 7/2024	• Prescriber attests that the member does not have moderate or severe hepatic dysfunction • Prescriber attests that the member does not have a history of a prior bone marrow or stem cell transplant • The member is not concurrently using hematopoietic-stimulating agents (e.g. Procrit or Retacrit) • Prescriber attests the member is taking at least 0.8mg of folic acid daily **<u>Reauthorization:</u>** • The prescribed dose is within FDA approved dosing guidelines • For the first reauthorization, documentation of benefit: increase in Hb ≥1.5 g/dL over baseline OR a reduction in transfusions, defined as ≥33% reduction in the number of red blood cell (RBC) units transfused over baseline • For subsequent reauthorizations: documentation of benefit: stabilization in Hb levels OR a sustained reduction in transfusions • If the reauthorization criteria are not met, may authorize up to 14 days of a Pyrukynd Taper Pack to allow for tapering. To reduce the risk of acute hemolysis, abrupt discontinuation of Pyrukynd should be avoided. **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Qalsody**
Drugs	Qalsody (tofersen)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	See "Other Criteria"
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a neurologist, neuromuscular specialist, or physician specializing in the treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, initial and renewal requests will be approved for 6 months
Other Criteria Review/Revision Date: 7/2024	**Initial Authorization:** • Diagnosis of ALS • Documentation of genetic test confirming a mutation in the superoxide dismutase 1 (SOD1) gene • Member is not dependent on invasive ventilation or tracheostomy • Documentation of slow vital capacity (SVC) ≥ 50% • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **Re-Authorization:** • Documentation or provider attestation of positive clinical response (e.g., reduction in the mean concentration of neurofilament light [NfL] chains in the plasma, reduction in concentration of SOD1 in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), or improvement in the Revised ALS Functional Rating Scale (ALSFRS-R) total score) • Member is not dependent on invasive ventilation or tracheostomy • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Radicava**
Drugs	Edaravone (Radicava), Radivaca ORS (edaravone) and any other newly marketed agent *** riluzole (Rilutek) is Preferred and does not require prior authorization***
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, the Drug Package Insert, and/or per the standard of care guidelines
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a neurologist
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, requests will be approved for up to 6 month duration
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • Member must have a diagnosis of ALS • Member must have a documented baseline evaluation of functionality using the revised ALS functional rating scale (ALSFRS-R) score ≥ 2 • Member's disease duration is 2 years or less • Member has a baseline forced vital capacity (FVC) of ≥ 80% • Member has been on riluzole (Rilutek), is beginning therapy as an adjunct to treatment with Radicava, or provider has provided a medical reason why patient is unable to use riluzole • Dose is within FDA approved limits **<u>Reauthorization:</u>** • Member is not ventilator-dependent • Provider documents clinical stabilization in symptoms (e.g. stabilization of ALSFRS-R score) • Dose is within FDA approved limits
Revision/Review Date 4/2025	**Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Reblozyl (luspatercept-aamt)**
Drugs	Reblozyl (luspatercept-aamt) vial for subcutaneous injection
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Members are excluded if they have hemoglobin S/beta-thalassemia, isolated alpha-thalassemia.
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	Member must be 18 years of age or older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a hematologist or oncologist
Coverage Duration	Initial and reauthorization requests will be approved for 6 months.

Other Criteria	**Criteria for initial approval:**
	• Requested dose is appropriate per labeling
	• The member's weight has been provided with the request
	• The member's most recent hemoglobin level (within the last month) has been provided with the request
	• Diagnosis appropriate per Covered Uses
	• For requests for anemia due to beta thalassemia, documentation of all of the following is required:
	  o Member requires regular red blood cell (RBC) transfusions (defined as at least 6 RBC units received over the last 6 months).
	• For requests for anemia due to myelodysplastic syndrome, documentation of all of the following is required:
	  o Myelodysplastic Syndrome Revised International Prognostic Scoring System (IPSS-R) categorization as very low, low, or intermediate risk of progression.
	  o Member has required transfusion of 2 or more RBC units within an 8 week period in the last 4 months
	  o Hemoglobin less than 10 g/dl
	Reauthorization:
	• For diagnosis of anemia due to beta thalassemia, documentation of the following:
	  o Fewer transfusions compared with baseline
	  AND
	  o A reduction in transfusion requirement of at least 2 RBC units compared with baseline
	• Diagnosis of anemia due to myelodysplastic syndrome: documentation of ONE of the following:
	  o Hemoglobin increase of at least 1.5 g/dl from baseline over a period of 8-12 weeks

Revision/Review Date: 11/2024	OR o Reduction in red blood cell transfusion by at least 4 units over a period of 8-12 weeks compared with baseline transfusion requirement **If the above conditions are not met, the request will be referred to a Medical Director for medical necessity review.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Oral Retinoids**
Drugs	**Preferred:** Isotretinoin Claravis (isotretinoin) Zenatane (isotretinoin) Amnesteem (isotretinoin) **Non-Preferred:** Absorica (isotretinoin) Absorica LD (isotretinoin) Or any newly marketed oral retinoid product
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved with up to a 6 month duration.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 11/2024	**Initial Authorization** • Diagnosis of moderate to severe recalcitrant nodular acne **AND** • Documented treatment with a therapeutic trial and failure or intolerance to one or more first line topical therapies (e.g. topical antibiotics or topical retinoids) IN COMBINATION WITH one or more first line oral therapies (e.g. doxycycline, tetracycline, or minocycline) for at least 4 weeks (28 days) of therapy of each drug in the previous 180 days. • If the request is for a non-preferred drug, documentation has been provided that the member has tried and failed two preferred drugs or has a medical reason why these drugs cannot be used **Re-Authorization** • Prescriber attests the member has experienced clinical benefit from therapy (e.g. perceived improvement of acne) and

	continued treatment with, or retreatment with, isotretinoin is necessary **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Pompe Disease Agents**
Drugs	Lumizyme (alglucosidase alfa) Nexviazyme (avalglucosidase alfa-ngpt) injection Pombiliti (cipaglucosidase alfa-atga) + Opfolda (miglustat)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to FDA approved prescribing information
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a specialist in the treatment of Pompe disease, such as a genetic or metabolic specialist, neurologist, cardiologist, or pediatrician.
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 12 months.

Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:**
	For infantile onset Pompe Disease (Lumizyme only):
	• Patient has a diagnosis of infantile-onset Pompe Disease, confirmed by one of the following:
	  o Enzyme assay showing a deficiency of acid alpha-glucosidase (GAA) activity in the blood, skin, or muscle
	  o Genetic testing showing a mutation in the GAA gene
	• Requested dose is appropriate per prescribing information (documentation of patient weight must be submitted with request)
	• Requested regimen will not be used in combination with other enzyme replacement therapies
	For late onset Pompe Disease (Lumizyme, Nexviazyme, or Pombiliti + Opfolda):
	• Patient has a diagnosis of late-onset (non-infantile) Pompe Disease, confirmed by one of the following:
	  o Enzyme assay showing a deficiency of acid alpha-glucosidase (GAA) activity in the blood, skin, or muscle
	  o Genetic testing showing a mutation in the GAA gene
	• Documentation patient has measurable signs or symptoms of Pompe disease
	• Results of a baseline 6-minute walk test (6MWT) and percent-predicted forced vital capacity (FVC) are provided (not required for patients who are not old enough to walk)
	• Requested dose is appropriate per prescribing information (documentation of patient weight must be submitted with request)

	• Requested regimen will not be used in combination with other enzyme replacement therapies (Exception: Pombiliti + Opfolda are to be used together)
	• Additionally for Nexviazyme: Patients < 30 kg must provide documentation of a trial and therapy failure of, or a medical reason why Lumizyme may not be used.
	• Additionally for Pombiliti + Opfolda: Patient must have trial and failure of another enzyme therapy (Lumizyme or Nexviazyme)
	Re-Authorization:
	• Documentation or provider attestation of positive clinical response to therapy
	  o Infantile onset: provider attestation of member benefit
	  o Late onset: improvement, stabilization, or slowing of progression of percent-predicted FVC and/or 6MWT
	• Requested dose is appropriate per prescribing information (documentation of patient weight must be submitted with request)
	• Requested regimen will not be used in combination with other enzyme replacement therapies (Exception: Pombiliti + Opfolda are to be used together)

Revision/Review Date: 2/2025	**Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Pulmonary Biologics for Respiratory and Eosinophilic Conditions**
Drugs	Preferred: • Fasenra (benralizumab) • Dupixent (dupilumab) pens, syringes • Nucala (mepolizumab) • Tezspire (tezepelumab-ekko) • Non-Preferred/Non-Formulary: • Cinqair (reslizumab) • Or any newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• When being used for relief of acute bronchospasm or status asthmaticus • When used in combination with another monoclonal antibody for the treatment of respiratory or eosinophilic conditions
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	Per Package Insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be an allergist, pulmonologist, immunologist, rheumatologist, gastroenterologist, other provider who specializes in the treatment of asthma or eosinophilic conditions, or in consultation with one of these specialists
Coverage Duration	If the above conditions are met, the initial request will be approved with a 4 month duration. All subsequent requests will be approved with a 6 month duration.

Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:**
	
	Asthma:
	
	• Confirmed diagnosis of one of the following:
	  o Nucala, Fasenra, and Cinqair: Severe eosinophilic asthma
	  o Dupixent: Moderate-to-Severe eosinophilic asthma
	  o Tezspire: Severe asthma
	• Documentation has been provided of blood eosinophil count within ONE of the following ranges:
	  o Nucala and Dupixent: ≥ 150 cells/mcL (within 6 weeks of request) OR ≥ 300 cells/mcL (within the past 12 months)
	  o Fasenra: ≥ 150 cells/mcL (within the past 12 months)
	  o Cinqair: ≥ 400 cells/mcL (within the past 12 months)

	o Tezspire: No baseline blood eosinophil counts are required • The member has a documented baseline FEV_1 < 80% of predicted with evidence of reversibility by bronchodilator response. o Tezspire ONLY: If age is < 18 years, the member has a documented baseline FEV1 < 90% of predicted with evidence of reversibility by bronchodilator response • For Nucala, Fasenra, Cinqair and Dupixent: documentation has been provided indicating that the member continues to experience significant symptoms while compliant on a maximally tolerated inhaled corticosteroid with long-acting beta2 agonist (ICS/LABA) AND long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA) (or a documented medical reason must be provided why the member is unable to use these therapies) and ONE of the following: o Nucala: ≥ 2 exacerbations in the past 12 months o Fasenra: ≥ 1 exacerbation in the past 12 months o Cinqair: ≥ 1 exacerbation in the past 12 months requiring systemic corticosteroids o Dupixent: ≥ 1 exacerbation in the past 12 months requiring systemic corticosteroids or hospitalization • The prescribed dose is within FDA approved dosing guidelines • For non-preferred drug requests: documented trial and failure of, or medical reason for not using, a preferred drug <u>Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) *(Dupixent only)*</u>: • Confirmed diagnosis of COPD • Documentation has been provided of blood eosinophil count ≥ 300 cells/mcL • The member has a documented post-bronchodilator $FEV_{1/}$FVC ratio < 0.7 and post-bronchodilator FEV_1 of 30% to 70% predicted • Documentation has been provided indicating that that the member continues to experience significant symptoms (i.e., chronic productive cough) while compliant on maintenance triple therapy consisting of a long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA), long-acting beta2 agonist (LABA), and inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) (or a documented medical reason must be provided why the member is unable to use these therapies) and ONE of the following: o ≥ 2 exacerbations in the past 12 months, where systemic corticosteroids were required for at least one of them o ≥ 1 exacerbation in the past 12 months requiring hospitalization • The prescribed dose is within FDA approved dosing guidelines <u>Oral Corticosteroid Dependent Asthma: *(Dupixent only)*</u> • Confirmed diagnosis of oral corticosteroid (OCS) dependent asthma with at least 5 mg oral prednisone or equivalent per day for at least 4 weeks within the last 3 months • The patient has a documented baseline FEV_1 < 80% of predicted with evidence of reversibility by bronchodilator response.

	• Documentation has been provided indicating patient still is having significant symptoms with ≥ 1 exacerbations in the previous 12 months requiring additional medical treatment, (emergency room visits, hospital admissions) while compliant on a high-dose inhaled corticosteroid with a long-acting B_2 agonist (ICS/LABA) AND a long-acting muscarinic antagonist (LAMA). If the patient has not utilized these therapies, a documented medical reason must be provided why patient is unable to do so. • The prescribed dose is within FDA approved dosing guidelines <u>Eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (EGPA) (*Nucala & Fasenra only*)</u>: • Confirmed diagnosis of EGPA and eosinophilic asthma lasting for ≥6 months • Member has a history of relapsing disease defined as at least one EGPA relapse requiring additional corticosteroids or immunosuppressant or hospitalization within the past 2 years OR member has a history of refractory disease defined as failure to attain remission in the prior 6 months following induction treatment with standard therapy • Member must be on a stable dose of oral corticosteroids for at least 4 weeks prior to request • Member has a blood eosinophil count ≥1,000 cells/mcL OR > 10% of total leukocyte count • Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to cyclophosphamide, azathioprine, methotrexate, rituximab, OR mycophenolate mofetil • The prescribed dose is within FDA approved dosing guidelines <u>Hypereosinophilic Syndrome (HES) (*Nucala only*)</u>: • Confirmed diagnosis of FIP1 like 1-platelet derived growth factor receptor alpha (FIP1L1-PDGFRA)-negative HES lasting for ≥6 months without an identifiable non-hematologic secondary cause • Member has a history of two or more HES flares (worsening of HES-related symptoms necessitating therapy escalation or ≥2 courses of rescue oral corticosteroids) within the past 12 months • Member has a blood eosinophil count ≥1,000 cells/mcL • Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to oral corticosteroids AND at least one second-line agent (e.g. hydroxyurea, interferon, imatinib, methotrexate, cyclophosphamide, cyclosporine, azathioprine) (member must be on stable dose of at least one agent for at least 4 weeks prior to request) <u>Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE) (*Dupixent only):*</u> • Confirmed diagnosis of EoE by endoscopic biopsy

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	• Documentation of baseline esophageal intraepithelial eosinophil count and Dysphagia Symptom Questionnaire (DSQ) scores
	• Member has a history of at least 2 episodes of dysphagia (with intakes of solids) per week in the last 4 weeks
	• Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to one proton pump inhibitor at a maximally tolerated dose for a minimum of 8 weeks
	• The prescribed dose is within FDA approved dosing guidelines
	
	<u>Prurigo Nodularis (PN) (*Dupixent only*)</u>:
	
	• Confirmed diagnosis of PN lasting for at least three months prior to request
	• Member has a Worst-itch Numeric Rating Scale (WI-NRS) score of 7 or higher indicating severe or very severe itching
	• Member has at least 20 PN lesions in total
	• Documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to at least two of the following for a minimum of two weeks:
	  o One medium to super-high potency topical corticosteroid
	  o One topical calcineurin inhibitor
	  o UVB phototherapy or psoralen plus UVA phototherapy
	• The prescribed dose is within FDA approved dosing guidelines
	
	<u>Re-Authorization:</u>
	
	1. Documentation submitted indicates the member has clinically benefited from the medication (e.g. Asthma & COPD: improved FEV_1, reduced exacerbations; HES: symptomatic improvement, reduced oral corticosteroid dose; EGPA: reduction in relapse frequency or severity, disease remission, symptomatic improvement, reduced oral corticosteroid dose; EoE: histological remission, improvement in DSQ scores; PN: improvement in WI-NRS score, symptomatic improvement)
	2. The prescribed dose is within FDA approved dosing guidelines
	
	Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Retinoic Acid Derivatives**
Drugs	Preferred Agents: (will pay at POS for member ≤ 30 years of age) • adapalene/benzoyl peroxide 0.1-2.5% gel • tretinoin 0.01%, 0.025% gel • tretinoin 0.025%, 0.05%, 0.1% cream • adapalene (Differin) 0.3% gel • Non-Preferred Agents • adapalene (Differin) 0.1% gel, cream • Aklief (trifarotene) cream • Altreno (tretinoin) lotion • Arazlo (tazarotene) lotion • clindamycin/tretinoin (Ziana) gel • adapalene/benzoyl peroxide (EpiDuo Forte) 0.3%-2.5% gel • tazarotene (Fabior) foam • tazarotene (Tazorac) cream • tazarotene (Tazorac) gel
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Requests for **cosmetic use** such as fine wrinkles, mottled hyperpigmentation, or facial skin roughness are excluded from coverage.
Required Medical Information	N/A
Age Restrictions	9 to 30 years of age
Prescriber Restrictions	Limited to providers with an appropriate scope of practice
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for a maximum of 50 g/30 days for 12 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 2/2025	Requests for members > 30 years of age: • Diagnosis of acne vulgaris or non-cosmetic, medically-accepted condition Additional criteria for Non-Preferred Agents: • Diagnosis of acne vulgaris or non-cosmetic, medically-accepted condition • For acne, documented trial and failure of, or intolerance to, two preferred topical acne medications. One of the two products must be a preferred retinoic acid derivative product • For other medically accepted conditions, documented trial and failure of, or intolerance to, one preferred topical medication If the criteria are not met, the request will be referred to a clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.

Rituximab

Drugs:

Rituxan (rituximab)
Rituxan Hycela (rituximab/hyaluronidase human, recombinant)
Truxima (rituximab-abbs)
Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr)
Riabni (rituximab-arrx)

RITUXIMAB WILL BE APPROVED IF THE FOLLOWING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA IS MET:

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS:

- Refer to the "Healthcare Professional (HCP) administered/IV Disease Modifying Therapies (DMTs) for Multiple Sclerosis (MS)" policy

NEUORMYELITIS OPTICA SPECTRUM DISORDER (NMOSD):

- Refer to the "Neuromyelitis Optica Spectrum Disorder (NMOSD) Agents" policy

RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS:

Initial Authorization

- The medication is being recommended and prescribed by a rheumatologist.
- The patient is an adult (≥18 y/o) and has a documented clinical diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis.
- The patient has a documented (consistent with pharmacy claims data, OR for new members to the health plan consistent with medical chart history) adequate trial (including dates and doses) of 3 months or more of therapy with one conventional (non-biologic) DMARD (e.g. methotrexate, leflunomide, sulfasalazine, hydroxychloroquine) or has a documented medical reason (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity) for not utilizing any of these therapies to manage their medical condition.
- The patient has a documented (consistent with pharmacy claims data, OR for new members to the health plan consistent with medical chart history) adequate trial (including dates, doses) of 2 preferred biologics indicated for rheumatoid arthritis, or has documented medical reason (intolerance, hypersensitivity, etc.) for not taking the preferred therapies to manage their medical condition.
- Documentation indicating that rituximab is being used concurrently with methotrexate, or a medical reason why methotrexate cannot be used

- Documentation indicating that the patient has been screened for Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) prior to initiation of treatment.
- Rituximab is being prescribed at an FDA approved dosage.
- If the request is for any medication other than Ruxience(rituximab-pvvr), or Riabni (rituximab-arrx), there is a documented trial and failure of Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr), or medical reason why (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) they cannot be used.

If all of the above conditions are met, the request will be approved for up to a 1 month duration; if all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.

Reauthorization

- The member has been receiving rituximab and documentation is provided that a rheumatologist has reevaluated the member and recommends continuation of therapy.
- Documentation was provided indicating that the patient had clinical benefit from receiving rituximab therapy.
- At least 16 weeks (4 months) has elapsed since the previous course of rituximab therapy.
- Documentation indicating that rituximab is being used concurrently with methotrexate, or a medical reason why methotrexate cannot be used.
- Rituximab is being prescribed at an FDA approved dosage.

If all of the above conditions are met, the request will be approved for up to a 1 year duration; if all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.

PEMPHIGUS VULGARIS

Initial Authorization

- The medication is being recommended and prescribed by a rheumatologist or dermatologist
- The patient is ≥ 18 years with a diagnosis of moderate to severe pemphigus vulgaris
- Documentation the patient will be receiving P. jirovecii pneumonia (PJP) prophylaxis (ex. TMP/SMX, dapsone, atovaquone) or the prescriber has provided a medical reason for not prescribing PJP prophylaxis
- Documentation indicating that the patient has been screened for HBV prior to initiation

of treatment
- Rituximab is being prescribed at an FDA approved dose/frequency
- Rituximab is being used in combination with a tapering course of glucocorticoids

If all of the above conditions are met, the request will be approved for up to a 1 month duration; if all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.

Reauthorization

- Documentation of clinical benefits (e.g., absence of new lesions) with rituximab therapy was provided by a rheumatologist or dermatologist
- Documentation the patient will continue to receive PJP prophylaxis (ex. TMP/SMX, dapsone, atovaquone) or the prescriber has provided a medical reason for not prescribing PJP prophylaxis
- Rituximab is being prescribed at an FDA approved dose/frequency

If all of the above conditions are met, the request will be approved for up to a 1 year duration; if all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.

ONCOLOGY INDICATIONS

Initial Authorization:

- The medication is being recommended and prescribed by an oncologist.
- The medication is being requested for a labeled indication or the an indication supported by a NCCN category 1 or 2A level of evidence
- Documentation of CD20 positive disease
- Documentation indicating that the patient has been screened for HBV prior to initiation of treatment.
- Rituximab is being prescribed at a dose that is within FDA approved guidelines and/or is supported by the medical compendium as defined by the Social Security Act and/or the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) or American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) standard of care guidelines.
- If the request is for any medication other than Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr) there is a documented trial and failure of Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr), or medical reason why (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr) cannot be used.
- If the request is for Rituxan Hycela (rituximab/hyaluronidase human, recombinant),

- the patient has received at least one full dose of a rituximab product by intravenous infusion,
- the medication is being requested for a malignant condition, and
- there is a medical reason why the alternative rituximab product cannot be continued

If all of the above conditions are met, the request will be approved for up to a 3 month duration; if all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.

Reauthorization

- The medication is being recommended and prescribed by an oncologist.
- Rituximab is being prescribed at a dose that is within FDA approved guidelines and/or is supported by the medical compendium as defined by the Social Security Act and/or per the NCCN or ASCO standard of care guidelines.

If all of the above conditions are met, the request will be approved for up to a 3 month duration; if all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.

GRANULOMATOSIS WITH POLYANGIITIS (GPA) (WEGENER'S GRANULOMATOSIS) AND MICROSCOPIC POLYANGIITIS (MPA):

Initial Authorization:

- The medication is being recommended and prescribed by a rheumatologist or nephrologist.
- The patient is 2 years of age or older and has a documented clinical diagnosis of GPA (Wegener's Granulomatosis), eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (EGPA), or MPA AND the prescriber indicates whether there is severe or non-severe disease.
- Documentation indicating that rituximab is being used concurrently with glucocorticoids.
- Documentation the patient will be receiving PJP prophylaxis (ex. TMP/SMX, dapsone, atovaquone) during treatment or the prescriber has provided a medical reason for not prescribing PJP prophylaxis
- Documentation indicating that the patient has been screened for HBV prior to initiation of treatment.
- Rituximab is being prescribed at an FDA approved dosage.
- If the patient is 18 years of age or older, and the request is for any medication other than

Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr) or Riabni (rituximab-arrx), there is a documented trial and failure of Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr) or Riabni, or medical reason why (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) they cannot be used.

If all of the above conditions are met, the request will be approved for up to a 1 month duration; if all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.

Re-authorization:

- The medication is being recommended and prescribed by a rheumatologist or nephrologist.
- Documentation the patient will continue to receive PJP prophylaxis (ex. TMP/SMX, dapsone, atovaquone) or the prescriber has provided a medical reason for not prescribing PJP prophylaxis
- Rituximab is being prescribed at an FDA approved dose.

If all of the above conditions are met, the request will be approved for up to a 1 year duration; if all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.

DERMATOMYOSITIS (DM) and POLYMYOSITIS (PM)

Initial Authorization:

- Rituximab is being recommended and prescribed by a neurologist, rheumatologist, or dermatologist.
- Patient meets one of the following:
    - Bohan and Peter score indicating definite DM or PM
    - Bohan and Peter score indicating probable DM or PM AND concurring diagnostic evaluation by ≥ 1 specialist (e.g. neurologist, rheumatologist, dermatologist)
- Patient does NOT have cancer associated myositis defined as myositis within 2 years of cancer diagnosis (except basal or squamous cell skin cancer or carcinoma in situ of the cervix that has been excised and cured)
- One of the following:
    - Patient has a documented trial and failure of, or has a documented medical reason for not using methotrexate (MTX) OR azathioprine
    - Patient has severe, life-threatening weakness or dysphagia
- Rituximab is prescribed at a dose per the medical compendia (Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), DrugPoints, the Drug Package Insert as defined in the Social Security Act and/or per the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) standard

of care guidelines and has a Class I or IIa recommendation).

- If the request is for any medication other than Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr) there is a documented trial and failure of Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr), or medical reason why (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr) cannot be used.

If all of the above conditions are met, the request will be approved for up to a 1 month duration; if all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.

Re-authorization:

- Rituximab is being recommended and prescribed by a neurologist, rheumatologist, or dermatologist.
- Documentation was provided indicating that the patient had clinical benefit from receiving rituximab therapy.
- Rituximab is prescribed at a medically accepted dose per the medical compendia.

If all of the above conditions are met, the request will be approved for up to a 3 month duration; if all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.

OTHER MEDICALLY ACCEPTED INDICATIONS

Initial Authorization:

- The medication is prescribed for a non-FDA approved indication but is considered to be a medically accepted use of the medication per the medical compendia (Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), DrugPoints, the Drug Package Insert as defined in the Social Security Act and/or per the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) standard of care guidelines and has a Class I or IIa recommendation.
- The medication is prescribed at a medically accepted dose per the medical compendia as defined above.
- The medication is recommended and prescribed a specialist in the field to treat the member's respective medical condition.
- Documentation indicating that the patient has been screened for HBV prior to initiation of treatment.
- Documentation was submitted indicating that the member has a documented (consistent with pharmacy claims data, OR for new members to the health plan consistent with medical chart history) adequate trial (including dates, doses of medications) of ALL first line medical therapies as recommended by the medical compendia and standard care guidelines and/or has another documented medical reason (e.g. intolerance, contraindications, etc.) for not receiving or trying all first line medical treatment(s).

- If the request is for any medication other than Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr), there is a documented trial and failure of Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr), or medical reason why (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) Ruxience (rituximab-pvvr) cannot be used.

If all of the above conditions are met, the request will be approved for up to a 3 month duration. If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.

Re-authorization:

- The medication is prescribed at a medically accepted dose per the medical compendia
- The medication is recommended and prescribed a specialist in the field to treat the member's respective medical condition.
- Documentation from medical chart was submitted indicating that the member has significantly clinically benefited from the medication.

If all of the above conditions are met, the request will be approved for up to a 3 month duration. If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.

NOTE: Physician/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Roctavian**
Drugs	Roctavian (valoctocogene roxaparvovec-rvox)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Prior use of gene therapy for Hemophilia A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Patient must be 18 years of age and older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a hematologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for a one-time treatment.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 11/2024	**Initial Authorization:** • Diagnosis of severe hemophilia A (congenital factor VIII deficiency with factor VIII activity < 1 IU/dL) • Documentation of a current prophylactic regimen of Factor VIII infusions or bispecific monoclonal antibodies (i.e. Hemlibra) • Documented FDA-approved anti-AAV5 antibody test showing the patient is negative for anti-AAV5 antibodies • Documented Factor VIII inhibitor titer test showing the patient is negative for Factor VIII inhibitors • Prescriber attestation of performed liver health assessments • Patient weight • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **The safety and effectiveness of repeat administration of Roctavian has not been evaluated and will not be approved.** **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Rytelo**
Drugs	Rytelo (imetelstat)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Member must be 18 years of age and older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a hematologist or oncologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 6 months.
Other Criteria Revision/ Review Date: 11/2024	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** • Diagnosis of myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) with transfusion-dependent anemia • Myelodysplastic Syndrome Revised International Prognostic Scoring System (IPSS-R) categorization as low or intermediate-1 risk of progression • Member has transfusion burden of 4 or more red blood cell (RBC) units within an 8-week period over the last 4 months • Prescriber attestation that complete blood cell count (CBC) will be obtained prior to initiation, weekly for first two cycles, and prior to each cycle thereafter • Member's weight has been provided with request • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **<u>Re-Authorization:</u>** • Documentation or provider attestation of reduction in RBC transfusion burden as compared with baseline • Provider attestation that patient is tolerating the medication and is not experiencing any serious adverse reactions • Member's weight has been provided with request • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Skyclarys**
Drugs	Skyclarys (omaveloxolone)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Per FDA-approved prescribing information
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a neurologist or in consultation with a neurologist or specialist with expertise in treating patients with Friedreich's Ataxia.
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date 7/2024	**Initial Authorization:** • Diagnosis of Friedreich's Ataxia, confirmed via genetic testing (must submit documentation) • Modified FARS score ≥20 and ≤80 • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **Re-Authorization:** • Documentation or provider attestation of positive clinical response to Skyclarys therapy (i.e. improvement in symptoms, slowing of disease progression, etc.) • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Sleep Disorder Therapy**
Drugs	**Formulary status**: Preferred, Prior Authorization Required • modafinil (Provigil) tablets • armodafinil (Nuvigil) tablets **Formulary status**: Non-preferred, Prior Authorization Required • Sunosi (solriamfetol) tablets • Wakix (pitolisant) tablets • Sodium oxybate solution • Xyrem (sodium oxybate) solution • Xywav (calcium, magnesium, potassium, and sodium oxybates)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Wakix: severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh class C) Sodium oxybate (Xyrem/Xyway/Lumryz): Succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase deficiency
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Per FDA approved prescribing information.
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a sleep specialist, neurologist, or other specialist in the treatment of the member's diagnosis (does not apply for diagnosis of shift-work disorder)
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, requests for modafinil, armodafinil, Sunosi, and Wakix will be approved with up to a 12 month duration. Requests for sodium oxybate products will be approved with up to a 3 month duration.
Other Criteria	**<u>For all requests:</u>** • Medication is being prescribed at an FDA approved dose **<u>Modafinil/armodafinil initial authorization:</u>** • For a diagnosis of obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) documentation that the member has been compliant with or is unable to use positive airway pressure [continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP), bilevel positive airway pressure (BPAP), or automatic positive airway pressure (APAP)]. **<u>Sunosi initial authorization</u>** • Documented trial and failure of modafinil or armodafinil or a documented medical reason for not utilizing these medications. • For members with OSA: o Documentation that the member has been compliant with or is unable to use positive airway pressure (CPAP, BPAP, or APAP) **<u>Wakix initial authorization:</u>**

	• For a diagnosis of narcolepsy without cataplexy: documented trial and failure of (or medical reason for not using), BOTH of the following:
	  o Modafinil or armodafinil
	  o Sunosi (solriamfetol)
	  For members under 18 years of age, no prerequisite medication trials are required
	• For a diagnosis of narcolepsy in members 18 years of age and older with cataplexy: documented trial and failure of, or medical reason for not using, the following:
	  o Dextroamphetamine
	
	<u>Sodium Oxybate (Xyrem/Xywav) initial authorization</u>
	• Medication is not being taken concurrently with sedative hypnotics
	• For a diagnosis of narcolepsy without cataplexy:
	  o Documented trial and failure of, or a medical reason for not using, ALL of the following:
	  ▪ Either modafinil or armodafinil (not required for members under 18)
	  ▪ Sunosi (solriamfetol) (not required for members under 18)
	  ▪ Wakix (pitolisant)
	  o For Xyrem or Xywav: documented trial and failure of, or medical reason for not using generic sodium oxybate.
	• For a diagnosis of narcolepsy with cataplexy:
	  o Documented trial and failure of each of, or medical reason for not using BOTH of the following:
	  ▪ Dextroamphetamine (no required for members under 18)
	  ▪ Wakix (pitolisant) (not required for members under 18)
	  o For Xyrem or Xywav: documented trial and failure of, or medical reason for not using generic sodium oxybate.
	• For a diagnosis of idiopathic hypersomnia (Xywav only):
	  o Patient has a documented trial and failure of, or medical contraindication to, the following:
	  ▪ Modafinil or armodafinil

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	Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Serostim (somatropin, mammalian derived)**
Drugs	Serostim (somatropin, mammalian derived)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be an HIV or infectious disease specialist
Coverage Duration	If all criteria are met, Serostim will be authorized for 12 weeks
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 72024	**<u>Initial Authorization</u>:** • Patient has been receiving optimal highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) for at least three months prior to initiation • Prescriber attests that the patient has been evaluated for other possible causes of wasting/cachexia (e.g. malignancies) or fat redistribution (e.g. diabetes mellitus, lipodystrophy, etc.) • Request is for the FDA approved or medically accepted dosing • Documentation supporting all of the following must be provided: o Baseline and repeated evaluation every 3 months of patient's weight (most recent weight measurement must be within the past 3 months) o BMI and lean body mass measured by X-ray absorptionmetry (DEXA/DXA) were provided with the request o Demonstrable weight loss of greater than 10% of the baseline body weight associated with either chronic diarrhea (two or more loose stools per day for greater than or equal to 1 month) or chronic weakness and fever for greater than or equal to 1 month o Patient has had an insufficient response to a three month trial of an anabolic steroid such as oxandolone o Patient has had an insufficient response to a three month trial of one of the following agents: megestrol acetate, cyproheptadine, or dronabinol **<u>Re-authorization:</u>** • The patient is receiving concomitant anti-HIV treatment • The prescriber has provided documentation of clinical benefit/response to Serostim. • Request is for FDA approved or medically accepted dosing **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	Skysona
Drugs	Skysona (elivaldogene autotemcel)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• Cerebral adrenoleukodystrophy secondary to head trauma • Positive for human immunodeficiency virus type 1 or 2
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	See "Other Criteria"
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a specialist in the disease being treated.
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for a one-time treatment.

Other Criteria
 	
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	Initial Authorization:
	• Member has a diagnosis of early, active cerebral adrenoleukodystrophy (CALD) defined as all of the following:
	  o elevated very long chain fatty acid (VLCFA) levels
	  o confirmed mutations in the ABCD1 gene
	  o asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic (neurologic function score, NFS ≤ 1)
	  o Gadolinium enhancement on brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of demyelinating lesions and Loes scores of 0.5-9
	• Member is a male 4-17 years of age
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose
	• Member has not had a prior allogeneic hematopoietic stem-cell transplant (HSCT)
	• Member has no HLA-matched sibling donor for HSCT, or a reason why HSCT with matched sibling donor is not appropriate.
	
	Re-Authorization:
	The safety and effectiveness of repeat administration of Skysona have not been evaluated and will not be approved.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	SMN2 Splicing Modifiers for the Treatment of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)
Drugs	Evrysdi (risdiplam) Spinraza (nusinersen)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), and the Drug Package Insert (PPI).
Exclusion Criteria	• For Spinraza: patient has previously received treatment with Zolgensma • Concomitant use of Evrysdi and Spinraza
Required Medical Information	For Evrysdi: Patient's body weight
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a neurologist
Coverage Duration	For Evrysdi: If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for 6 months for initial approval, followed by 12 months for reauthorization requests. For Spinraza: If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for 6 months for 5 doses (4 loading doses and 1st maintenance dose) for initial approval, and 12 months for 3 additional maintenance doses for reauthorization requests. If the conditions are not met, the request will be sent to a Medical Director/clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.
Other Criteria	**Initial approval** • Member has a confirmed diagnosis of SMA types I, II or III and the molecular genetic test with mutation analysis was submitted that is positive for the genetic deletion of the exon 7 of the survival motor neuron (SMN1) • For Spinraza: Documentation of genetic testing confirming either two or three copies of the SMN2 gene **OR** four copies of the SMN2 gene with symptomology of SMA • For Evrysdi: Documentation of genetic testing confirming two to four copies of the SMN2 gene • Baseline motor function or motor milestone achievement was

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	Sohonos
Drugs	Sohonos (palovarotene)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• Pregnancy • Use in patients younger than 8 years of age for females and 10 years of age for males
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with an orthopedic specialist or provider who specializes in rare connective tissue diseases
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial or reauthorization request will be approved for up to 6 months taking into account patient specific scenarios.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 2/2025	**Initial Authorization:** • Documented diagnosis of fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva (FOP) • Documented genetic testing of ACVR1 R206H mutation • Attestation that patient is not pregnant and appropriate contraception methods will be used at least 1 month before treatment, during treatment, and 1 month after the last dose (if applicable) • Documentation of weight for patients younger than 14 years old • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **Re-Authorization:** • Documentation or provider attestation of clinical benefit (i.e. volume reduction of heterotopic ossification) or worsening (i.e. flare-up presence and/or worsening of flare-ups) • Attestation that patient is not pregnant and appropriate contraception methods will be used at least 1 month before treatment, during treatment, and 1 month after the last dose (if applicable) • Documentation of weight for patients younger than 14 years old • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **Physician/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Somatostatin Analogs and Growth Hormone Receptor Antagonists**
Drugs	Lanreotide (Somatuline Depot) Octreotide (Sandostatin, Sandostatin LAR, Mycapssa) Pasireotide (Signifor, Signifor LAR) Pegvisomant (Somavert)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Drug Package Insert (PPI). ** Non-FDA approved (i.e. off-label) uses; refer to the "Off-Label Use" policy for non-oncology indications, and the "Oncology Drugs" policy for off label oncology uses**
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Per FDA approved package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a specialist with appropriate expertise in treating the condition in question (such as an endocrinologist, neurologist/neurosurgeon, oncologist, etc.). Consultation with appropriate specialist for the condition in question is also acceptable.
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization** For all FDA approved indications • Medication requested is for an FDA approved indication and dose • If the provider is requesting therapy with more than one somatostatin analog, or a somatostatin analog and a growth hormone receptor antagonist, then documentation must be submitted as to why patient is unable to be treated with monotherapy, or a medical reason was provided why monotherapy is not appropriate. For Acromegaly • Patient has had an inadequate response to, or medical reason why, surgical treatment cannot be used. • If the patient mild disease (e.g. mild signs and symptoms of growth hormone excess, modest elevations in IGF-1) there is a documented trial of a dopamine agonist (e.g. bromocriptine mesylate, cabergoline) at a therapeutically appropriate dose or a documented medical reason why a dopamine agonist cannot be used • **Additionally for Mycapssa:** o Patient has showed clinical response to and tolerates treatment with octreotide or lanreotide therapy o Clinical justification is provided as to why patient cannot continue use of injectable somatostatin analog therapy • **Additionally for Somavert** o Patient has had an inadequate response to therapy with a somatostatin analog, or has a documented medical reason why a somatostatin analog cannot be used • **Additionally for Signifor LAR:**

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Spravato**
Drugs	**Spravato** (esketamine)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Patients must be 18 years age or older
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 4 weeks. For continuation of therapy the request will be approved for 6 months.

Other Criteria
 	
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	Initial Authorization:
	• Member has a diagnosis of at least one of the following:
	  o Major depressive disorder with treatment-resistant depression
	  o Major depressive disorder with acute suicidal ideation or behavior
	• Medication is being prescribed at an FDA approved dosage.
	• If Spravato is being requested for a diagnosis of major depressive disorder with treatment-resistant depression (i.e. without suicidal ideation or behavior) the member has either:
	  o Documented trial and failure of two preferred oral antidepressants (eg. SSRIs, SNRIs, TCAs) of at least a minimum effective dose for four (4) weeks or longer
	  OR
	  o Medical justification as to why the patient cannot use preferred alternative(s).
	• Requests for a diagnosis of major depressive disorder with acute suicidal ideation or behavior (not required for treatment resistant depression):
	  o Prescriber attests Spravato will be used in conjunction with an oral antidepressant
	
	Re-authorization:
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA-approved dosage.
	• Medication is being used in conjunction with an oral antidepressant (not required for diagnosis of treatment resistant depression).
	• Documentation was submitted indicating the member has clinically benefited from therapy.

	Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Synagis (palivizumab)**
Drugs	Synagis (palivizumab)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Members who have received Beyfortus (nirsevimab-alip) for the current respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) season
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	A maximum of 5 doses may be approved within the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) season. Requests for additional doses will be reviewed on a case-by case basis based on CDC surveillance reports, state/local health department recommendations, and other current medical literature.
Other Criteria	<u>Must have documented medical reason for not using Beyfortus (niresvimab) AND</u> <u>Infants less than 1 year of age at the onset of the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) season (which typically starts November 1st, but may vary seasonally)</u> **<u>AND</u>** <u>have one of the following indications</u>: • Born at less than 29 weeks, 0 days gestation • Born at less than 32 weeks, 0 days gestation AND had chronic lung disease of prematurity defined as greater than 21% oxygen for at least 28 days after birth • Born at any gestational age with hemodynamically significant heart disease including: o Cyanotic heart disease in consultation with a pediatric cardiologist o Acyanotic Heart disease with one of the following: ▪ On heart failure medication and expected to require cardiac surgical procedure ▪ Moderate to severe pulmonary hypertension • Cystic fibrosis with clinical evidence of chronic lung disease (CLD) and/or nutritional compromise in the first year of life • Born at any gestational age with pulmonary abnormality or neuromuscular disease that impairs the ability to clear secretions from the lower airway

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Tavneos**
Drugs	Tavneos (avacopan)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Not Applicable
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	≥18 years old
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a rheumatologist or hematologist
Coverage Duration	If the conditions are met, the request will be approved for a 6-month duration for initial requests and a 12-month duration for renewal requests.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 2/2025	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** • Diagnosis of one of the following subtypes of severe active antineutrophil cytoplasmic autoantibody (ANCA)-associated vasculitis: granulomatosis with polyangiitis (GPA) or microscopic polyangiitis (MPA) • Prescriber attestation that Tavneos will be prescribed in combination with corticosteroids AND cyclophosphamide or rituximab, unless there is documented trial and failure, intolerance, inability to use, or contraindication to these therapies • The prescribed dose is within FDA-approved dosing guidelines • Documentation of baseline Birmingham Vasculitis Activity Score (BVAS) score • Prescriber attestation that the patient will have liver function tests before treatment (ALT, AST, alkaline phosphate, and total bilirubin) and every 4 weeks after start of therapy for the first 6 months of treatment • Prescriber attestation that the patient has been screened for and does not have active hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection at baseline **<u>Reauthorization:</u>** • Documentation of remission (BVAS score of 0) OR improvement in BVAS score • Prescriber attestation that patient has no abnormality in liver function tests (abnormality: ALT or AST >3 times the upper limit of normal and bilirubin >2 times the upper limit of normal) • Prescriber attestation that patient has no active HBV infection • The prescribed dose is within FDA approved dosing guidelines **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Tecelra**
Drugs	Tecelra (afamitresgene autoleucel)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• Homozygous or heterozygous for HLA-A*02:05P
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be an oncologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for a one-time treatment.
Other Criteria Date: 11/2024	**Initial Authorization:** • Diagnosis of unresectable or metastatic synovial sarcoma • Documentation that patient is HLA-A*02:01P, -A*02:02P, -A*02:03P, or -A*02:06P positive • Documentation that the tumor expresses the MAGE-A4 antigen • Documentation of treatment with prior chemotherapy • Member must have an Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) performance status of 0 or 1 • Medication is being prescribed at an FDA approved dose **The safety and effectiveness of repeat administration of Tecelra has not been evaluated and will not be approved.** **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Agents for Thrombocytopenia**
Drugs	**<u>Preferred Thrombocytopenia Agent(s)</u>:** • Promacta (eltrombopag) tablet • Nplate (romiplostim) **<u>Non-Preferred Thrombocytopenia Agent(s)</u>:** • Alvaiz (eltrombopag) • Doptelet (avatrombopag) • Mulpleta (lusutrombopag) • Promacta (eltrombopag) suspension • Tavalisse (fostamatinib)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	Per package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a hematologist
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the requests for Promacta, Alvaiz, Nplate, and Tavalisse will be approved for 12 months. Mulpleta will be approved for a maximum of 7 days. Doptelet will be approved for 12 months if the request is for ITP or for a maximum of 5 days if the request is for thrombocytopenia associated with chronic liver disease in adult patients requiring elective surgery.

Other Criteria	**Chronic immune (idiopathic) thrombocytopenia (ITP):**
	• Platelet count < 30,000 cells/microL
	• Documented trial and failure, or intolerance, contraindication, to ONE of the following:
	  • Glucocorticoids
	  • Intravenous immune globulin (IVIG)
	  • Rituximab
	  • splenectomy
	• If the request is for Alvaiz, Doptelet, or Tavalisse, the member has a documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to Promacta or Nplate
	
	Severe aplastic anemia (Promacta and Alvaiz only):
	  • Being prescribed in conjunction with at least one immunosuppressive agent OR there is a documented trial and failure, intolerance, or contraindication to at least one immunosuppressive agent
	  • Platelet count < 20,000 cells/microL OR platelet cout < 30,000 cells/microL with bleeding OR reticulocyte count < 20,000 cells/microL OR absolute neutrophil count < 500 cells/microL

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Transthyretin-mediated Amyloidosis Agents**
Drugs	**Preferred:** Polyneurpathy – Onpattro (patisiran), Amvuttra (vutrisiran), Wainua (eplontersen) Cardiomyopathy – Vyndaqel (tafamidis meglumine), Vyndamax (tafamidis), Attruby (acoramidis) **Non-preferred**: Cardiomyopathy – Amvuttra (vutrisiran) Or any other newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Patient must be 18 years of age or older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be neurologist, cardiologist, or specialist in the treatment of amyloidosis
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy the request will be approved for 6 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization**: • Regimen does not exceed FDA-approved dose/frequency • Patient has not undergone a liver or heart transplant • Requests for use multiple agents (different mechanism of action) in this policy for mixed polyneuropathy-cardiomyopathy phenotypes will only be considered if patient meets clinical criteria requirements for each section. **Polyneuropathy-Type** If the request is for Onpattro, Amvuttra, or Wainua: • Patient has diagnosis of polyneuropathy of hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis as evidenced by documented transthyretin variant by genotyping • One of the following: o Patient has baseline polyneuropathy disability (PND) score ≤ IIIb o Patient has a baseline FAP Stage 1 or 2 o Patient has baseline neuropathy impairment (NIS) score ≥ 5 and ≤ 130 • Patient has clinical signs/symptoms of neuropathy

	Cardiomyopathy-Type If the request is for Vyndaqel, Vyndamax, Attruby, or Amyuttra: • Patient has a confirmed diagnosis of cardiomyopathy of wild-type or hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis • Documented amyloid deposit by biopsy or positive technetium 99m pyrophosphate (Tc 99m PYP) cardiac imaging • Patient has New York Heart Association (NYHA) functional class I, II, or III heart failure symptoms. • For Amvuttra, patient has contraindication to/or previous trial and failure or continued clinical progression with use of Vyndaqel, Vyndamax or Attruby **<u>Re-authorization (for continuing and new patients to the plan)</u>** : • Patient's regimen does not exceed FDA-approved dose/frequency for the agent • Patient has not undergone a liver or heart transplant • Requests for use multiple agents (different mechanism of action) in this policy for mixed polyneuropathy-cardiomyopathy phenotypes will only be considered if patient meets clinical criteria requirements for each section. • Documented positive clinical response to therapy from baseline (stabilization/slowing of disease progression, improved neurological impairment, motor functions, improved NIS score, stabilization/reduced rate of decline in 6 minute walk test, etc.) • If the request is for Vyndaqel/Vyndamax/Attruby/Amyuttra o Patient has continued NYHA functional class I, II, or III heart failure symptoms **<u>Continuation of Therapy Provision:</u>** Members with history (within the past 90 days) of a non-formulary product are not required to try a formulary agent prior to receiving the non-formulary product. **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**
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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Type I Interferon (IFN) Receptor Antagonist**
Drugs	Saphnelo (anifrolumab-fnia)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• Severe active central nervous system lupus • Active lupus nephritis
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	≥ 18 years
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a rheumatologist or in consultation with a rheumatologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Date: 11/2024	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** • Diagnosis of active moderate to severe systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) • Member has tried all of the following (or there is a medical reason they cannot use these therapies) before Saphnelo: o Hydroxychloroquine + Glucocorticoids o One other immunosuppressant (i.e., methotrexate, azathioprine, calcineurin inhibitors, or mycophenolate) o Benlysta (belimumab), if member has autoantibody-positive SLE • Prescriber attests member will not be using Saphnelo concurrently with Benlysta • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **<u>Re-Authorization:</u>** • Documentation or provider attestation of positive clinical response (i.e., reduction in signs and symptoms of SLE, fewer flares, reduced oral corticosteroid use, etc.) • Prescriber attests member will not be using Saphnelo concurrently with Benlysta • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	Urea Cycle Disorder Agents
Drugs	<u>Preferred (PA required)</u> sodium phenylbutyrate (Buphenyl) Pheburane (sodium phenylbutyrate) <u>Non-Preferred (PA required)</u> Olpruva (sodium phenylbutyrate) Ravicti (glycerol phenylbutyrate) Buphenyl (sodium phenylbutyrate)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• Ravicti: N-Acetylglutamate Synthetase (NAGS) deficiency is not a covered diagnosis
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Per FDA approved prescribing information
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be (or have prescribed in consultation with) a metabolic disease specialist or healthcare provider experienced in the treatment of urea cycle disorders.
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 3 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**<u>Initial Authorization (for all agents):</u>** • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose. • Documentation of member's current weight or body surface area (depending on agent and patient in question). • Diagnosis of a urea cycle disorder confirmed by genetic testing or enzyme analysis. • Provider attests patient's condition is unable to be managed solely with dietary protein restriction and/or amino acid supplementation. • Provider attests the requested medication will be used in conjunction with ongoing dietary protein restriction and amino acid supplementation (if appropriate). • Patient has not received a liver transplant. • Trial and failure of a preferred urea cycle disorder agent, or a medical reason why this would be inappropriate must be provided. **Additionally for Olpruva:**

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) Inhibitors for Ophthalmic Conditions**
Drugs	Preferred Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) Inhibitor(s): • **Avastin** (bevacizumab) • **Byooviz** (ranibizumab-nuna) • **Cimerli** (ranibizumab-eqrn) Non-Preferred Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) Inhibitor(s): • **Beovu** (brolucizumab) • **Eylea** (aflibercept) • **Eylea HD** (aflibercept) • **Lucentis** (ranibizumab) • **Susvimo** (ranibizumab) • **Vabysmo** (faricimab) • **Any newly marketed agent in this class**
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	Approvable for adults 18 years of age and older only Eylea: approvable in pediatric patients for diagnosis of retinopathy of prematurity
Prescriber Restrictions	Ophthalmologist
Coverage Duration	If the above conditions are met, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**Avastin:** • Request is for compendia supported dosing for an ophthalmic indication **Byooviz or Cimerli:** • Request is for an FDA-approved dosing regimen **Non-Preferred VEGF Inhibitor:** • Request is for an FDA-approved dosing regimen; **AND** • Documented trial and failure with a preferred VEGF inhibitor for all FDA-approved indications OR a medical justification for

	not using a preferred VEGF inhibitor (e.g. experienced a severe ADR such as hypersensitivity, arterial thromboembolism, cerebrovascular accident, raised intraocular pressure, retinal detachment). • Requests for Eylea (aflibercept) may be approved for a diagnosis of retinopathy of prematurity without a trial and failure of a preferred VEGF inhibitor. Patients must have a diagnosis of retinopathy of prematurity in at least one eye with one of the following retinal findings: o ROP Zone 1 Stage 1+, 2+, 3 or 3+, or o ROP Zone II Stage 2+ or 3+, or o AP-ROP (aggressive posterior ROP)
Revision/Review Date 1/2025	**Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Veopoz**
Drugs	Veopoz (pozelimab-bbfg)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• Patients with unresolved Neisseria meningitidis infection • Concurrent use of another complement inhibitor (i.e. Soliris)
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a physician with experience in managing complement related disorders (i.e., gastroenterologist, immunologist, cardiologist, etc.)
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 11/2024	**Initial Authorization:** • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose • Diagnosis of CD55-deficient protein-losing enteropathy (PLE), also known as CHAPLE disease • Documentation of hypoalbuminemia (serum albumin <3.5 g/dL) • Documentation of patient weight **Re-Authorization:** • Documentation or provider attestation of positive clinical response (i.e. symptom improvement, normalization of labs such as serum albumin (3.5-5.5 g/dL) and IgG concentrations, reduced hospitalizations and severe adverse events, increased quality of life, etc.) • Documentation of patient weight • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Verquvo**
Drugs	Verquvo (vericiguat)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Pregnancy
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Patient must be 18 years or older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a cardiologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for 12 month duration.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date 7/2024	1. Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose 2. The medication is being used for the treatment of symptomatic chronic heart failure with reduced ejection fraction (less than 45%) 3. Documentation that the patient has had a previous hospitalization for heart failure or has required outpatient IV diuretics 4. Member is currently being prescribed the following treatment regimens, or documentation has been provided that the member is not able to tolerate or has a contraindication to any of these agents: a. Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor OR angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) OR angiotensin receptor/neprilysin inhibitor b. Mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist (e.g. spironolactone) c. Evidence based beta-blocker (i.e., bisoprolol, carvedilol, metoprolol succinate) d. Farxiga or Jardiance 5. Patient is not concomitantly using a phosphodiesterase-5 (PDE-5) enzyme inhibitor (e.g. sildenafil) 6. Negative pregnancy test (for females of reproductive age; as indicated) within 30 days of request 7. Prescriber attests to discussing with females of reproductive potential the need to use effective forms of contraception during treatment and for one month after stopping treatment **Medical Director/Clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	Vesicular Monoamine Transporter 2 (VMAT2) Inhibitors
Drugs	**Preferred**: Austedo tetrabenazine (Xenazine) Ingrezza (valbenazine) **Non-preferred**: Austedo XR (deutetrabenazine) Xenazine (tetrabenazine) Any other newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Concurrent use of monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs)
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a neurologist or psychiatrist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • Dose is within FDA-approved limits • Prescriber attests patient will not be receiving treatment with any other VMAT2 inhibitor For requests for non-preferred drugs, a trial and failure of, or documented medical reason for not using, a preferred drug is required **For approval for use in Tardive Dyskinesia (TD):** • Member must have clinical diagnosis of tardive dyskinesia that has persisted for the last 90 days, with documented baseline evaluation (e.g., Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale (AIMS), the Tardive Dyskinesia Rating Scale (TDRS), etc.) • For members on antipsychotics, the antipsychotic dose(s) must have been stable for a continuous 90 day period at some point prior to the request • Prescriber has attempted at least ONE of the following strategies to manage the patient's condition, or has provided a clinical reason why NONE of the following are possible: o Reducing the dose of the drug responsible for causing dyskinesia

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Vijoice**
Drugs	Vijoice (alpelisib)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	≥ 2 years
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a geneticist, dermatologist, vascular surgeon, hematologist/oncologist, or other specialist in the treatment of PIK3CA-Related Overgrowth Spectrum (PROS)
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 7/2024	**Initial Authorization:** • Diagnosis of PROS • Documented evidence of a mutation in the PIK3CA gene • Patient has at least one target lesion identified on imaging • Prescriber attests the patient's condition is severe or life-threatening and necessitates systemic treatment • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **Re-Authorization:** • Documentation of a positive clinical response defined as the patient achieving ALL of the following: o At least a 20% reduction in the sum of measurable target lesion volume (1 to 3 lesions, via central review of imaging scans) o None of the individual target lesions have ≥ 20% increase from baseline o Absence of progression of non-target lesions o Absence of any new lesions • Prescriber attests the patient does not have any serious adverse events or unacceptable toxicity • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Vimizim (elosulfase alfa)**
Drugs	Vimizim (elosulfase alfa)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	Patient must be 5 years of age or older.
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber is, or is collaborating with another provider who is, a specialist in the treatment of Morquio A syndrome or other lysosomal storage disorders.
Coverage Duration	6 months
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization (new to therapy):** • Patient has confirmed diagnosis of mucopolysaccharidosis IVA (MPS IVA, or Morquio A syndrome) via one of the following: o Genetic testing o Analysis of N-Acetylgalactosamine 6-sulfatase (GALNS) activity in leukocytes or fibroblasts • Documentation of patient weight Patient must have completed a 6-minute walk test for baseline evaluation (must submit results with request) and be able to walk a minimum of 30 meters at baseline. **Re-Authorization:** • Patient shows signs of improvement from baseline in a 6-minute walk test (must submit results with request) Re-authorization for members new to the plan previously treated with Vimizim: • Patient has confirmed genetic diagnosis of mucopolysaccharidosis IVA (MPS IVA, or Morquio A syndrome) via one of the following: o Genetic testing o Analysis of N-Acetylgalactosamine 6-sulfatase (GALNS) activity in leukocytes or fibroblasts • Documentation of patient weight Patient must have completed a 6-minute walk test for baseline evaluation, and patient shows signs of improvement from baseline in a recent 6-minute walk test (must submit both results with request). • If a baseline 6-minute walk test was not completed prior to initiation of Vimizim therapy, then:

Revision/Review Date 7/2024	o A current test must be completed and patient must be able to walk a minimum of 30 meters (must submit results with request). o Continued authorizations for Vimizim for patients without a completed baseline 6-minute walk test evaluation prior to initiation of therapy must continue to be able to walk a minimum of 30 meters in subsequent evaluations. o If patient is established on Vimizim therapy prior to enrollment on the plan, but is not able to walk a minimum of 30 meters, then medical justification is required as to how the patient continues to receive benefit from Vimizim therapy. **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Voquezna**
Drugs	Voquezna (vonoprazan), Voquezna Dual Pack (vonoprazan; amoxicillin), Voquezna Triple Pack (vonoprazan; amoxicillin; clarithromycin)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Per package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a gastroenterologist, infectious disease specialist, or other specialist with expertise in the treatment of erosive esophagitis or H. pylori infection
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for up to the following: Healing of erosive esophagitis: Voquezna 20 mg once daily for up to 8 weeks Maintenance of healed erosive esophagitis: Voquezna 10 mg once daily for up to 6 months Treatment of H. pylori infection: 14 days For heartburn associated with non-erosive gastroesophageal reflux disease: Voquezna 10 mg once daily for 4 weeks
Other Criteria	**Initiation of Therapy:** <u>For erosive esophagitis (healing or maintenance of healed erosive esophagitis):</u> • Patient has a diagnosis of endoscopy-confirmed erosive esophagitis (all grades) • Patient is H. pylori negative • Patient has a trial and failure of treatment with ≥ 8 weeks with two different formulary proton pump inhibitors at optimized dosing (double-dose or twice daily dosing), or a medical reason is provided why this is inappropriate. <u>For the treatment of Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori) infection:</u> • Patient has a confirmed H. pylori positive infection, plus one of the following clinical conditions:

	○ dyspepsia lasting at least 2 weeks, functional dyspepsia, recent/new diagnosis of peptic ulcer, or a stable dose of long-term NSAID treatment • Patient has a trial and failure of a generic, guideline recommended, first-line regimen for H. pylori infection such as clarithromycin triple therapy (proton pump inhibitor (PPI) + clarithromycin + amoxicillin or metronidazole) or bismuth quadruple therapy (PPI + bismuth subcitrate or subsalicylate + tetracycline + metronidazole), or a medical reason is provided both would be inappropriate. <u>For the relief of heartburn associated with non-erosive gastroesophageal reflux disease:</u> • Patient has a diagnosis of symptomatic gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) with heartburn as the predominant symptom • Patient has a history of heartburn lasting at least 6 months, with symptoms on at least four days per week • Patient is H. pylori negative, and endoscopy has confirmed patient has no esophageal erosions • Prescriber attests patient has been educated about lifestyle modifications related to GERD management (i.e. avoidance of trigger foods, weight loss in overweight and obese patients, avoiding meals within 2-3 hours of bedtime, tobacco cessation, etc.) • Patient has a trial and failure of treatment with ≥ 8 weeks with two different formulary proton pump inhibitors at optimized dosing (double-dose or twice daily dosing), or a medical reason is provided why this is inappropriate. **Renewal Requests:** Use of Voquezna for longer than 8 weeks for healing of erosive esophagitis, longer than 6 months for maintenance of healing in erosive esophagitis, or longer than 4 weeks for heartburn associated with non-erosive gastroesophageal reflux disease will not be approved. Renewal requests for Voquezna for treatment of H. pylori infection will not be approved. **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**
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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Voriconazole (Vfend)**
Drugs	Voriconazole (Vfend) tablets, oral suspension
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	2 years of age and older.
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If the above conditions are met, the request will be approved with up to a 3 month duration depending upon the severity of the infection.
Other Criteria	**<u>Initial Authorization</u>**: 1. Voriconazole is being used to treat invasive aspergillosis or a serious fungal infection caused by Scedosporium apiospermum and Fusarium species **OR** 2. Voriconazole is being used to treat esophageal candidiasis, candidemia (nonneutropenics), or disseminated candidiasis of the skin, abdomen, kidney, bladder wall or wounds; **AND** o Documented trial and failure with a formulary treatment option (i.e. fluconazole or nystatin) or documented medical reason (e.g., recent discharge from hospital on oral voriconazole, intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) for not using a formulary treatment option for relevant indications
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Prior Authorization Group Description	**White Blood Cell Stimulators**
Drugs	**<u>Short-acting G-CSFs</u>** Nivestym (filgrastim-aafi) Granix (TBO-filgrastim) Neupogen (filgrastim) vials, syringes – **PREFERRED** Zarxio (filgrastim-sndz) Releuko (filgrastim-ayow) Or any newly market agent **<u>Long-acting G-CSFs</u>** Ziextenzo (pegfilgrastim-bmez) Fulphila (pegfilgrastim-jmdb) - **PREFERRED** Nyvepria (pegfilgrastim-apgf) - **PREFERRED** Udenyca (pegfilgrastim-cbqv) Neulasta (pegfilgrastim) Neulasta Onpro (pegfilgrastim) Rolvedon (eflapegrastim-xnst) Stimufend (pegfilgrastim-fpgk) Fylnetra (pegfilgrastim-pbbk) Or any newly market agent **<u>Other Hematopoietic Agents</u>**: Aphexda (motixafortide) Plerixafor (Mozobil) Leukine (sargramostim) or any newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USPDI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See “Other Criteria”
Age Restrictions	N/A
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a hematologist, an oncologist, or an infectious disease specialist
Coverage Duration	Initial authorization requests for all indications will be approved for 12 weeks. Re-authorization requests for all indications, with the exception of chronic neutropenia, will be approved for 12 weeks. Re-authorization requests for chronic neutropenia will be approved for 24 weeks. If the provider attests that the preferred medication is for a chronic or long-term condition, reauthorization will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • The drug is being used for an appropriate indication at an appropriate dose per “Covered Uses. • **For ALL requests for treatment or prophylaxis of febrile neutropenia:**

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Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	Wegovy in Cardiovascular Disease
Drugs	Wegovy (semaglutide) injection * For requests for Wegovy for a diagnosis of weight reduction and maintenance of weight reduction, please refer to the Medications for the Management of Obesity criteria*
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• Concurrent use of any glucagon-like-peptide-1 receptor agonist • Personal history of Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes • Personal or family history of medullary thyroid carcinoma • Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndrome type 2
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Member must be ≥ 45 years of age
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For re-authorizations, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • Medication is prescribed for reducing the risk of adverse cardiovascular events (cardiovascular death, non-fatal myocardial infarction, or non-fatal stroke) in adults with **established cardiovascular disease.** Documentation demonstrates patient has history of one or more of the following: o Prior myocardial infarction o Prior stroke o Symptomatic peripheral arterial disease, as evidenced by ≥1 of the following: ▪ Intermittent claudication with ankle brachial index <0.85 (at rest) ▪ Peripheral arterial revascularization procedure ▪ Amputation due to atherosclerotic disease • Documentation is provided that patient is overweight or obese, defined as a body mass index (BMI) ≥ 27 kg/m2 • Patient is receiving standard of care treatment of CVD, as appropriate/indicated, including an antiplatelet agent (ex. aspirin or P2Y12 inhibitor), lipid-lowering drug (ex. statin, otherwise ezetimibe, fibrate, and/or PCSK-9 inhibitor), antihypertensive (ex. beta blocker, ACE-I, ARB)

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Prior Authorization Group Description	**Xifaxan (rifaximin)**
Drugs	Xifaxan (rifaximin)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "other criteria"
Age Restrictions	Patient must be 18 years of age or older
Prescriber Restrictions	N/A
Coverage Duration	Hepatic Encephalopathy: If the criteria are met, for initial authorization, the request will be approved for 6 months. For re-authorization, the request will be approved for 12 months. Irritable Bowel Syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D): If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for 14 days. For re-authorization, the request may be approved up to 2 more times for a 14 day duration.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 7/2024	**Initial Authorization**: Hepatic Encephalopathy • Patient has the diagnosis of hepatic encephalopathy • Patient will be using lactulose concurrently or has a medical reason for being unable to use lactulose Irritable Bowel Syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D) • Patient has the diagnosis of moderate to severe IBS-D • Patient has tried and failed or has a contraindication or intolerance to one formulary tricyclic antidepressant **Re-Authorization** • Documentation indicating the member has clinically benefited from therapy. **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Xolremdi**
Drugs	Xolremdi (mavorixafor)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	12 years of age and older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be an immunologist or a hematologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.
Other Criteria Date: 7/2024	**Initial Authorization:** • Diagnosis of WHIM (warts, hypogammaglobulinemia, infections and myelokathexis) syndrome confirmed by genotype variant of chemokine receptor 4 (CXCR4) and absolute neutrophil count (ANC) of ≤ 400 cells/μL • Documentation of baseline ANC and absolute lymphocyte count (ALC) • Documentation of member weight • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **Re-Authorization:** • Documentation or provider attestation of positive clinical response (i.e. improvement from baseline in ANC and/or ALC) • Documentation of member weight • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Xolair for Asthma, Urticaria, and IgE-Mediated Food Allergy**
Drugs	**Preferred**: Xolair (omalizumab)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, the Drug Package Insert, and/or per the standard of care guidelines
Exclusion Criteria	• Use of Xolair concomitantly with another pulmonary biologic (e.g. Fasenra, Nucala, Cinqair, Dupixent, Tezspire) • Use of Xolair concomitantly with Palforzia • Use of Xolair for emergency treatment of allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, an allergist/immunologist, pulmonologist, or dermatologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the initial and reauthorization request will be approved for up to a 6 month duration for renewal requests.
Other Criteria	****For nasal polyposis, please refer to the "Biologic Agents for Nasal Polyposis" policy**** **Initial Authorization:** Asthma: • Member has at least a 6 month history of moderate to severe asthma • The drug is being prescribed at an approved dose according to member's weight and IgE level • Member is taking maximally tolerated ICS/LABA combination in addition to a LAMA (e.g. tiotropium) for at least 3 months, or there is a documented medical reason why the member is unable to take these medications • Member's asthma is uncontrolled as defined by having one of the following: o Frequent severe exacerbations requiring two or more bursts of systemic glucocorticoids (more than three days each) in the previous year o History of serious exacerbation: at least one hospitalization, intensive care unit stay, or mechanical ventilation in the previous year o Airflow limitation defined as a forced expiratory volume in 1 second (FEV1) less than 80% of predicted o Poor symptom control including at least THREE of the

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	decrease in skin manifestations or severe itching, improvement in pulmonary function tests, etc.) **If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Zolgensma (onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi)**
Drugs	**Zolgensma (onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi)**
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• Patient has previously received this medication • Advanced spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) (e.g., complete paralysis of limbs, permanent ventilator-dependence) • Administration to premature neonates before reaching full-term gestational age
Required Medical Information	Patient's body weight
Age Restrictions	Patient must be less than 2 years of age
Prescriber Restrictions	Neurologist
Coverage Duration	Authorization will be placed for 1 dose.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date 11/2024	Patient must meet all of the following criteria: • Diagnosis of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) • Bi-allelic mutations in the survival motor neuron 1 (SMN1) gene • Documentation is provided that the patient has 3 copies or less of the SMN2 gene • Baseline anti-AAV9 antibody titers of ≤1:50 measured using an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) • Dosing is consistent with FDA approved labeling **The safety and effectiveness of repeat administration of Zolgensma have not been evaluated and will not be approved.** **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Zoryve Foam**
Drugs	Zoryve (roflumilast) topical foam
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with a dermatologist
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for up to 12 months.

Other Criteria
 	
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	<u>Initial Authorization:</u>
	• Diagnosis of seborrheic dermatitis
	• Documented trial and failure of or intolerance to at least two of the following therapies:
	  o Topical antifungals (i.e., ketoconazole, ciclopirox)
	  o Topical corticosteroids (i.e., betamethasone valerate, clobetasol propionate, fluocinolone)
	
	<u>Re-Authorization:</u>
	• Documented positive clinical response to treatment (i.e., improvement in symptoms)
	
	If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Agents for the Treatment of Postpartum Depression**
Drugs	Zurzuvae (zuranolone)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a psychiatrist or an obstetrician-gynecologist.
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for a 14-day course of Zurzuvae per postpartum period. Reauthorization will not be permitted.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 2/2025	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>** • Prescriber attestation of severe postpartum depression (PPD) diagnosis and submission of validated screening tool result(s) (e.g. Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale, Hamilton Depression Rating Scale) that requires quick onset where the patient cannot wait 4-6 weeks for the standard of care antidepressants to take effect • Patient is ≤ 6 months postpartum with a major depressive episode without psychosis that began no earlier than the third trimester and no later than the first 4 weeks after delivery • Attestation that the provider warned the patient not to drive for at least 12 hours after each dose. • Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose **<u>Renewal Authorization:</u>** • Renewals will not be authorized **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Gene Therapy for Regular Red Blood Cell (RBC) Transfusion Dependent Beta-Thalassemia**
Drugs	Casgevy (exagamglogene autotemcel), Zynteglo (betibeglogene autotemcel)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Repeat use of same gene therapy agent Trial of a different gene therapy agent after another has been used
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Per FDA approved prescribing information
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a hematologist
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for a one-time treatment **for one gene therapy agent**.

Other Criteria
 	
Revision/Review Date: 2/2025
	<u>Initial Authorization:</u>
	
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose
	• Member has a diagnosis of transfusion dependent beta-thalassemia
	• Member requires regular RBC transfusions defined as ONE of the following:
	  o History of ≥100 mL/kg/year of packed red blood cell (pRBCs) in the past 2 years
	  o History of ≥8 transfusions of pRBCs per year in the past 2 years
	• Patient has not had a prior HSCT or gene therapy treatment
	• If the request is for Zynteglo, a medical reason must be submitted why the patient is unable to use Casgevy
	• Negative pregnancy test (if applicable)
	
	The safety and effectiveness of repeat administration of Casgevy or Zynteglo have not been evaluated and will not be approved.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Gene Therapy for Sickle Cell Disease**
Drugs	Casgevy (exagamglogene autotemcel), Lyfgenia (lovotibeglogene autotemcel)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Repeat use of same gene therapy agent Trial of a different gene therapy agent after another has been used
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Per FDA approved prescribing information
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a hematologist or specialist in the treatment of sickle cell disease
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for a one-time treatment **for one gene therapy agent.** If the conditions are not met, the request will be sent to a Medical Director/clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.

Other Criteria	**<u>Initial Authorization:</u>**
	
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose
	• Member has a diagnosis of sickle cell disease
	• Member has experienced at least 2 severe vaso-occlusive crises/events per year in the past 2 years defined as either:
	  o VOE requiring a hospitalization or multiple visits to an emergency department/urgent care over 72 hours and receiving intravenous medications at each visit
	  o priapism lasting > 2 hours and requiring a visit to a medical facility
	  o acute chest syndrome
	  o splenic sequestration
	  o hepatic sequestration
	• Documentation was provided that the member has been taking hydroxyurea at the maximum tolerated dose and has been compliant within the last 6 months (or a medical reason was provided why the patient is unable to use hydroxyurea)
	• Documentation was provided that the member had a trial and failure of, or a medical reason was provided why the patient is unable to trial one of the following agents
	  o l-glutamine (Endari)
	  o Adakveo

Revision/Review Date: 2/2025	• Prescriber attests pregnancy has been ruled out prior to initiation of treatment (if applicable) • Patient has not had a prior HSCT or gene therapy treatment • If the request is for Lyfgenia, a medical reason must be submitted why the patient is unable to use Casgevy. **The safety and effectiveness of repeat administration of Casgevy or Lyfgenia have not been evaluated and will not be approved.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Specialty Biological Agents for Crohn's Disease**
Drugs	**<u>Preferred Biological Agents</u>:** Humira (adalimumab) **<u>Non-Preferred Biological Agents</u>:** Cimzia (certolizumab) Entyvio (vedolizumab) Rinvoq (upadacitinib) Stelara (ustekinumab) Tysabri (natalizumab) Amjevita (adalimumab) Abrilada (adalimumab) Simlandi (adalimumab) Hadlima (adalimumab) Cyltezo (adalimumab) Yusimry (adalimumab) Hulio (adalimumab) Hyrimoz (adalimumab) Idacio (adalimumab) Yuflyma (adalimumab) adalimumab fkjp adalimumab adaz adalimumab adbm adalimumab aacf Yesintek (ustekinumab-kfce) Steqeyma (ustekinumab-stba) Or any newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	N/A
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a gastroenterologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for 12 month duration.

Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:**
	• The request is for an appropriate dose for member based on age and weight
	• ONE of the following:
	  o The member has a diagnosis of severe/fulminant Crohn's disease or perianal/fistulizing Crohn's disease
	  o The member has a diagnosis of moderate-to-severe/moderate-to-high risk Crohn's disease AND has had an adequate trial of, or documented medical reason for not using, one of the following: corticosteroids, azathioprine, 6-mercaptupurine, or methotrexate

Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	○ The member has a diagnosis or moderate-to-severe/moderate-to-high risk Crohn's disease AND has evidence of active disease despite treatment with oral or intravenous corticosteroids • If the request is for Rinvoq (upadacitinib), there is documented (consistent with pharmacy claims/medical record data/physician attestation), adequate trial of a preferred tumor necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitor. • If the request is for a non-preferred agent, there must be documentation of an adequate trial of a preferred biologic agent consistent with pharmacy claims/medical chart data. • If the request is for a Stelara, there must be documentation of an adequate trial of Yesintek OR Steqeyma consistent with pharmacy claims/medical chart data. **Reauthorization:** • The medication is being prescribed by a gastroenterologist at an FDA-approved dose. • The member has been receiving the medication and there is documentation that a clinical benefit was observed. **Continuation of Therapy**: • Members with history (within the past 90 days) of a non-preferred biological agent are not required to try the prerequisite therapy noted above prior to receiving the non- preferred agent. • Members with history (within the past 90 days) of a preferred biological agent are not required to try the prerequisite therapy noted above prior to receiving the preferred biological agent. **Medical Director/Clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Specialty Biological Agents FDA (if no indication specific criteria) and Non-FDA Approved Medically Accepted Indications**
Drugs	**PREFERRED BIOLOGICAL AGENTS:** Enbrel (etanercept) Humira (adalimumab) Taltz (ixekizumab) Xeljanz IR (tofacitinib) Kineret (anakinra) Orencia (abatacept) Otezla (apremilast) **NON-PREFERRED BIOLOGICAL AGENTS:** Cosentyx (secukinumab) Kevzara (sarilumab) Actemra (tocilizumab) Cimzia (certolizumab) Simponi (golimumab) Stelara (ustekinumab) Entyvio (vedolizumab) Hyrimoz (adalimumab) Idacio (adalimumab) Yuflyma (adalimumab) adalimumab fkjp adalimumab adaz adalimumab adbm adalimumab aacf Abrilada (adalimumab) Bimzelx (bimekizumab-bkzx) Steqeyma (ustekinumab-stba) Ilaris (canakinumab) Tremfya (guselkumab) Siliq (brodalumab) Tysabri (natalizumab) Xeljanz XR (tofacitinib) Ilumya (tildrakizumab-asmn) Olumiant (baricitinib) Skyrizi (risankiizumab) Rinvoq (upadacitinib) Sotyktu (deucravacitinib) Amjevita (adalimumab) Hadlima (adalimumab) Cyltezo (adalimumab) Yusimry (adalimumab) Hulio (adalimumab) Simlandi (adalimumab) Yesintek (ustekinumab-kfce) Or any newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	N/A
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a specialist in the field to treat the member's respective medical condition
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for a 12 month duration.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • Request has a medically accepted use per the medical compendia or standard of care guidelines for member (e.g. age/weight) at recommended dose • The member has an adequate trial of all first line therapies as recommended by the medical compendia or standard of care guidelines and is consistent with pharmacy claims/medical record data/chart notes/physician attestation (including dates and dosing of all first line therapies) OR member has a documented medical reason (e.g. allergy, intolerance, contraindication) for not using all first line therapies to manage their condition. • If the request is for a non-preferred biological agent, documented (consistent with pharmacy claims/medical record data) adequate trial of at least two preferred products (with different mechanisms of action where applicable) with a medically-accepted use for the patient's condition per standard of care guidelines, or medical reason as to why patient is unable to utilize the preferred products

Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	• If the request is for Stelara, a documented (consistent with pharmacy claims/medical record data) adequate trial of Yesintek OR Steqeyma or a medical reason as to why patient is unable to utilize one of these products. **Reauthorization:** • Documentation submitted indicates that the member has obtained clinical benefit from the medication. • The medication is prescribed at a compendia/guideline/FDA-approved dosage **Continuation of Therapy**: • Members with history (within the past 90 days) of a non-preferred biological agent are not required to meet the prerequisite drug therapy above prior to receiving the non-preferred agent. • Members with history (within the past 90 days) of guideline-recommended, preferred biological agents are not required to try the above-mentioned first line therapies prior to receiving the preferred biological agent. **Medical Director/Clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Specialty Biological Agents for Psoriatic Arthritis (PsA)**
Drugs	**PREFERRED BIOLOGICAL AGENTS:** Enbrel (etanercept) Humira (adalimumab) Taltz (ixekizumab) Xeljanz IR (tofacitinib) Otezla (apremilast) Orencia (abatacept) **NON-PREFERRED BIOLOGICAL AGENTS:** Cimzia (certolizumab) Cosentyx (secukinumab) Simponi, Simponi Aria (golimumab) Stelara (ustekinumab) Rinvoq (upadacitinib) Skyrizi (risankizumab) Tremfya (guselkumab) Xeljanz XR (tofacitinib) Amjevita (adalimumab) Abrilada (adalimumab) Simlandi (adalimumab) Hadlima (adalimumab) Cyltezo (adalimumab) Yusimry (adalimumab) Hulio (adalimumab) Hyrimoz (adalimumab) Idacio (adalimumab) Yuflyma (adalimumab) adalimumab fkjp adalimumab adaz adalimumab adbm adalimumab aacf Yesintek (ustekinumab-kfce) Steqeyma (ustekinumab-stba) Or any newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	N/A
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a rheumatologist or dermatologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for 12 month duration.

Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:**
	• The member has a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis
	• The medication is being prescribed at an appropriate FDA approved dose (for age and weight)
	• Documentation of one of the following:
	  o Member has had an adequate trial of, or a documented medical reason for not using, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) or a cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitor and then a conventional DMARD (e.g. leflunomide, methotrexate or sulfasalazine) as noted in pharmacy claims/medical record data/chart notes/provider attestation
	  o Member has axial symptoms/disease or enthesitis (i.e involving the plantar fascia and Achilles tendon insertion) and has tried and failed, or has a documented medical reason for not using, NSAID therapy
	  o Member has severe erosive disease with functional limitation
	• If the request is for Xeljanz/XR (tofacitinib) or Rinvoq (upadacitinib), there is documented (consistent with pharmacy claims/medical record data/physician attestation), adequate trial of a preferred tumor necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitor.
	• If the request is for a non-preferred agent, documented (consistent with pharmacy claims/medical record data) adequate trial of at least two preferred products or medical reason as to why patient is unable to utilize the preferred products.
	• If the request is for Stelara, a documented (consistent with pharmacy claims/medical record data) adequate trial of Yesintek OR Steqeyma or a medical reason as to why patient is unable to utilize one of these products.
	
	Reauthorization:
	• The medication is being prescribed at an FDA-approved dose.
	• The member has been receiving the medication and documentation was provided that the prescriber has evaluated the member and recommends continuation of therapy (clinical benefit).
	
	Continuation of Therapy:
	• Members with history (within the past 90 days) of a non-preferred biological product are not required to try the prerequisite therapy noted above prior to receiving the non-preferred agent.
	• Members with history (within the past 90 days) of a preferred biological agent are not required to try the prerequisite therapy noted above-prior to receiving the preferred biological agent.
	
	Medical Director/Clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.

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Prior Authorization Group Description	**Specialty Biological Agents for Psoriasis**
Drugs	**PREFERRED BIOLOGICAL AGENTS:** TNF Inhibitors: Enbrel (etanercept) Humira (adalimumab) IL-17 Inhibitors: Taltz (ixekizumab) PDE-4 Inhibitor Otezla (apremilast) **NON-PREFERRED BIOLOGICAL AGENTS:** TNF Inhibitors: Cimzia (certolizumab pegol) Amjevita (adalimumab) Hadlima (adalimumab) Cyltezo (adalimumab) Yusimry (adalimumab) Hulio (adalimumab) Hyrimoz (adalimumab) Idacio (adalimumab) Yuflyma (adalimumab) Simlandi (adalimumab) Abrilada (adalimumab) adalimumab adbm adalimumab aacfadalimumab fkjp adalimumab adaz IL 17 Inhibitors: Siliq (brodalumab) Cosentyx (secukinumab) Bimzelx (bimekizumab-bkzx) IL 22/23 Inhibitors: Stelara (ustekinumab) Tremfya (guselkumab) Ilumya (tildrakizumab-asmn) Skyrizi (risankizumab-rzaa) Yesintek (ustekinumab-kfce) Steqeyma (ustekinumab-stba) TYK2 Inhibitor Sotyktu (deucravacitinib) Or any newly marketed agent

Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	N/A
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a dermatologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for 12 month duration.
Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	**Initial Authorization:** • Member has a diagnosis of plaque psoriasis • The medication is being prescribed at an appropriate FDA approved dose (for age and weight) • The member has an adequate trial of, or documented medical reason for not using, 3 of the following therapies, at least one of which must be either systemic therapy or phototherapy (as noted in pharmacy claims/medical record data/chart notes/physician attestation): o Topical steroids o Topical tacrolimus or pimecrolimus o Topical calcipotriene, tazarotene, calcitriol, anthralin or a coal tar preparation that is indicated o Methotrexate o Cyclosporine o acitretin o UVB phototherapy or PUVA (psoralen-oral or topical methoxsalen plus UVA therapy) • If the request is for a non-preferred agent, documented adequate trial of at least two preferred products or medical reason as to why patient is unable to utilize the preferred products. • If the request is for Stelara, a documented (consistent with pharmacy claims/medical record data) adequate trial of Yesintek OR Steqeyma or a medical reason as to why patient is unable to utilize one of these products. **Reauthorization:** • The medication is being recommended or prescribed by a dermatologist at an FDA-approved dose. • The member has been receiving the medication and documentation was provided that the prescriber has evaluated the member and recommends continuation of therapy (clinical benefit). **Continuation of Therapy**: • Members with history (within the past 90 days) of a non-preferred biological agent are not required to try the prerequisite therapy noted above prior to receiving the non-preferred agent. • Members with history (within the past 90 days) of a preferred biological agent are not required to try the prerequisite therapy noted above.

	Medical Director/Clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Specialty Drugs for Ulcerative Colitis**
Drugs	**<u>Preferred Agents</u>:** Humira (adalimumab) Xeljanz IR (tofacitinib) **<u>Non-Preferred agents</u>:** Simponi (golimumab) Entyvio (vedolizumab) Xeljanz XR (tofacitinib) Stelara (ustekinumab) Zeposia (ozanimod) Rinvoq (upadacitinib) Amjevita (adalimumab) Abrilada (adalimumab) Simlandi (adalimumab) Hadlima (adalimumab) Cyltezo (adalimumab) Yusimry (adalimumab) Hulio (adalimumab) Hyrimoz (adalimumab) Idacio (adalimumab) Yuflyma (adalimumab) adalimumab fkjp adalimumab adaz adalimumab adbm adalimumab aacf Yesintek (ustekinumab-kfce) Steqeyma (ustekinumab-stba) Or any newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	N/A
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a gastroenterologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for 12 month duration.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • The member has a diagnosis of moderate to severely active ulcerative colitis • The medication is being prescribed at an appropriate FDA approved dose (for age and weight) • The member has had a an adequate trial of, or a documented medical reason for not using, at least one conventional therapy (e.g. sulfasalazine, mesalamine, 6-mercaptopurine, azathioprine, budesonide MMX (Uceris), or oral

Revision/Review Date: 4/2025	corticosteroids) • If the request is for Xeljanz/XR (tofacitinib) or Rinvoq (upadacitinib), there is documented (consistent with pharmacy claims/medical record data/physician attestation), adequate trial of a preferred tumor necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitor. • If the request is for a non-preferred agent, documented (consistent with pharmacy claims/medical record data/chart notes/physician attestation), adequate trial of a preferred drug. • If the request is for Stelara, a documented (consistent with pharmacy claims/medical record data) adequate trial of Yesintek OR Steqeyma or a medical reason as to why patient is unable to utilize one of these products. • For requests for Zeposia (ozanimod): Documentation of results of varicella zoster virus (VZV) antibody testing indicating previous infection or vaccination. If negative, subsequent documentation of VZV vaccination **Reauthorization:** • The medication is being recommended or prescribed by a gastroenterologist for an FDA-approved indication at an FDA-approved dose. • The member has been receiving the medication and documentation was provided that the prescriber has evaluated the member and recommends continuation of therapy (clinical benefit). **Continuation of Therapy**: • Members with history (within the past 90 days) of a non-preferred agent are not required to try the prerequisite therapy noted above prior to receiving the non-preferred agent. • Members with history (within the past 90 days) of a preferred agent are not required to try the prerequisite therapy noted above prior to receiving the preferred agent **Medical Director/Clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Specialty Biological Agents for Ankylosing Spondylitis and Non-Radiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis**
Drugs	**PREFERRED BIOLOGICAL AGENTS:** Enbrel (etanercept) Humira (adalimumab) Taltz (ixekizumab) Xeljanz **IR**/Xeljanz **XR** 11mg tablet (tofacitinib) **NON-PREFERRED BIOLOGICAL AGENTS:** Cimzia (certolizumab) Cosentyx (secukinumab) Rinvoq (upadacitinib) Xeljanz **XR** 22mg tablet (tofacitinib) Simponi, Simponi Aria (golimumab) Amjevita (adalimumab) Abrilada (adalimumab) Simlandi (adalimumab) Hadlima (adalimumab) Cyltezo (adalimumab) Yusimry (adalimumab) Hulio (adalimumab) Hyrimoz (adalimumab) Idacio (adalimumab) Yuflyma (adalimumab) adalimumab fkjp adalimumab adaz adalimumab adbm adalimumab aacf Or any newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	N/A
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a rheumatologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for 12 month duration.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • The member has a diagnosis of an approved form of spondyloarthritis • The medication is being prescribed at an appropriate dose (for age and weight) per compendia • The member has had an adequate trial with, or documented medical reason for not using, two different nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) or cyclooxegenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitors, each for at least two weeks, as noted in pharmacy claims/medical record data/chart notes/physician attestation

Revision/Review Date: 1/2025	• For active ankylosing spondylitis without axial symptoms (prominent peripheral arthritis) the member has also had an adequate trial and failure, or medical reason for not using, a conventional DMARD (e.g. sulfasalazine, leflunomide, or methotrexate) • If the request is for Xeljanz/XR (tofacitinib) or Rinvoq (upadacitinib), there is documented (consistent with pharmacy claims/medical record data/physician attestation), adequate trial of a preferred tumor necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitor. • If the request is for a non-preferred biological agent, documented trial of (consistent with pharmacy claims/medical record data, OR for new members to the health plan consistent with medical chart history) at least two preferred products with different mechanisms of action or medical reason as to why patient is unable to utilize the preferred biological agents. **Reauthorization:** • The medication is being prescribed at an appropriate dose per compendia. • The member has been receiving the medication and documentation was provided that the prescriber has evaluated the member and recommends continuation of therapy (clinical benefit). **Continuation of Therapy**: • Members with history (within the past 90 days) of a non-preferred biological product are not required to try the prerequisite therapy noted above prior to receiving the non-preferred agent. • Members with history (within the past 90 days) of a preferred biological agent are not required to try the prerequisite therapy noted above prior to receiving the preferred biological agent. **Medical Director/Clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

OK greatPrior Authorization Group Description	**Specialty Biological Agents for Polyarticular Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis**
Drugs	**PREFERRED BIOLOGICAL AGENTS:** Enbrel (etanercept) Humira (adalimumab) Orencia (abatacept) Xeljanz **IR/XR** 11mg tablet (tofacitinib) **NON-PREFERRED BIOLOGICAL AGENTS:** Actemra (tocilizumab) Xeljanz **XR** 22mg tablet (tofacitinib) Amjevita (adalimumab) Abrilada (adalimumab) Simlandi (adalimumab) Rinvoq (upadacitinib) Hadlima (adalimumab) Cyltezo (adalimumab) Yusimry (adalimumab) Hulio (adalimumab) Hyrimoz (adalimumab) Idacio (adalimumab) Yuflyma (adalimumab) adalimumab fkjp adalimumab adaz adalimumab adbm adalimumab aacf Or any newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	N/A
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a rheumatologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for 12 month duration

Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:**
	• The member has a diagnosis of polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis
	• The medication is being prescribed at an appropriate FDA approved dose (for age and weight)
	• Documentation of ONE of the following:
	  o The member has an adequate trial with, or a documented medical reason for not using, one disease modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD) (e.g. methotrexate, leflunomide, sulfasalazine) as noted in pharmacy claims/medical record data/chart notes/physician attestation
	  o Member has one or more of the following: positive rheumatoid factor, positive anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide antibodies, joint damage and have involvement of high-risk joints, high disease activity, or deemed to be at high-risk of disabling joint damage

Revision/Review Date: 1/2025	• If the request is for Xeljanz/XR (tofacitinib) or Rinvoq (upadacitinib), there is documented (consistent with pharmacy claims/medical record data/physician attestation), adequate trial of a preferred tumor necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitor. • If the request is for a non-preferred agent, documented (consistent with pharmacy claims/medical record data/chart notes, physician attestation) adequate trial of a preferred biological agent. **Reauthorization:** • The medication is being recommended or prescribed by a rheumatologist at an FDA-approved dose. • The member has been receiving the medication and documentation was provided that the prescriber has evaluated the member and recommends continuation of therapy (clinical benefit). **Continuation of Therapy**: • Members with history (within the past 90 days) of a non-preferred biological agent are not required to try the prerequisite therapy noted above prior to receiving the non-preferred agent. • Members with history (within the past 90 days) of a preferred biological agent are not required to try the prerequisite therapy noted above prior to receiving the preferred biological agent. **Medical Director/Clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Specialty Biological Agents for Rheumatoid Arthritis**
Drugs	**PREFERRED BIOLOGICAL AGENTS:** Enbrel (etanercept) Humira (adalimumab) Xeljanz **IR/XR** 11mg tablet (tofacitinib) Kineret (anakinra) Orencia (abatacept) **NON-PREFERRED BIOLOGICAL AGENTS:** Actemra (tocilizumab) Cimzia (certolizumab) Simponi, Simponi Aria (golimumab) Xeljanz **XR** 22mg tablet (tofacitinib) Olumiant (baricitinib) Kevzara (sarilumab) Rinvoq (upadacitinib) Amjevita (adalimumab) Abrilada (adalimumab) Simlandi (adalimumab) Hadlima (adalimumab) Cyltezo (adalimumab) Yusimry (adalimumab) Hulio (adalimumab) Hyrimoz (adalimumab) Idacio (adalimumab) Yuflyma (adalimumab) adalimumab fkjp adalimumab adaz adalimumab adbm adalimumab aacf Or any newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	N/A
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a rheumatologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for 12 month duration.

Other Criteria Revision/Review Date: 1/2025	**Initial Authorization:** • The member has a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis • The medication is being prescribed at an appropriate FDA-approved dose (for age and weight) • The member has an adequate trial with, or medical reason for not using, at least one non-biologic disease modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD) (e.g. methotrexate, leflunomide, sulfasalazine or hydroxychloroquine), as noted in pharmacy claims/medical record data/chart notes/physician attestation • If the request is for Xeljanz/XR (tofacitinib) or Rinvoq (upadacitinib), there is documented (consistent with pharmacy claims/medical record data/physician attestation), adequate trial of a preferred tumor necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitor. • If the request is for a non-preferred biological agent, documented (consistent with pharmacy claims/medical record data), adequate trial of at least two preferred products or medical reason as to why patient is unable to utilize the preferred products **Reauthorization:** • The medication is being prescribed at an FDA-approved dose • The member has been receiving the medication and documentation was provided that the prescriber has evaluated the member and recommends continuation of therapy (clinical benefit). • For members who require dose increases to Humira 40 mg weekly or 80 mg every other week the member has had an adequate trial with methotrexate in combination with Humira at their current dose or has a medical reason (e.g. intolerance, hypersensitivity, contraindication) for not receiving methotrexate in combination with Humira. **Continuation of Therapy**: • Members with history (within the past 90 days) of a non-preferred biological product are not required to try the prerequisite therapy noted above prior to receiving the non-preferred agent. • Members with history (within the past 90 days) of two preferred biological agents are not required to try the prerequisite therapy noted above prior to receiving the preferred biological agent. **Medical Director/Clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Prior Authorization Group Description	**Specialty Biological Agents for Systemic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis**
Drugs	**PREFERRED BIOLOGICAL AGENTS:** Enbrel (etanercept) Humira (adalimumab) Orencia (abatacept) Kineret (anakinra) **NON-PREFERRED BIOLOGICAL AGENTS:** Actemra (tocilizumab) Ilaris (canakinumab) Amjevita (adalimumab) Abrilada (adalimumab) Simlandi (adalimumab) Hadlima (adalimumab) Cyltezo (adalimumab) Yusimry (adalimumab) Hulio (adalimumab) Hyrimoz (adalimumab) Idacio (adalimumab) Yuflyma (adalimumab) adalimumab fkjp adalimumab adaz adalimumab adbm adalimumab aacf Or any newly marketed agent
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	N/A
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by, or in consultation with, a rheumatologist
Coverage Duration	If all of the conditions are met, the request will be approved for 12 month duration.
Other Criteria	**Initial Authorization:** • Member has a diagnosis of systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (sJIA) • The medication is being prescribed at an appropriate dose (for age and weight) per compendia • One of the following o The member has an adequate trial with a formulary NSAID, oral or intravenous glucocorticoids, methotrexate, or leflunomide, as noted in pharmacy claims/medical record data/chart notes/physician attestation, or the member has a documented medical reason (e.g. allergy, intolerance, contraindication) for not using conventional therapy to manage their condition. o The member has sJIA with macrophage activation syndrome (MAS) • If the request is for a non-preferred agent, documented (consistent with pharmacy claims/medical record data) adequate trial of a preferred biological agent. **Reauthorization:** • The medication is being recommended or prescribed by a rheumatologist at an appropriate dose per compendia.

Revision/Review Date: 7/2024	• The member has been receiving the medication and documentation was provided that the prescriber has evaluated the member and recommends continuation of therapy (clinical benefit). **Continuation of Therapy**: • Members with history (within the past 90 days) of a non-preferred biological agent are not required to try the prerequisite therapy noted above prior to receiving the non-preferred agent. • Members with history (within the past 90 days) of a preferred biological agent are not required to try the prerequisite therapy noted above prior to receiving the preferred biological agent. **Medical Director/Clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgment, the requested item is medically necessary.**

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Tryngolza (olezarsen)**
Drugs	Tryngolza (olezarsen) injection, for subcutaneous use
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	N/A
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Member must be 18 years of age or older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be an endocrinologist, lipidologist, or cardiologist experienced in, or in consultation with a specialist experienced in, familial chylomicronemia syndrome (FCS).
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.

Other Criteria
 	
Date: 4/2025
	Initial Authorization:
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose
	• The member has undergone genetic testing to confirm a diagnosis of FCS with ONE of the following results:
	  o The member has a pathogenic gene mutation in FCS-causing genes (e.g., *LPL*, *GPIHBP1*, *APOA5*, *APOC2*, or *LMF1*)
	  o The member has inconclusive genetic results and has documentation supporting the diagnosis of FCS by ONE of the following:
	  ▪ North America Familial Chylomicronemia Syndrome (NAFCS) score ≥ 45
	  ▪ FCS score ≥ 10
	  ▪ History of acute pancreatitis
	  ▪ History of recurrent abdominal pain without other known causes
	• The member's most recent triglyceride level is ≥880 mg/dL (10 mmol/L)
	• The prescriber attests the member will follow a low-fat diet
	Re-Authorization:
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose
	• Documentation of a positive clinical benefit (e.g., reduction in fasting triglyceride level from baseline, fewer acute pancreatitis events)
	• The prescriber attests the member will continue to follow a low-fat diet
	If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	Tzield (teplizumab-mzwv)
Drugs	Tzield (teplizumab-mzwv)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Type 2 diabetes (T2D)
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescribed by or in consultation with an endocrinologist
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for a **one-time treatment.**

Other Criteria
 	
Review/Revision Date: 2/2025
	<u>Initial Authorization:</u>
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose
	• Diagnosis of stage 2 type 1 diabetes (T1D) confirmed by presence of at least two of the following autoantibodies:
	  o Glutamic acid decarboxylase 65 (GAD) autoantibody
	  o Insulin autoantibody (IAA)
	  o Insulinoma-associated antigen 2 autoantibody (IA-2A)
	  o Zinc transporter 8 autoantibody (ZnT8A)
	  o Islet cell autoantibody (ICA)
	• Abnormal glucose on an oral glucose-tolerance test (or alternative glycemic test if an oral glucose-tolerance test is not available)
	
	If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Vyalev**
Drugs	Vyalev (foscarbidopa and foslevodopa)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Concurrent use with a nonselective monoamine oxidase (MAO) inhibitor (such as phenelzine or tranylcypromine)
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	According to package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be a neurologist or in consultation with a neurologist
Coverage Duration	If all the criteria are met, the initial and reauthorization requests will be approved for 12 months

Other Criteria
 	
Date: 4/2025
	Initial Authorization:
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose
	• Diagnosis of advanced Parkinson's Disease
	• Prescriber attestation or documentation that the patient is experiencing persistent motor fluctuations despite optimized carbidopa/levodopa therapy (including a minimum of 2.5 hours of "off" time per day)
	• Patient is taking ≥400 mg of levodopa/day
	• Documented trial and failure (or contraindication) to **at least two** of the following adjunctive medication classes:
	  o COMT-inhibitors (e.g., entacapone)
	  o Dopamine agonists (e.g., ropinirole, pramipexole)
	  o MAO-B inhibitors (e.g., rasagiline, selegiline)
	
	Re-Authorization:
	• Documentation or provider attestation of positive clinical response (i.e. increase in "on" time without troublesome dyskinesia, decreased "off" time)
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose
	If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Yorvipath**
Drugs	Yorvipath (palopegteriparatide)
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	Members with acute postsurgical hypoparathyroidism (HP) or those who are at increased risk for osteosarcoma
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Member must be 18 years of age or older
Prescriber Restrictions	Prescriber must be an endocrinologist or in consultation with an endocrinologist.
Coverage Duration	If all of the criteria are met, the initial request will be approved for 6 months. For continuation of therapy, the request will be approved for 12 months.

Other Criteria
 	
Date: 2/2025
	Initial Authorization:
	• Confirmed diagnosis of chronic HP of postsurgical, autoimmune, genetic, or idiopathic origins, for at least 6 months
	• Provider attestation that patient is currently receiving conventional therapy, including active vitamin D (calcitriol) and elemental calcium, and that patient's disease cannot be adequately controlled on conventional therapy alone
	• Current labs (within 60 days of request) have been submitted for the following:
	  o Albumin-corrected serum calcium (must be ≥ 7.8mg/dL to start therapy)
	  o Serum vitamin D level (must be ≥ 20 ng/mL to start therapy)
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose
	Re-Authorization:
	• Documentation of a recent albumin-corrected serum calcium in the lower-half of the normal reference range or just below the normal reference range (~8–9 mg/dL)
	• ONE of the following:
	  o Patient no longer requires active vitamin D or therapeutic doses of calcium, OR
	  o Patient has had a significant reduction in required dosages of active vitamin D or therapeutic doses of calcium and is still actively titrating doses of Yorvipath
	• Medication is prescribed at an FDA approved dose
	
	If all of the above criteria are not met, the request is referred to a Medical Director/Clinical Reviewer for medical necessity review.

Field Name	Field Description
Prior Authorization Group Description	**Zepbound for Moderate to Severe Obstructive Sleep Apnea**
Drugs	Zepbound (tirzepatide) * For requests for Zepbound for a diagnosis of weight reduction and maintenance of weight reduction, please refer to the Medications for the Management of Obesity criteria*
Covered Uses	Medically accepted indications are defined using the following sources: the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Micromedex, American Hospital Formulary Service (AHFS), United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information for the Healthcare Professional (USP DI), the Drug Package Insert (PPI), or disease state specific standard of care guidelines.
Exclusion Criteria	• Concurrent use of any glucagon-like-peptide-1 receptor agonist • Personal history of Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes • Personal or family history of medullary thyroid carcinoma • Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndrome type 2
Required Medical Information	See "Other Criteria"
Age Restrictions	Per package insert
Prescriber Restrictions	Provider must be a specialist in the treatment of sleep disorders; or in consultation with a specialist in the treatment of sleep disorders.
Coverage Duration	If the criteria are met, the request will be approved for up to 6 months for initial requests, and 12 months for renewal requests; if the criteria are not met, the request will be referred to a clinical reviewer for medical necessity review.
Other Criteria	**Initiation of Therapy (all of the following must be met):** • Requested dose is appropriate per labeling • Patient's weight is provided • Patient's body mass index (BMI) is provided and is 30 kg/m^2 or more • Documentation of current diagnosis of moderate to severe obstructive sleep apnea • Documentation of trial and failure regarding lifestyle changes and behavioral modification (e.g., healthy diet and increased physical activity) to reach a BMI < 30 kg/m^2 • One of the following: o Results of sleep testing showing patient's apnea hypopnea index (AHI) ≥ 15 while currently on PAP therapy o Results of sleep testing showing patient's apnea hypopnea index (AHI) ≥ 15 and patient had had a previous trial and failure of PAP therapy or a medical reason is provided why the patient is not able to use PAP therapy • Patient is not pregnant

Revision/Review Date: 2/2025	**Renewal Requests:** • Requested dose is appropriate per labeling • Documentation of positive clinical response to therapy (i.e., improvement patient's AHI, improvement in daytime sleepiness, sleep arousals, snoring). • Patient is adherent to therapy, as evidenced by claims records demonstrating ≥80% fill rate **Medical Director/clinical reviewer must override criteria when, in his/her professional judgement, the requested item is medically necessary.**